

LOWER FRANKFORD TOWNSHIP

July 11, 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 June meeting minutes, second by James and passed with an all-in-favor vote.

**Treasurers Report:** The attached treasurer’s report for June 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:** Cleaned up downed trees after storms. Mowed along the roads and at the Lake. Placing cold patch at various mailboxes. Cutting dead trees along the roadways. Routine sign maintenance.

**Building & Grounds Report:** No report.

**Equipment Report:** Replaced batteries in the backhoe and the Ford F750. Replaced the front tires on the John Deere 5224. Purchased and installed a strap for the sprayer to assist in loading it on the back of the truck.

**C. O. G. Report:** Barb Gleim reported that she met with DEP’s Water Division to discuss her legislation for Storm Water Management. She showed them on DEP’s website all of the streams in the State shows a “last tested date of 1998”. She also shared her proposed policy to exempt farmers from Storm Water Management as long as they are following their county’s best management practices. She is optimistic since a follow up meeting is planned.

Barb said the State Budget is not even halfway complete. HB611 for general appropriations has passed the House, but it still must go through the Senate Desk as well as the Lieutenant Governor before it goes to the Governor. There is \$45.5 billion that has not been allocated yet. None of the code bills have been brought to the House. Without a budget, only emergency monies will be appropriated. The “Lifeline Scholarship” was not approved by the governor to be added to the budget.

Barb mentioned Governor Shapario is interested in HB1100 which would increase the property tax and rent rebate from \$650 to \$1,000 and raise the eligible income cap to \$45,000.

Larry Barrick questioned Barb if Food Processing Residuals came up in her conversation with DEP. Barb said that she did discuss it, but they weren’t the correct employees. Everyone did agree that the smell needs taken out of the FPR before it is applied to ground.

Jean Foschi said that Cumberland County has 100 days of general fund monies set aside to continue operating. But hopefully the State budget will be passed before that time runs out. Hopefully the State mental health budget line item is greatly increased.

Jean reported that the Commissioners voted 2 to 1 in favor of allowing the American Rescue Plan monies to be spent on either Motorola or Harris P25 radio. The ratio of repayment is staying the same, municipalities will receive two-thirds of the municipality’s base line matrix. She also mentioned that the County was not required to bid on the radio purchase because the radios were being purchased through the CoStars Program.

The 2023-2024 salt bidding was discussed. The current salt contract ends October 31, 2023. In order to continue to order salt through the CapCOG after that time, the WCCOG would have to be a member. The annual dues are \$1400. Marcus McKnight was asked to file a Right to Know request to the CapCOG to get a copy of their salt bidding contract. Wayne Myers made a motion to have the WCCOG bids its own salt contract and not renew the CapCOG membership, second by Jake Fealtman and the motion carried.

**Correspondence:** Doug Brehm is currently employed by Cumberland County for engineering assistance with the installation of P25 radio towers. The County is respectfully asking to not be required to submit a land development plan to add P25 radio antennas to an existing tower owned by American Tower Corporation located in Lower Frankford Township. After a brief discussion by the BOS, Jim made a motion to not require a land development plan or a building permit because the project is an essential use, second by James and passed with an all-in-favor vote. Jim made a second motion to require Cumberland County to obtain a zoning permit, second by James and passed with an all-in-favor vote.

**Unfinished Business:** There are three more residents with delinquent trash bills. The toters have been pulled. Jim made a motion to have Hubert mail a letter to the residents concerning the delinquency, second by James and passed with an all-in-favor vote.

The holding tank at 800 Opossum Lake Road still has not been pumped. Jim made a motion to send Vince to investigate the situation, second by James and passed with an all-in-favor vote.

Ed and Mary Franco discussed FOLC's plan to install a footbridge on Opossum Lake Road at the Township's culvert pipe. The plan is to add another concrete barrier, place 2A modified stones, and construct a wooden bridge. David will be on site to place the concrete barrier next Tuesday and the remainder of the project will take place next Saturday.

**New Business:** The BOS discussed the mooring a canoes and kayaks at Opossum Lake. Ed Franco and Jake Fealtman discussed adding another footbridge to the west side of the Opossum Lake Trail. The design of the bridge would be similar to the one on the north end of the bridge. The BOS was in favor of exploring the possibilities.

PA Fish and Boat Commission called the Township about the canoes and kayaks being moored at Opossum Lake. Their rule is overnight mooring of boats is only permitted from March 1 to November 30. PAFC have the rules posted at Opossum Lake. The BOS discussed placing a sign at the mooring site and removing any boats in December.

Penn Township will deliver water to Lower Frankford Township for the purpose of flushing out the clogged culvert. The cost is \$400 an hour which begins when they leave and firehouse and ends when they return to the firehouse. Upper Frankford Township is willing to flush the culvert pipes for a donation as they utilize this as a training event for new fire recruits.

The trash collection schedule at the Township Park has become issue. Currently the trash is only being collected on Mondays. It was decided to have the road crew collect the trash on Fridays also.

Ed Franco presented a letter to the BOS that would invite residents that own businesses to be listed on the Township's website. The BOS approved the letter to be sent.

**Persons to be Heard:** Mary Franco, President of Friends of Opossum Lake, thanked the BOS for all their support at the Township Park.

Wilmer Baker, 430 Run Road, request that the Township to install an alarm system for the pipeline. He would like the alarm to be strong enough that everyone in the 1,320 foot blast zone and be safely alerted that there is a problem with the pipeline. Mr. Baker is concerned that the residents building a house 333 Pinedale Road installed their well too close to the Township road.

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