

**Kittanning, Pennsylvania
January 25, 2024**

The Board of Supervisors of East Franklin Township met in the Municipal Building at 6:00 p.m. for January 25, 2024, regular meeting.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Jake Martin, Representative West Hills Emergency Services – The Fire Company has been working on building a new station at the current property. The Township designated a line-item budget of \$73,000.00. We have talked to the bank and to apply for a loan the bank wants a guarantee funding amount from the township for the \$73,000.00 or consider a fire tax.

Barry Peters – We will need to talk our attorney if we can guarantee funding.

Jake Martin – Does the Township have any codes on commercial buildings regarding sprinkle systems. We have been finding objects in front of the systems, sprinkle systems not working and chains on the system which we then must cut.

David Stewart – We will need to check. Did not know there was a problem.

Cpl. Thomas Dubovi, Pennsylvania State Police – I have an update on PSP activity in 2023 in the municipality. We had about 2,400 calls for service last year, only about 120 of those were criminal incidents (property crimes and crimes against a person). He had over 100 arrests last year, and that doesn't include DUI number and proactive things like that, that we do. Regardless how often your police department is (available or not), you're in good hands, we're always out there, we're fully staffed, our response time is minimal in this township. For the size of the township, the crime rate in East Franklin is low.

APPROVALS:

MINUTES:

Motion made by Dean Hepler and seconded by David Stewart to approve minutes for December 21, 2023, regular and January 2, 2024 reorganization meetings. Motion approved unanimously.

REGULAR MEETING – JANUARY 25, 2024

APPROVALS (CONTINUED):

APPROVE BILLS AND INVOICES:

Motion made by Barry Peters and seconded by David Stewart to approve paying all bills and invoices from December 22, 2023, through January 25, 2024. Motion approved unanimously.

ROAD MASTER REPORT:

See Attached:

Motion made by Dean Hepler and seconded by Barry Peters to approve the Road Master Report for December 22, 2023, through January 25, 2024. Motion approved unanimously.

ZONING OFFICER REPORT:

See Attached – Zoning Officer Report:

Motion made by David Stewart and seconded by Dean Hepler to approve the Zoning Officer Report for December 22, 2023, through January 25, 2024. Motion approved unanimously.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Motion made by Dean Hepler and seconded by David Stewart to accept resignation for Chris Remaley and Turney Luke. Motion to appoint Shon Clark and Bradley Toy to the planning commission. Motion approved unanimously.

SEWAGE REPORT:

See Attached:

Motion made by Barry Peters and seconded by Dean Hepler to approve the Sewage Report for December 22, 2023, through January 25, 2024. Motion approved unanimously.

PART-TIME ROAD CREW:

Motion made by David Stewart and seconded by Barry Peters to approve to hire a part-time road crew employee for 2024. Motion approved unanimously.

REGULAR MEETING – JANUARY 25, 2024

APPROVALS (CONTINUED):

BANK ACCOUNT:

Motion made by David Stewart and seconded by Dean Hepler to approve Resolution #03-2024 to establish bank account for East Franklin Township Sewage Extension Fund-Fox Hollow. Motion approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

AMEND TOWNSHIP AGENDA:

Motion made by David Stewart and seconded by Dean Hepler to amend the agenda. Motion made unanimously.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING DATES:

Motion made by Barry Peters and seconded by Dean Hepler to approve Planning Commission meeting dates as follows: Motion made unanimously.

February 26, 2024
March 25, 2024
April 22, 2024
May 20, 2024
June 24, 2024
July 22, 2024

August 26, 2024
September 23, 2024
October 28, 2024
November 25, 2024
December 16, 2024
January 27, 2025

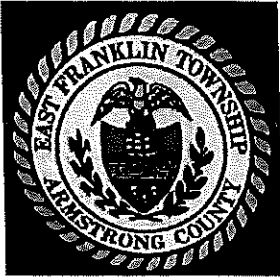
ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Barry Peters and seconded by Dean Hepler to adjourn the regular meeting. Motion approved unanimously.

Debra L. Cornman, Secretary/Treasurer

Road Report for January 2024

The New Year brought us colder temps, wind, and snow. We had several calls for trees down on the roads this month. The majority of our time was spent plowing and treating the roads, and then cleaning up the trucks. Cold patch was placed in holes. A few minor repairs were made on the equipment.



EAST FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

ZONING DEPARTMENT

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Zoning Department Report

January 25, 2024

Zoning Permits: (See attached)

- 2023 Permit List
- 2024 Permit List

Miscellaneous:

- **Researching (ongoing)**
 - Going to (free) GSSD workshop at Logan Twp., Altoona on Tuesday Jan 30th.
 - GSSD – Grid Scale Solar Development presented through PSATS
 - ✓ Current Trends as the Technologies are deployed
 - ✓ Recent solar ordinances from PA case studies
 - ✓ Top issues in a solar ordinance
 - ✓ View solar sites on a 360-degree virtual tour
- **Current Project (ongoing)**
 - Writing (drafting) Ordinance for Renewable Energy Systems
 - ✓ Solar Energy Systems (Photovoltaic)
 - ✓ Wind Energy Systems (Turbine driven Generator)
 - ✓ Hydro Energy Systems (Turbine driven Generator)
 - ✓ Natural Gas Energy Systems - Considered low carbon transitional energy
 - ✓ Nuclear (Fusion or Fission) Reactor Energy Systems – Still researching
 - ✓ Hydrogen Generated Energy Systems – Still researching
 - ✓ Geothermal Generated Energy Systems – Still researching
 - ✓ Biomass Generated Energy Systems – Still researching
- **There were no applications for Planning Commission Review:**
 - Subdivisions
 - Conditional Uses
 - Land Development
 - Ordinance changes, updates or additions.
- **Complaints:**
 - None this month

Larry

cc D. Cornman, Township Secretary/Treasurer

East Franklin Township
Sewage Report
January 2024
Report by David Stewart

Attended a pre-construction meeting at the Fox Hollow site for the Fox Hollow Sewage Extension Project.

A real estate inspection was done in Cowansville.

On January 23, 2024, two loads of sludge were removed from the Cowansville STP by CWM.

Lab samples, including all yearly reports for each plant, were collected for the month of January.

DMR reports for the month of December 2023 were submitted to DEP.