

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING
July 22, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER

Present were Supervisors Donald Lerew, John Shambaugh, Ed Campbell, and Gary Brown. Also present was Treasurer Phyllis Emlet and Secretary Nancy Zentmeyer. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Municipal Building, 150 Century Lane, Dillsburg, York County, PA.

Chairman Lerew noted that this special meeting is to cover some unfinished business and to discuss with the Franklinton Fire Company the call box numbers.

CALL BOXES – FRANKLINTOWN FIRE COMPANY

Chief Mike Whitzel and Assistant Chief Dave McCoy were present to discuss the call boxes with the Supervisors. Chief Whitzel noted that Leroy Stough was the member who did the work on this. It was noted that there are 4 boxes in the Township #65-04 through #65-07 and these are areas of the Township that have been set up. Chief Whitzel handed out information regarding the boxes and reviewed them with the Supervisors. The data was established by using mileage, distance, water and with the surrounding municipalities. The RIT, which stands for Rapid Intervention Team, was also discussed along with a review of what each resource does. The second handout was of charts which Chief Whitzel also reviewed with the Supervisors. The charts indicate what type of incident they are responding to. If a second alarm goes out there would be a second team to which would be responding. With an automatic dispatch the fire company can make a special request to have the fire police also dispatched to that incident. The pulling of the closest company and resources are done by the time distance study.

It was noted that Franklin Township does not have a lot of hydrants and water is a premium to the fire company. It has been requested that Citizen's Hose bring their rescue engine that holds 750 gallons. Chairman Lerew asked if the fire company knows where all of the ponds are in the Township. It was so noted. Mr. Laurin Fleming, EMA Director noted that he has worked with Engineer Knoebel on dry hydrants and should have this by the fall. Twin Hills Road has not been installed yet and this needs to be updated at a Supervisors meeting. Engineer Knoebel is to be notified. It was noted that Monroe Township has a mini pumper. EMS calls to run medical assist are very expensive for the fire company. EMS calls respond to class 1 calls and the class 2 or 3 calls just duplicates the service and this is putting a lot of wear and tear on the equipment. When FFC helps with these calls they do not get reimbursed. Supervisor Campbell noted that there is a need to increase the equipment or look at Dillsburg to see what they are doing. It was noted that during the budget talks the Township needs to know what the fire company needs and to get more information. The fire company does have a new administration so they are aware of what they need with equipment and replacements of old equipment. The fire company has purchased 4 new radios at a cost of \$2,400.00 per radio. It was noted that safety is priority #1. There was discussion if the fire company gets a federal grant it would be a 80/20 split. Chief Whitzel noted that they are getting the finances to where they need to be. It was noted that over half of the firefighters' are certified in all different areas.

The next item discussed with Franklinton Fire Company was the Agreement for Fire Protection Services. Under scope of services the following areas were discussed: #1 subsections a. and b with service to the Township. Under #1.d Chief Whitzel noted that they would like to be considered becoming the primary fire company for the Township and to be in charge of an incident with the following of the chain of command. The person in charge would be appointed regarding their training, years of service, certifications, and expertise. It was noted that the contract/agreement would need to be amended and/or revised as things are changing and so is the cost. The relief money that the Township receives is 60/40 with 60% going to Franklinton Fire Company and 40% to Citizens Hose.

Under #2 of the agreement “Company Compensation” needs to be adjusted. It was suggested that Solicitor MacNeal look into other fire company’s contracts.

Mr. Fleming noted that regarding the contract it should require a NIMS statement to have training to operate within the system in order to be compliant and that the boxes should be including an EM officer for resources and to help out. It was noted that there is a good working relationship between Franklinton Fire Company and the EMA. With regards to the agreement the Township is to get a draft copy drawn up and present it to the fire company.

Chief Whitzel thanked the Supervisors for their time. The Supervisors also thanked Chief Whitzel for the work that has been done and it was noted that at this time the point of contact on the Board of Supervisors is Chairman Lerew.

Assistant Chief McCoy noted that there is an issue on Stoney Run Road near the bridge and also at Route 194 with trees and branches causing limited site distance.

PARK & RECREATION – RESTROOMS AT PONDEROSA PARK

There was discussion on getting the current restrooms into operation for the 200th anniversary. Supervisor Campbell stated that the Township needs to know the cost. It was noted that there is an estimated cost of \$3,000.00. All of the plumbing is in place but new fixtures are needed. It was suggested that the cost estimate be submitted by the next Supervisors meeting.

Mrs. Emlet noted that she and Ronald Gingrich had talked with Senator Vance and there is the possibility of getting \$10,000.00 for the park once the budget is passed. It was suggested that a sketch plan be done so the Supervisors know what is needed to be done at the park. It was also noted that a walkway is needed to get to the current restrooms because as it is now it would not be ADA accessible.

