FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES

February 2, 2023 6:00 P.M. CAMP ORCHARD HILL

Chairman Williams called the Regular Meeting of the Franklin Township Board of Supervisors to order on Thursday, February 2, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Supervisors:	Present:	Eric Williams, Chairman
		Art Owen Jr., Vice Chairman
		Rick Pitcavage, Supervisor
Others:		Richard A. Melvin, Secretary/Treasurer
		Vito DeLuca, Solicitor
		Eleven attendees

MEETING OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.

Regarding the township auditor's decision to lower the Roadmaster wage, township supervisors discussed the township will have to pay for legal representation for the township auditors.

Motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Pitcavage to waive the reading of the minutes of the January 3, 2023 Reorganization Meeting, and the January 3, 2023 Regular Meeting, and to accept the minutes as posted. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Melvin gave the Treasurers report reciting the combined balances for all funds as of January 31, 2023. Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Owen to approve the January 2023 Treasurers report, to approve payment of expenses totaling \$91,082.37 and to approve payroll and payroll taxes in the amount of \$18,230.06. The motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

Northmoreland Fire Company submitted their January monthly report. It was read by Mr. Melvin.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Pitcavage to approve payment to Erosion Protective Services in the amount of \$45,900.00 as the second draw of the 2016 LSA Grant for site work and stormwater infrastructure. The motion passed unanimously.
- 2. Motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Owen to approve agreement of Professional Services from Glenn L. Johnson & Associates for services regarding resolution of the Flatrock Road civil action. The motion passed unanimously.
- 3. Motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Pitcavage to acknowledge the hourly wage of \$22.30 retroactive to January 1, 2023, for Roadmaster Owen as set and approved at the 2023 Franklin Township Auditors reorganization meeting held January 4, 2023. The motion passed. Mr. Owen abstained.

- 4. Motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Pitcavage to authorize Solicitor DeLuca to appeal the decision of the Franklin Township Auditors at their Reorganization Meeting held January 4, 2023, to reduce the hourly wage of Roadmaster Owen from \$29.73 to \$22.30. The motion passed. Mr. Owen abstained.
- 5. A motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Pitcavage to approve appointment of Don Karpovich as council for the auditors at \$150.00 per hour plus costs. The motion passed. Mr. Owen abstained.
- 6. A motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Pitcavage to approve payment of invoice received from the Nietupski Angelone Law Firm in the amount of \$1,750.00 as an initial retainer for the appeal of the auditor's decision regarding the wage reduction for Roadmaster Art Owen Jr. The motion passed. Mr. Owen abstained.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business brought before the board.

OPEN THE MEETING TO PUBLIC GENERAL COMMENTS

Leo Shannon, Ridge Road, asked if modified stone could be placed in potholes that have formed on Ridge Road and asked about a hearing date for the auto issue with his neighbor.

Marty Murray, Eighth St. asked about the low wire on Coon Road and about chickens wandering about in Crown Hill.

Bill Hodakowski, Municipal Road, asked about the reason for the roadmaster wage reduction.

Joe Yonchik, Coon Road notified about dead or dying trees in the Coon Road right of way.

Christian Hilstolski, Coon Road, asked about the payment to Busy Beaver.

Vito Deluca, Solicitor asked if the auditors recorded their reorganization meeting and issuing a right to know request for such.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:40 P.M.

Richard A. Melvin, Secretary/Treasurer