

LOWER FRANKFORD TOWNSHIP
March 7, 2023
Monthly Meeting

Rollcall

Jim Burkholder – Present (Chairman Board of Supervisors)
James Heishman – Present (Vice Chairman Board of Supervisors)
David Bachman – Present (Supervisor - Roadmaster)
Karen Heishman – Present (Secretary/Treasurer/Manager)
Pam Burkholder – Not Present (Tax Collector)
Ed Franco – Not Present (Chairman Planning Commission)
Keith Senecal – Not Present (Vice Chairman Planning Commission)
Hubert Gilroy – Not Present (Solicitor)
Greg Alleman – Not Present (Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer)
Donna Yarlett – Not Present (Chairman Board of Auditors)
Debbie Starner – Not Present (Secretary Board of Auditors)

Previous Minutes: Jim made a motion to approve the February meeting minutes, second by James and passed with an all-in-favor vote.

Treasurers Report: The attached treasurer’s report for February was approved with a motion by Jim, second by David and passed with an all-in-favor vote.

Motion to Pay Current Bills: A list of outstanding bills was read into the record. Jim made a motion to pay the current bills, second by David and passed with an all-in-favor vote.

Planning Commission Report: No report.

Code Enforcement Report: No report.

Roadmaster Report: Patched pot holes on Opossum Lake and Burgners Road. Replaced missing/damaged road signs.

Building & Grounds Report: Put the docks in at Opossum Lake.

Equipment Report: No report.

C. O. G. Report: Jean Foschi reported that the Commissioners met with Annie Strite, the Mental Health Director. Cumberland County has a \$2.5 million deficit in its mental health budget. Mental health has been flat funded by the State for the last thirteen years while at the same time Cumberland County is experiencing growth. The State Hospitals also closed thirteen years ago with no replacement offered for the much needed service. Other human services such as the County Prison, Children & Youth, Drug & Alcohol, and Juvenile Probation are also lacking funds.

All three Cumberland County Commissioners are up for re-election.

Jean mentioned that members of the WCCOG need to bring their concerns to a Cumberland County Commissioners finance meeting. The meetings are held every Wednesday at 1:30PM. Three days' notice is required to be included on the agenda. Contact Stacy Snyder.

Marcus McKnight suggested the WCCOG appoint several delegates to attend a County Commissioner's Finance Meeting to express the memberships concern about the cost of the new P25 radios. Attending the meeting while prepared with figures concerning budget deficits and radio costs would be very beneficial. It doesn't matter that the County gave municipalities ten years notice about the requirement to update the radio system, the municipalities still do not have the necessary funding. Municipalities are mandated to deliver public safety, so they are at the mercy of the County 911's requirements for radio systems. The grant monies offered by the County are finite. Many municipalities already impose a fire tax on their residents. Cooke Township has serious concerns as to whether the radios will work in their municipality

Correspondence: Cumberland County Vector Control emailed the Township to gauge interest across the county for an outreach meeting involving the public to talk about mosquito habitat to better educate residents about things around their homes that may be leading to spring, summer, and fall mosquito issues.

Persons to be Heard: Wilmer Baker, 430 Run Road, request that the Township to install an alarm system for the pipeline. Mr. Baker would like to be treated like everyone else in the Township. He considers his jiffy john a failing septic system and a public nuisance. He is not interested in installing a small flow treatment system as it would be an ignition source.

Unfinished Business: Hubert Gilroy sent a letter to two trash delinquent customers. One letter bounced back as undeliverable. The other customer paid his account in full and the toters were redelivered.

New Business: The Township was awarded a Cumberland County Land Partnership Grant for \$18,000 to install new playground equipment at the Township Park. Jim made a motion to sign the grant agreement, second by James and passed with an all-in-favor vote.

Cumberland County is using some of its American Rescue Plan Funds to pay 66% of the P25 Radios that municipalities are required to order. There are other grant opportunities available that could be pursued.

On February 11th West Pennsboro Fire Company responded to a fire call in UMH Rolling Hill Mobile Home Park. The Fire Chief reported that there were wires hanging from the ceiling. The trailer is privately owned. The owner was given thirty days to make the necessary repairs to the electrical system.

Motion to Adjourn: Jim made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by James and passed with an all-in-favor vote.