

## **MEETING MINUTES**

**July 8, 2025**

**5:30 pm**

**CALL TO ORDER** - Present were Mr. Sabot, Mr. Quinn, Mr. Johnson, Solicitor Gary Sweat, Secretary/Treasurer Jackie Kotchman, Road Foreman Todd Lanch, and Director of Planning and Development, Erin Dinch. The meeting was available via teleconference with public attendance.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **OPENING PRAYER** by

### **ADD ITEMS TO THE AGENDA**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEMS**

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. **\*\*\*MOTION to approve the minutes of June 10, 2025, Supervisor's Meeting** was made by Mr. Quinn; seconded by Mr. Johnson. Unanimously carried.
2. **\*\*\*MOTION to approve the minutes of June 25, 2025, Special Meeting to approve the Zoning Ordinance Amendment Application from PREP Funds** was made by Mr. Quinn; seconded by Mr. Johnson. Unanimously carried.
3. **\*\*\*MOTION to approve the minutes of June 25, 2025, Special meeting to recognize a Declaration of Disaster Emergency** was made by Mr. Quinn; seconded by Mr. Johnson. Unanimously carried.

### **TREASURERS REPORT**

**\*\*\*MOTION to file the Treasurer's Report for future audit** was made by Mr. Quinn; seconded by Mr. Johnson. Unanimously carried.

### **BILL APPROVAL AND CHECK SIGNING**

**\*\*\*MOTION to approve total bills and check signing** was made by Mr. Quinn; seconded by Mr. Johnson. Unanimously carried.

### **GUESTS**

### **BUILDING PERMITS**

Erin Dinch reported that there were three (3) building permits in the amount of \$3287.90.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

## **ORDINANCES**

## **RESOLUTIONS**

1. **\*\*\*MOTION to approve Resolution No. 9 of 2025 to adopt and submit to DEP for its approval, as a Revision to the Official Sewage Facilities Plan, the Sewage Facilities Planning Module for the Peak at North Franklin Mid-Rise Multi-Level Apartment Complex** was made by Mr. Quinn; seconded by Mr. Johnson. Unanimously carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **\*\*\*MOTION to approve Washington Crown Center Subdivision No. 3, a minor subdivision that does not require Township Planning Commission approval** was made by Mr. Quinn; seconded by Mr. Johnson. Unanimously carried.
2. **\*\*\*MOTION to assign all civil engineering and land development projects to Gibson-Thomas Engineering and to confirm Harshman CE Group as Code Enforcement officials for North Franklin Township** was made by Mr. Quinn; seconded by Mr. Johnson. Unanimously carried.

**ROAD CREW REPORT** – Road Foreman Todd Lanch reported that the 2025 Road Project and storm drain replacement is underway. He added that over the next three weeks they would be finishing up drain work and lining the pipes with paving starting afterwards. He said the park trail washed out from the flooding, and they were repairing it.

## **FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**

Fire Chief Dave Bane reported that for June 2025 the Fire Department had 59 calls including one (1) mobile home fire, eleven (11) medical assists, six (6) motor vehicle accidents, one (1) carbon monoxide incident, two (2) gas leaks, one (1) brush fire, one (1) electrical wiring problem, nine (9) public service, three (3) smoke, one (1) unauthorized burning, five (5) unintentional alarms, one (1) power line down and 17 severe weather calls. The average response was 7 minutes and 11 seconds, and they averaged 5.8 people per call. 217 calls year-to-date.

## **CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT**

Mr. Sabot read the report. Please see the attached report.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT** – Mr. Sweat reported that the Vankirk Road, Bull & Bear Spill payment is being processed, and we should be getting it soon. He also reviewed the settlement between the mall owners and PREP Funds in regard to citations. He said as we approach the closing date, there will be other agreements made. He stated that PREP was hoping to receive funding for the demolition of the mall from the blight fund. They were also applying for funds to

remove the dilapidated 2<sup>nd</sup> bridge off Franklin Farms to the mall. He advised that the Rite Aid had left, and they were looking at getting someone in there.

**SUPERVISOR SABOT'S REPORT** – Mr. Sabot stated that as the EMS Coordinator of the Township, he is even more adamant about the Sirens in the Township after the Texas floods and the huge loss of life. He said early warning systems are vital in saving lives. He added that our system is tested every first Saturday of the month at 12 noon.

**SUPERVISOR QUINN'S REPORT** – Mr. Quinn asked residents to file formal written complaints to the Township about code complaints instead of posting them on Facebook. Mr. Quinn also reiterated the importance of the fire sirens.

**SUPERVISOR JOHNSON'S REPORT** – Mr. Johnson asked resident Bernard Van Briggie, who was present at the meeting, “how the Supervisors were running the Township into the ground”? Mr. Van Briggie had posted this comment on Facebook. Resident Bernard Van Briggie said that not having police was running the Township into the ground.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Vaughn Dubielak of 3045 Wilson Street explained that he keeps getting flooded at his home. He said he believes the neighbors' new driveway is causing most of the water issues. He claimed to have black mold and other damages. He said that the water Mr. Dubielak is talking about is a private issue between neighbors and does not involve the township. Mr. Ivery said permits were issued for all the work his neighbor did. Mr. Sweat explained that this issue is a civil suit between two residents and that he should get an attorney.

Cathy Hartner of Altamont Avenue complained about speeders on Cumberland Avenue and Altamont Avenue. She also said a tree was down on Altamont Avenue. In addition, she said Grove Street used to be a one-way street with a “Do Not Enter” sign but the signs are now gone. Todd Lanch said he would add a one-way sign.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Mr. Sabot announced an Executive Session at 6:22 pm with no action.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

  
Robert Sabot, Chairman

  
Jacqueline M. Kotchman, Secretary/Treasurer