

January 4, 2021

The Franklin Township Reorganizational Meeting was held on January 4, 2021 in the township building. Present at the meeting were Supervisors Phil DePue and Mark Creamer, Secretary/Treasurer Jeanne Sullivan and the people on the attached sign-in list. Mark called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM. The pledge to the flag was recited.

Mark gave copies of the Organizational Chart to everyone and reviewed the contents. The Organizational Chart was approved with corrections. Milage was set at .56 per mile and First National will be added for depository of funds for the FEMA account. Mark also introduced the new Employment Handbook.

The working Supervisor pay will be set by the Auditors at the Auditors meeting tomorrow evening.

The Regular Monthly Meeting immediately followed the Reorganization Meeting. The meeting started at 7:22 PM.

The Minutes and Treasure Report were distributed for all attendees to read. Mark made a motion to accept the minutes. Phil seconded the motion. The motion was passed. Phil made a motion to accept the treasurer report. Mark seconded the motion. The report was passed.

The loader was picked up.

Jeanne distributed information about purchasing a non-cumulative Treasurer surety bond for \$2,000,000 from Betty Stone at H.A. Thomson Co. in Chester Springs, PA. Mark made a motion to purchase the bond and Phil seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Correspondence:

SWN sent a notice for Permit to Drill on property in New Milford.

SWN sent notice for Consumptive Use at the Herman Pad.

Susquehanna County Planning and Development sent information about a driveway permit and sewage permit for a subdivision in the Township.

New Business:

Mark introduced three resolutions.

-Resolution No. 2021-1 establishes the 2021 tax rates. Mark made a motion to accept the resolution.

Phil seconded the motion. The attending supervisors signed the resolution. The resolution was adopted.

-Resolution No. 2021-2 establishes an Employment Handbook and an Acknowledgement of Employment agreement. Phil made a motion to accept the Resolution. Mark seconded the motion. The motion was passed. The attending supervisors sign the resolution. Resolution 2021-2 was adopted.

-Resolution 2021-3 establishes the payment of township bills on a weekly basis with approval of one of the acting Supervisors. Mark made a motion to accept the Resolution. Phil seconded the motion. The motion passed. The attending supervisors signed the resolution. Resolution 2021-3 was adopted.

Mark spoke with Rich Neiderberger about his commission for tax collection for the 2021 year.

Resolution No 2021-1 states that the Fiscal year 2021 tax rates shall include negative 2021 COVID Relief rated to offset the tax milage for Munic R/E and Equipment taxes. It would not be cost effective for Rich to collect taxes at his normal 10 percent commission. Mark researched the problem, found and read 72 Pa. Stat. 5511.35 - Compensation of tax collector in boroughs and township for second class. It states "notwithstanding the provisions of section 36.1 or subsection (a)(2), if a millage reduction adopted by the board of supervisors in townships of the second class with less than three thousand residents will decrease the amount of compensation received by a tax collector who is compensated on a commission basis, the board of supervisors may by ordinance at any time increase the commission to the level required to compensate the tax collector in an amount equal to the compensation that would have been received under the former commission prior to the millage decrease".

Mark made a motion to draft an ordinance to raise the percentage for tax collection from 10 percent to 15 percent. Phil seconded the motion. The motion passed. Mark will draft the ordinance and Jeanne will place a legal notice in the newspaper. Please see attachment.

Roadmaster:

Roy reported that when weather permits work will be done on Buckley Road.

The Christmas Eve storm plugged some of the pipes. Roy unplugged them.

Roy also asked if sealed bids for materials can be advertised in the newspaper and unsealed and read at the February meeting. Jeanne will place the ad in the legal section.

Mark made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Phil seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:47PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Sullivan  
Secretary/Treasurer

**Treasurer's Report**

General	162,921.65
State Fund	92,110.91
Capital Reserve	1,505.40
Capital Reserve Impact	50,539.49
Equipment	1,403.02
Fire	773.47
Payroll	9,823.71
Small Cap	2,210.31
FEMA	918,874.55

**General Checking**

10193	New Milford Hardware	179.98
10194	Highmark	784.97
10195	Joe Hunt	60.00
10196	Craige's Photique	574.97
10197	Dempsey	175.00
10198	Spectrum	104.93
10199	Mirabito	286.75
10200	Phil Depue	379.95
10201	Lenox Propane	390.41
10202	Fowler Tire	26.00
10203	Montrose Auto Parts	113.79
10204	Angelo Ventresca	92.00
10205	NEIC	302.40
10206	Waste Management	116.92
10207	Penelec	208.88
10208	Erica Johnson	60.00
10209	Weekly Group	53.16
10210	Paula Grassi	10.00
10211	Kim Henry	10.00
10212	Olivia Zawiski	10.00
10213	Highmark	784.97
10214	Insinger	9,498.89

**Deposits:**

1/8 – 22,092.90

1/19 – 3,831.08

**State**

2681	John Bonham	732.50
2682	Mirabito	1,197.78
2683	John Bonham	1,124.35

**Equipment**

Deposit:

1/16 – 292.27

**Fire**

Deposit:

1/16 – 420.88

**Small Cap**

2021	Paypal	8.71
2021	DCED	4.50

**Payroll**

1/6	PA State	208.53
1/8	Payroll	1,907.76
1/8	10156	172.80
1/15	IRS	2,485.52
1/15	Payroll	1,204.39
1/21	PA UC	14.84
1/21	PSATS UC	25.28
1/22	Payroll	1,362.31
1/29	Payroll	1,641.15