

LOWER FRANKFORD TOWNSHIP
December 3, 2024
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)
Doug Brehm – Not Present (Engineer)
Greg Alleman – Not Present (Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer)
Donna Yarlett – Present (Chairman Board of Auditors)
Debbie Starner – Not Present (Secretary Board of Auditors)

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

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

Motion to Pay Current Bills: A list of outstanding bills was presented to the BOS. 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: Greg Alleman responded to one complaint on Burgners Road.

Roadmaster Report: Randy Zook graciously agreed to plow snow again this winter.

Building & Grounds Report: The road crew continues to take care of the pit toilet and trash at Opossum Lake Park. Pulled the docks out of the lake for winter.

Equipment Report: The road crew has been getting the equipment ready for the winter.

C. O. G. Report: Lexi Peterson from the 199th District reported PA House of Representatives still has a democratic majority by one seat. Representative Jessie Topper was elected the new leader. Committee assignments for 2025 have not been made yet. Four school districts (Big Spring, Carlisle, Cumberland Valley, and Shippensburg) were awarded safety and mental health grants by the PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency School Safety & Security Committee. Funds will advance the goal of giving PA students the opportunity to learn in a safe and healthy environment. Representative Barb Gleim wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Cumberland, Perry, and Dauphin Counties visited the new crisis intervention center located on Cameron Street. It is being run by Connections out of Arizona. The goal is from the time a patient walks in the door until he/she is stable enough to go home or be transferred to a facility for the total time to be twenty-four hours or less. The goal is to keep mental health patients out of the emergency room.

The Cumberland County Conservation District has scholarship opportunities.

The Cumberland County Libraries have requested a tax millage increase. This issue will be voted on at the next Commissioners Meeting. Jean did not know the millage rate increase but she did know that a property valued at \$220,000 would see a tax increase of \$18 for the year. The tax increase would earn the libraries \$2 million.

Correspondence:

Unfinished Business: Cumberland County awarded Lower Frankford Township Small Bridge Program funds for the superstructure replacement of the Run Road Bridge. The County capped its funds at \$200,000 per bridge project so the Township's share of the replacement would be \$419,000. Jim made a motion to not move forward with the project, second by James and passed with an all-in-favor vote. The BOS discussed which small bridge would be its highest priority. It was decided to explore the repair of the Opossum Lake Road Bridge (LFT-104) located at approximately 150 Opossum Lake Road in 2025.

New Business: The BOS discussed the P25 radio system. The system is expected to go live in summer of 2025.

The BOS discussed adopting burn regulations. Karen provided sample ordinances from neighboring townships as well as information from Cumberland County Commissioner Kelly Neiderer. Kelly is currently looking into why the County has not been implementing county-wide burn bans in recent years. Kelly believes that the PSP will only enforce county burn bans, not municipal burn bans. Karen will check with Hubert Gilroy to see who would be responsible for enforcing a municipal burn ban.

Jim made a motion to sign Resolution 25-B1 adopting the 2025 Township Budget, second by David and passed with an all-in-favor vote.

Jim made a motion to sign Resolution 25-B2 setting the 2025 Township Real Estate Rates, second by James and passed with an all-in-favor vote.

Persons to be Heard: Wilmer Baker, 430 Run Road, requests that the Township to install an alarm system for the pipeline to allow residents to know there is a rupture in the pipe. He feels it is the Township's responsibility to protect its residents. Mr. Baker became unruly attempting to discuss his holding tank issue that is currently under litigation with the PA Human Relations Board. He refused to stop speaking as requested of the BOS, so the meeting was ended abruptly. This wasn't the first time.

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