

LOWER FRANKFORD TOWNSHIP
September 3, 2024
Monthly Meeting

Rollcall

Jim Burkholder – Present (Chairman Board of Supervisors)
James Heishman – Not 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 – Not Present (Chairman Board of Auditors)
Debbie Starner – Not Present (Secretary Board of Auditors)

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

Treasurers Report: The attached treasurer’s report for August 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: No report.

Roadmaster Report: The road crew has been mowing and deep trimming along the roadways and at the Park. They have also been trimming trees and removing stumps in the road right-of-away. cleaning up after the various storms, replacing signs and patching at mailboxes as necessary. Mark has started mowing with the boom mower. The road crew installed a drain on Burgners Road from UMH Homes Mobile Home Park west approximately 150 feet.

Building & Grounds Report: The road crew continues to take care of the pit toilet and trash at Opossum Lake Park. PA Fish and Boat Commission repaired the dock and placed it back in the lake.

Equipment Report: Reversed the hydraulics on the John Deere M5100. Now the flails mower in the proper direction.

C. O. G. Report: Jean Foschi mentioned that for Cumberland County, there is still time to register to vote and/or obtain a mail-in ballot. Cumberland County runs a fair, accurate, and reliable election. Pennsylvania law does not allow non-citizens the right to vote. The County is accepting

applications for the 2024 Volunteer EMS and Firefighter Tax Credit. Applications are due by December 15, 2024. Mosquito spraying took place in August to help control the West Nile Virus. The LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) is holding a summit on October 30th at the Army Heritage and Education Center.

Kelly Neiderer reported that she and Jean have been working very diligently on next year's budget. The Commissioners have made it a priority this year to meet with the department heads to go over budgets. Calendar year 2024 started with a \$20M budget deficit. \$7M was raised from a modest tax increase. Department budgets were scaled back, and the County will only need to use \$3M of ARP monies to balance the budget. Flat funding of mental health and 911 centers have made budgeting very difficult. Kelly also mentioned that Cumberland County launched a new website which includes a chat-bot, check it out. The Cumberland County Comprehensive Plan has been presented to the Commissioners. It will soon be available to the public. Kelly warned municipalities to be sure that their zoning ordinances address large scale solar because it is quickly coming to this area.

Cumberland County is actively planning its 250th anniversary celebration. Stacy Snyder is on the team representing the County

Correspondence:

Unfinished Business:

New Business: The Township received its invoice for the new P25 radios. Discussing how much the Township will pay for WEMAs new radio was tabled until the October meeting.

An employee requested that Township to pay for him to attend CDL School. The total cost of the class is \$5,800. Do to only having two supervisors in attendance, this matter was tabled until the October meeting.

Persons to be Heard: Wilmer Baker, 430 Run Road, mentioned that the various pipelines located in Lower Frankford Township are required to mail out safety pamphlets every two years to everyone that lives within 1500 feet of the pipeline. Mr. Baker said the pamphlets are not being mailed out. Mr. Baker requests that the Township to install an alarm system for the pipeline to allow residents to know there is a rupture in the pipe. Mr. Baker also requests that the Township allow him to install a holding tank at his property. He is choosing not to install a small flow treatment system because one of the systems would utilize chlorine which will destroy the wetlands and the other choice would utilize a ultra-violet light which would be an ignition source. Both systems use an alarm which is an ignition source, leaving his only safe alternative as a holding tank.

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