

LOWER FRANKFORD TOWNSHIP
August 8, 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 July meeting minutes, second by James and passed with an all-in-favor vote.

Treasurers Report: The attached treasurer's report for July 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: No report.

Code Enforcement Report: No report.

Roadmaster Report: Cleaned up downed trees after storms. Mowing along the roads with the regular and boom mower and at the Lake. Cold patching potholes. Cutting dead trees along the roadways. Routine sign maintenance.

Building & Grounds Report: Assisted FOLC with the installation of a foot bridge on the west side of Opossum Lake.

Equipment Report: Replaced both front tires on the John Deere 5410.

C. O. G. Report: No report. No meeting in August.

Correspondence: One resident stopped at the Township office and two residents emailed the office expressing their concerns about a resident on Easy Road setting off fireworks during work week after 10 PM. Greg Alleman was contacted and he will be gathering more information from the residents and visiting the person setting off the fireworks. Karen requested a copy of North Middleton Township's fireworks ordinance to use as a starting point if the BOS is interested in

adopting a fireworks ordinance to regulate fireworks activity. The PA Law allows townships to limit fireworks displays to only five days of the year.

Unfinished Business: Hubert mailed a letter to three more residents with delinquent trash bills.

Vince Elbel investigated the holding tank complaint at 800 Opossum Lake Road. The holding tank was full. Vince called the property owner (Dominique Butterbaugh) and she indicated that she would have the tank pumped that same day. She mentioned to Vince that she generally has the tank pumped every three months. Vince told her that was not often enough. Vince will follow up in several weeks.

Jake Fealtman thanked the BOS for their assistance and support with the construction of the foot bridge on the west side of Opossum Lake. FOLC donated a concrete barrier to the Township.

New Business: Ed Franco has been copying the Township solicitor and the Township engineer on all of his planning commission emails. The Township is being billed for these emails. The BOS discussed setting up guidelines for the planning commission, but the issue was tabled until the September meeting.

One of the residents on Crystal Lane came to the office with concerns about why Crystal Lane was not paved. His understanding is the Lane was to be paved as part of the nineteen lot subdivision created in the early 1970s. The situation is complicated by the fact the land developer was also a township supervisor at the time. Karen was instructed to pull the original subdivision and all supporting documents.

Karen distributed the RB Furniture Conditional Use Application. The PC will review the application at its September meeting and the public hearing will be held prior to the BOS meeting in October.

Persons to be Heard: 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 reported that the Sunoco was permitted to use weaker quality pipes (X60) as compared to the standard quality (X70) because we are a rural township. Mr. Baker is concerned about the recent \$660,000 fine that DEP imposed on Sunoco Pipeline for discoloring the waterways. He doesn't understand why the Township isn't aware of the details as it happened locally.

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