Chairman Lerew stated that he has called Bill Cressler regarding the field at Ponderosa Park with regards to the final payment to Lobar and is looking for the donation of \$10,000.00 from the soccer club. Also discussed was the soccer field by the Township building. It was noted that the soccer club is going ahead with their plans. Also discussed was the parking issue with clean-up day and it was suggested that the soccer club could put stones down for the additional parking and that this would need to be put on the drawing.

JERRY BRANDT – AGRICULTURAL COMPOSTING

Mr. Brandt noted that he is considering composting organic material for potting soil on his farm. It was noted that he would need DEP approval. The property is located on Circle Drive. Vice Chairman Shambaugh suggested that Mr. Brandt get a zoning determination from Mr. Fahey. The composting would be on a quarter acre of land. It was also noted that anything biodegradable can be composted. Supervisor Brown noted that the Township has discussed the possibility of a composting facility with other municipalities. Supervisor Campbell noted concern with traffic as this could become a commercial use with tractor trailers coming in once a week. It was noted that a land development plan may be needed.

WATER STREET

It was noted that Solicitor MacNeal did send a letter to Ms. Coulson regarding the water problem and asking them to correct the problem by cleaning out the ditch. Vice Chairman Shambaugh noted that the problem is that the drainage ditch is off of the right-of-way and it needs to be cleaned out as it is causing water problems on the road with flooding and freezing. It was noted that this is a safety issue. It was suggested that Solicitor MacNeal write another letter asking permission for the Township to fix this problem or get an easement. It was questioned what are Township's other legal actions. It was noted that the Road master should look at the drainage ditch to see what would be the cost to fix this.

YORK COUNTY REGIONAL POLICE STUDY

Vice Chairman Shambaugh noted in the police study it shows approximately \$250,000.00 over and above what the Township is currently paying now. This study also shows it would be 24 hour service, and patrolling the entire area. The results of the study included the road mileage and population. It was noted that there needs to be the rate of incidents. It was suggested that the borough may be willing to pay more than what is in the study and also the possibility of Carroll Township.

Supervisor Brown noted that the event yesterday regarding the Route 15 safety program went well and there were 8 municipalities represented along with the State Police and NYPRD.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

Motion: Vice Chairman Shambaugh made a motion to approve the bill list as submitted.
Seconded by Supervisor Campbell. The motion carried.

GRANTS UPDATE

Mrs. Emlet had supplied each Supervisor with a spreadsheet and asked if they would take a look at it and prioritize the information she had received. It was noted that she had received information from Game time and on wind energy. There are grants with the stimulus program but the Township would have to have the projects together.

With regards to recycling it was noted that it is not mandatory in the Township. There was discussion on having one area for multiple municipalities. There is funding for land and equipment but not for personnel. If this was regional there is a better chance of getting the grant money. It was stated that the Township would need to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with the wording that the Township would do this and to add letters of intent from other municipalities. A memo of understanding was also discussed and it was suggested that Mrs. Emlet find out what is required. Mrs. Emlet noted that she had researched information on recycling grants under Section 902 of Act 101.

The Adams County Rescue Mission does not keep track of the tonnage but she had contacted businesses in the Township that will give us the numbers of their recycling. Also noted was a memorandum from Mrs. Emlet on various surrounding municipalities regarding their recycling and trash haulers. There was discussion on mandatory trash haulers, getting quotes from trash haulers and a grant for recycling containers. A composting area was also discussed.

It was suggested that a mailing or survey for a single trash hauler is to be sent to the residents of the Township for their input. This could be included in the next newsletter. Getting ideas for the next meeting was also suggested. The Supervisors asked Mrs. Emlet to call the townships back and see what the average cost a homeowner pays is and information on the recycling compost.

PARK & RECREATION

Chairman Lerew noted that Mr. Rick Hoffman was at the last Park & Recreation Board meeting and noted that there are dogs running in the park.

CD FOR TREASURER

Mrs. Emlet noted that American Grants and Loans Directory, which is on a CD costs \$69.95.

Motion: Supervisor Brown made a motion for Mrs. Emlet to purchase the CD for a cost of \$69.95. **Seconded** by Supervisor Campbell. The motion carried.

EAST GREENHOUSE ROAD

Vice Chairman Shambaugh noted that a letter had been sent to Carroll Township regarding the drainage problem on East Greenhouse Road since this property is situated at the Franklin / Carroll Township line. Vice Chairman Shambaugh received a response from Carroll Township's engineer. The previous owner of this property had a pipe put in on the Carroll Township portion and Franklin Township put a pipe in on their portion. Carroll Township has no intention of fixing this problem but the plan shows just a swale being there. The pipe in Carroll Township is larger than the one in Franklin Township. It was suggested that the Road master measure the pipe by pulling the grates. A letter is to be sent to the property owner regarding Carroll Township's action and to either put a swale back in or replace the pipe but just on the Franklin Township part.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Supervisor Campbell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m. **Seconded** by Supervisor Brown. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Zentmeyer
Township Secretary