

LOWER FRANKFORD TOWNSHIP

April 4, 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 – 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 March meeting minutes, second by James and passed with an all-in-favor vote.

Treasurers Report: The attached treasurer's report for March 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 James and passed with an all-in-favor vote.

Planning Commission Report: Ed Franco asked the BOS for permission for the Township Planning Commission to review neighboring townships draft comprehensive plans. The BOS agreed.

Code Enforcement Report: Greg Alleman visited Keith Jones's property located at 424 Old Mill Road to investigate a complaint received concerning stock piling excessive amounts of manure. Afterwards, Karen contacted the Cumberland County Conservation District for further action. Greg met with Dylan Varner at the site, a full report has not been received yet.

Roadmaster Report: No report.

Building & Grounds Report: No report.

Equipment Report: The road crew is getting the equipment ready for spring.

C. O. G. Report: Jean Foschi reported that Cumberland County has a \$2.5 million deficit in its mental health budget. Cumberland County is experiencing a growth in population over the last thirteen years, yet the funding from the State remains the same. The Commissioners have hosted three public townhalls on the topic. They hope to sit down with the State Legislators to discuss getting more funding included in the upcoming budget. Jean encouraged everyone to call his/her State House Representative and State Senators to request more funding for mental health.

The Cumberland County Commissioners recently allocated \$4 million of funding to preserve 1,050 acres of prime farmland. The funds will be matched by the State. The County has preserved 203 farms totaling 22,533 acres since 1989.

The Cumberland County Office of Aging is looking for five members to serve a three-year term on its advisory board. The full board consists of fifteen Cumberland County residents with a wide range of life experience. Anyone interested in serving on the Board should contact Heather DeWire (hndewire@cumberlandcountypa.gov).

Cumberland County will be hosting Hazardous Waste Days on April 13th, June 17th, August 19th, and October 26th. It will also be hosting Tire Collection Days on May 15th, 16th, and 17th.

Correspondence: Cumberland County is starting a Local Small Bridge Program. It will be administered by Cumberland County with consulting assistance provided by the County Bridge Engineer, Herbert, Rowland, & Grubic, Inc (HRG). Lower Frankford Township would request that Cumberland County conduct, on its behalf and at no cost, inspections of the identified local small bridges located in the Lower Frankford Township consistent with PennDOT Publication 100A, AASHTO Manual for Condition Evaluation of Bridges and other relevant federal or state guidance, for identified small bridges as being 8 feet to 20 feet in length in 2021. Participation would not financially obligate Lower Frankford to fund local small bridge inspections or improvement projects recommended by said inspections.

Persons to be Heard: John Tisson, 3242 Enola Road, introduced himself as a candidate for the Magisterial District Justice. He is running on both the Democratic and Republican tickets.

Mary Franco, President of Friends of Opossum Lake, mentioned that Cumberland County Conservation District is hosting this year's Envirothon at Opossum Lake on May 3rd.

Wilmer Baker, 430 Run Road, request that the Township to install an alarm system for the pipeline. Mr. Baker asked Jim if he read the Holding Tank Ordinance that he provided for review. Jim said he did review the document and came to the conclusion that Mr. Baker does not comply with PA State Regulations for the installation of a holding tank.

Elwood Shughart, 199 Horseshoe Road, mentioned that logging companies should be required to plant native grass when the project is completed. The last logging company planted California grass seed that has since been deemed a fire hazard.

Unfinished Business:

New Business: Jim made a motion to award the road materials bids to Pennsy Supply, second by James and passed with an all-in-favor vote.

Jim made a motion to award the line painting bid to Midlantic Marking, second by James and passed with an all-in-favor vote.

The Township's Flood Plain Ordinance was reviewed an updated, Karen emailed it to Hubert to start the final adoption process. At this point it is unsure if the chapter will remain in the zoning

ordinance or be repealed and become a stand-alone ordinance.

David discussed the summer projects for 2023, the plan is to level Easy Road, widen Opossum Lake Road, sealcoat approximately three miles, and pave the parking lot at the office

Jim mentioned that he prepared the EOP for the Envirothon. He will email a copy to the office to be placed in the file.

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