

**Kittanning, Pennsylvania
September 28, 2023**

The Board of Supervisors of East Franklin Township met in the Municipal Building at 6:00 p.m. for September 28, 2023, regular meeting.

Present: Barry Peters, Chairman
Dan Goldinger, Vice Chairman
David Stewart, Supervisor
Debra Cornman, Secretary/Treasurer
Larry Richardson – Zoning Officer

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Gracie Elosser – Resident of Glade Run Road – Intersection of State Route 422 and Glade Run Road – Do we have any updates?

David Stewart, Supervisor – We are still awaiting a report by PennDOT.

Philip Tack, Melissa Schaeffer and Liz White, Representatives from Orphans of the Storm – They wanted to thank all residents of East Franklin Township for past and continued support of our organization. However, due to flooding and maintenance problems, a new shelter is desperately needed. We are here requesting the township's budget includes an allocation on behalf of Orphans of the Storm. Currently Orphans of the Storm has raised \$4.2 million dollars to build the new facility at this point via a USDA loan and organic funds. The project's approximate cost is \$5.5-\$5.6 million and with the soft cost included about \$6.8 million.

Barry Peters, Chairman – We will consider a budget line request.

APPROVALS:

MINUTES:

Motion made by Barry Peters and seconded by Dan Goldinger to approve minutes for August 31, 2023, regular meeting. Motion approved unanimously.

REGULAR MEETING – SEPTEMBER 28, 2023

APPROVALS (CONTINUED):

APPROVE BILLS AND INVOICES:

Motion made by David Stewart and seconded by Dan Goldinger to approve paying all bills and invoices from September 1 through September 28, 2023. Motion approved unanimously.

POLICE REPORT:

Total reportable calls – 23 calls

Motion made by David Stewart and seconded by Dan Goldinger to approve the Police Report for September 1 through September 28, 2023. Motion approved unanimously.

ROAD MASTER REPORT:

See Attached:

Motion made by Barry Peters and seconded by Dan Goldinger to approve the Road Master Report for September 1 through September 28, 2023. Motion approved unanimously.

ZONING OFFICER REPORT:

See Attached – Zoning Officer Report:

Motion made by David Stewart and seconded by Dan Goldinger to approve the Zoning Officer Report for September 1 through September 28, 2023. Motion approved unanimously.

SEWAGE REPORT:

See Attached:

Motion made by Barry Peters and seconded by Dan Goldinger to approve the Sewage Report for September 1 through September 28, 2023. Motion approved unanimously.

David Stewart, Supervisor – Update on the sanitary sewer extension project at Fox Hollow. On September 1, 2023, the board advertised to bid project. Had approximately 80 candidates looking at the project. On September 15, 2023, nine contractors met with the board. October 11, 2023, the board will open bids and award the bid at the next township supervisors' meeting on October 26, 2023.

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APPROVALS (CONTINUED):

CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:

Motion made by David Stewart and seconded by Dan Goldinger to approve professional services contract agreement with Mecall Services to apply for funding through the DCED for the Heritage Park Playground Rehabilitation Project. Contract shall not exceed the maximum sum of \$3,000.00 for services. Motion approved unanimously.

2023 MINIMUM MUNICIPAL OBLIGATION (MMO) FOR THE EAST FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP POLICE PENSION PLAN:

Motion made by Barry Peters and seconded by Dan Goldinger to approve minimum municipal obligations (MMO) for the East Franklin Township Police Pension Plan. Motion approved unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #09-2023 – A resolution of the Township of East Franklin, County of Armstrong, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania approving a Chief Executor of the Pension Plan.

Resolution #10-2023 – A resolution of the Township of East Franklin, County of Armstrong, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania approving pension funding percentage. (Sets pension % of gross wages)

Resolution #11-2023 – A resolution of the Township of East Franklin, County of Armstrong, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania approving Pension Plan Funding for 2023. (Approves total budget amount)

Resolution #12-2023 – A resolution of the Township of East Franklin, County of Armstrong, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania approving a percentage increase from 10% to 15% for the PMRS Uniform Pension Plan.

Motion made by David Stewart and seconded by Barry Peters to adopt Resolutions #09-2023, #10-2023, #11-2023 and #12-2023. Motion Approved unanimously.

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RESOLUTIONS (CONTINUED):

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN:

Motion made by Barry Peters and seconded by David Stewart to adopt **Resolution #13-2023** – A resolution of the Board of Township Supervisors in and for the Township of East Franklin, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania that mandates the East Franklin Township prepare, maintain and keep current emergency operations plan for the prevention and minimization of injury and damage caused by a major emergency or disaster within this Township. Motion approved unanimously.

AUTHORIZATION:

Motion made by David Stewart and seconded by Barry Peters to set budget meeting for October 26, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. Motion approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Dan Goldinger and seconded by Barry Peters to adjourn the regular meeting. Motion approved unanimously.

Debra L. Cornman, Secretary/Treasurer

Trash Days – Thursday, October 5 and Friday, October 6, 2023,
from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Halloween Night is set for Wednesday, October 25, 2023,
from 6:00 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Road Report for September 2023

Several spots on Ken Wolfe Rd. were dug out and patched. Some of the dirt roads were graded and limestone was spread on them. Cold patch was placed in holes on the paved roads and stone was used on the gravel roads. Ditches and storm drains were cleaned. We continue our roadside mowing and the mowing of the parks and sewage treatment plants. We had only one callout for a tree on the road. A few minor repairs were made on the equipment.



EAST FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

ZONING DEPARTMENT

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Zoning Department Report

September 28, 2023

Zoning Permits: (those highlighted in light green are since the last supervisors meeting)

- SEE ATTACHED 2023 Permit List
- Still waiting for response to Emerald Gymnastics Storm Water Mgt Review

Miscellaneous:

- **Researching: (Ongoing)**
 - GSSD – Grid Scale Solar Development
 - ✓ Technologies
 - ✓ Physical, Environmental, & Economic Impacts
 - ✓ Tax Implications & Ordinance Considerations
 - ✓ Land Conversion
- **Inquiries for subdivisions:**
 - None
- **Complaints:**
 - Grass Violations – Ongoing... Sedwick Heights, Campbell Plan, & Riggle Lane
 - Burning Violations – Still receiving Complaints
 - ✓ Complaints have decreased after letters sent
 - ✓ But still continue to receive calls with complaints and sending letters
- **Thank you:**
 - Mr. James Seyler is very appreciative of updates to the storm water system by his property

Larry

cc D. Cornman, Township Secretary/Treasurer

East Franklin Township
Sewage Report
September 2023
Report by David Stewart

A real estate transfer inspection was done in Tarrtown.

On September 14th, sludge was hauled from the Cowansville STP by CWM.

The Sewage Department's Emergency Response Plan was reviewed and updated.

The flow meters at all four Sewage Treatment Plants were calibrated. We will receive a certification for each plant. DEP requires that all flow meters be calibrated on a yearly basis.

The hydraulic pump in the digester tank was repaired at the Cowansville STP and a blower was repaired at the Tarrtown STP.

Lab samples were collected for the month of September and DMR reports for the month of August 2023 were submitted to DEP.