

Monthly Meeting – October 8, 2024

The monthly township meeting was called to order by Chairman Lee Burch at 7:00pm with Supervisor Mark Creamer present. Supervisor Phil DuPue arrived late. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes from August 6, 2024 was not reviewed by Chairman Burch, Supervisor Creamer and Supervisor Depue due to a mistake by the Secretary Janet Bolles. Janet Bolles will correct her mistake then August 6 minutes will be reviewed at the next meeting along with minutes from October 8, 2024.

The financial report was reviewed by Chairman Burch, Supervisor Creamer and Supervisor Depue. A motion to approve the financial report was made by Chairman Burch and seconded by Supervisor DePue and Supervisor Creamer.

Secretary/Treasurer Janet Bolles suggested Franklin Township stop using Waste Management for garbage disposal due to the increasing monthly price and switch over to Joe Disposal. Waste Management is costing \$275.46 a month for a 2 yard dumpster and Joe Disposal charges \$93 a month for the same 2 yard dumpster. Chairman Burch and Supervisor Creamer asked if there would be a fee for dumpster drop off from Joe Disposal and a fee for ending services with Waste Management. Secretary Bolles stated she would find out said information and get back to them.

Chairman Burch reviewed correspondence. Letter from Minute Men asking for donation. Chairman Burch motioned to match last year's donation. Supervisor Creamer and Supervisor DePue seconded.

Supervisor Depue gave the Roadmaster Report for September 3 cancelled meeting and for October 8 meeting:

September 3 –

Unplugged pipes and made sure water was back in the ditches after 3" to 4" of rain. Officially declared emergency and filed for damages the township sustained during rain storm. The process will take some time as it needs to go from County level to State level then finally to the Federal level before approval.

Tar & Chip was laid down on Booth Rd., Pratt Rd., School Rd., Bronson Hill and Melhuish Rd. Thursday and Friday the roads were swept and ready to do fog seal on them. On schedule to spray all 6.3 miles on September 4th.

Grader is becoming a big problem. The 4-wheel drive, injectors on the motor and several other things are having issues and parts seem to becoming obsolete. Possibly will need to purchase or rent another grader soon.

Graded Olszewski, South Bailey and Valley View Rd.

Vehicle Count as of September 3 is as follows.

Hawk Rd	820 cars per week
Hunsinger Rd.	325 cars per week
Forks Hill Rd.	560 cars per week
Valley View Rd.	778 cars per week
Conroy Rd.	633 cars per week

October 8 –

Washed, blew, swept and fog sealed School, Melhuish, Bronson Hill, Pratt and Booth Rd. totaling 6.3 miles

Graded Forks Hill and Valley View Road.

Met with FEMA at the sites of damage from the storm.

Helped Liberty TWP haul millings to Upper Rhiney Creek Rd.

Hauled for Silver Lake TWP for their Tar & Chip project.

Applied for Dirt & Gravel Grant for Salt Springs Rd. from intersection of Buckley to Silver Lake line.

Highway Equipment came and served grader so it is good to go and we will not have to purchase or rent a new one for the time being.

Very pleased with results of the Tar & Chip on the roads. Was submitted to PA Association of Asphalt Material Application for award in excellence on the roads we completed.

Results from vehicle counter on following roads are as follows.

Hawk Rd.	820/week	117/day
Hunsinger	325/week	46/day
Forks Hill	559/week	79/day
Valley View	778/week	111/day
Conroy	633/week	90/day
Mitchell	893/week	127/day
School	1154/week	164/day
Pratt	1325/week	189/day
Booth MCC	813/week	116/day
Booth by 29	2269/week	324/day

Jim Davis from DGK Insurance provided and reviewed an insurance quote for the whole of the Township, i.e. buildings, equipment, vehicles, employees, etc. based on current insurance policy through Erie Insurance. By switching from Erie Insurance to Astra Insurance through DGK Insurance Company, Franklin Township would save approximately \$4743.00 a year with increased coverage. Chairman Lee asked Secretary Bolles to see if Erie Insurance will be able to match quote before deciding to switch insurance companies. Secretary Bolles acknowledged and agreed.

COMMENTS:

Dale Webster stated the roads that were completed are beautiful and wonderful to drive on.

Chairman Burch made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm, seconded by Supervisor Creamer and Supervisor Depue.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary, Franklin Township

ATTENDEES:

Shelley DePue	Lynn Bolles	Tom Bolles	Joel Levy
Dale Webster	Lori Webster	Jim Davis	Janet Hollenbech
Beth Dabell	Eric Corbin		