

LOWER FRANKFORD TOWNSHIP
February 6, 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 – 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 January meeting minutes, second by James and passed with an all-in-favor vote.

Treasurers Report: The attached treasurer’s report for January 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 presented to the BOS. 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: Greg Alleman resent an enforcement letter to 204 Campground Road, as the property was sold the end of October. The new property owner moved the junk vehicles to the rear yard of the property.

Roadmaster Report: Tim Chestnut stopped plowing snow, Randy Zook agreed to come back and help. Plowed and salted seven inches on January 6th, four inches on January 16th, and three inches on January 19th. The storm on January 19th required two additional days of labor for pushing drifts back.

Building & Grounds Report: No report.

Equipment Report: The shoes need replaced on the plow of the Ford F750. The parts have been ordered and Randy will install them.

C. O. G. Report: Joshua Reynolds from Representative Barb Gleim’s office reported that they have been receiving Food Processing Residual Resolutions (FPR) from local municipalities requesting stricter guidelines be put in place. A letter was sent to the DEP Secretary Shirley asking them to take immediate and necessary actions to update the regulations including FPRs. The letter was signed by Senators Rothman, Mastriano, Dush, and House members Ecker and Gleim. A group of

forty individuals met for the third time to work on updating the regulations regarding FPRs. The process is challenging as ACRES and The Right to Farm Act cannot be contradicted. The focus of this meeting was to establish clear definitions and differentiating between unharmed and harmful categories. The next meeting will be held on February 29th. The goal is to have the regulations completed and ready for implementation in May. The State Budget for 2024 has a \$3.2 Billion deficit. Appropriation hearings start next week. Most likely the Senate will start prioritizing any spending or as the media likes to coin the phrase “investment”. Representative Gleim will be hosting a 2024 Senior Learning Series: Boomer Bash on March 1st and A Concealed Carry Seminar on April 11th.

Jean Foschi mentioned that Cumberland County Commissioners will be voting on Wednesday to increase the tax millage by fifteen percent to generate \$8.7 million additional dollars. Mental health and 911 both have a deficit of \$3 million and the P25 tower project has a deficit of \$1 million. Each department in the County has been tasked with trying to find ways to save money within the department. Cumberland County hired a grant administrator, Katie Zimmerman, to seek grant opportunities for the County. In the past no one ever has had the time to dig through the grant paperwork. The Cumberland County Election Bureau is preparing for the presidential primary election that will be held in May.

Correspondence:

Unfinished Business: David revised the Memo of Understanding with the Cumberland County Conservation District. Jim and James reviewed and approved the revision. Karen will send new agreement to Kim Falvey for approval.

Doug Brehm, the Township Engineer, is working on a land development plan for a proposed second township park located on Old Mill Road with creek frontage.

New Business: At 6:30 PM this evening the BOS held a public hearing to allow comment about the Garman property on Willow Grove Road being added to the Township’s Agricultural Security Area. Jim made a motion to sign Resolution ASA-24-04, adding the Garman property to the Township’s ASA, second by James and passed with an all-in-favor vote.

Jim updated the Emergency Operations Plan for 2024. Jim made a motion to adopt the 2024 EOP, second by James and passed with an all-in-favor vote.

Karen presented the BOS with snow/mailbox policies from PennDOT, the Post Office, Lower Mifflin, North Newton, and Penn Townships. The BOS reviewed the documents. James made a motion to adopt a policy similar to North Newton Township’s policy, second by Jim and passed with an all-in-favor vote. Karen will contact Hubert Gilroy as to the next steps.

Ed Franco discussed FOLCs plan to add a layer of crushed stone to the handicapped parking spot in the parking lot on the dam side of Opossum Lake to make the area level. An eight foot wide walking trail from the parking lot to a bench at the breast work of the dam is also going to be constructed. This will making wheel chairs and walkers on the existing trail, much easier. Schlusser’s Paving will be doing the work.

Mary Franco, President of Friends of Opossum Lake Conservancy (FOLC), asked the BOS to write a letter of support to the PA Fish and Boat Commission for FOLC's proposed some improvements to the access road to the dam in order to make this parking area and road more accessible. The project will be fully funded by FOLC. Jim made a motion to write a letter of support, second by James and passed with an all-in-favor vote.

Persons to be Heard: Wilmer Baker, 430 Run Road, request that the Township to install an alarm system for the pipeline to allow residents to know there is a rupture in the pipe. The pipes were installed too close together and the welds are inferior. There have been ninety leaks on the pipeline since 2017. There was 140,000 gallons leak in the creek behind Mr. Baker's house.

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