

Franklin County Commissioners

June 23, 2014

Commissioners/Council Meeting Room 203

Commissioners – Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel and Scott McDonough

Commissioners Secretary – Carol Westerman

Auditor – Stephen Brack

Open – The Meeting was called to order by Tom Wilson and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Drainage Board – The Board met to discuss the continuing problems with storm water on Reservoir Road regarding the Don Jones and Jerry Erfman properties. Mr. Jones says that the problem comes from a subdivision developed by Curtis Hogan in 2000 and a culver pipe of Mr. Erfman installed in 2011, which made it worse by blocking water from flowing downhill. Mr. Erfman said that he disagrees and that Mr. Jones has a landscaping problem on his own property that causes the ponding. After hearing the comments the commissioners contend that there is an obstruction and it is unintentional. The old drain tile cannot handle the water coming off houses and driveways from the subdivision. County Surveyor had previously said that Mr. Jones can remove the unintentional obstruction at his own expense. Mr. Gillespie also stated there is another part of the law that allows all property owners to share in the expense. The Commissioners have asked that Mr. Gillespie and County Engineer Ted Cooley to determine the cost of repair work and what the percentage would be for all homeowners would share. This was then tabled until June 30. There will be 3 options to discuss: an open ditch, a larger drainage tile or a 2 foot storm drain with 250 feet of outlet to a creek. The Drainage Board will notify property owners of a public meeting before final action is taken. A motion was made by Tom Linkel to close the meeting and 2nd by Scott McDonough. Motion carried.

The Commissioners meeting was reopened.

SEIRPC – Susan Craig – presented the Commissioners with the most recent brochure and information. She stated that the bad news is there are fewer federal and state grants available to help rural towns and counties. In 2009 SIRPC helped communities in securing \$19.5 million in grants and this dropped to \$566,000 in 2014. She asked the commissioners to submit different ideas to SEIRPC for the five-year strategic plan. Commissioner Wilson stated that the highway department is in desperate need of a new maintenance garage. Also Ms. Craig noted that the Town of Brookville received a \$40,000 grant for the 2014 Comprehensive Plan.

Ted Cooley – Bids were opened for Covered Bridges #73 and 102 from Leising Excavating and Copperhead Excavating with the bid being awarded to Copperhead in the amount of \$5,000.00. The Commissioners approved to hire a contractor to repair the embankment slide on Hamburg Road. Bridge 163 – Oldenburg Bridge – approval was made to do milling, sandblasting and sealing and the work to begin in July.

Minutes – a motion was made by Tom Linkel to approve the previous minutes and 2nd by Scott McDonough. Motion carried.

Clerk/Treasurer – a motion was made by Scott McDonough and 2nd by Tom Linkel to acknowledge receipt of the Clerk and Treasurers report. Motion carried.

Brookville Town Council – a letter was received stating the 1978 communication agreement was being terminated. The commissioners stated they are ready to split from sharing the 911 communication service with the Town. Commissioner Wilson is compiling information to determine how much of the 911 taxes from residents of Brookville. Attorney Worth advised that one commissioner should deal with one representative from the town so that negotiations could be done without holding an open door meeting.

Payroll – a motion was made by Scott McDonough to approve payroll and 2nd by Tom Wilson. Motion carried.

Vacating Roads – discussion was held concerning the vacating of old county roads and County Surveyor Joe Gillespie is doing an inventory of the old unmaintained roads, stating there are possibly 100. If someone doesn't want the old road vacated they can contact the surveyor.

Ordinance 2014-13 – Door to Door. The old ordinance 2013-03 was amended to include a section that allows solicitation to occur or be permitted during the hours of 9:00am to 7:00pm Monday through Friday and solicitation is not permitted on Saturday or Sunday.

Ordinance 2014-14 – a motion was made to amend 2013-21 – collection of fees - the Auditor's office is designated as the Violations Clerk of the OVB.

Ordinance 2014-15 – a motion was made to amend 2013-18 permitting fees to be paid shall be: \$20.00 for a bona fide resident of Franklin County and \$40.00 for non –residents of Franklin County. Any one that applies for the first time will be charged a fee and it will be good for 2 years. All fees are to be paid to Auditors Office.

Waiving fees – The commissioner voted unanimously to no longer waive permit fees for non-profits and governmental agencies. Commissioner McDonough stated if the group has money to build, they have money to pay a fee. We don't have money to give away to charity.

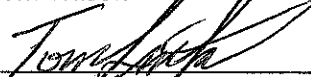
Adjourn – no further business a motion was made by Tom Wilson to adjourn and 2nd by Scott McDonough. Motion carried.

Others in attendance: Tom Shannon, Tim George, Susan Craig, Carolyn Erfman, Jerry Erfman, Sara Duffy Donnie Jones, Sean Berns and Kate Green. The names are spelled correctly according to the sign in sheet.

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Tom Wilson



Tom Linkel



Scott McDonough

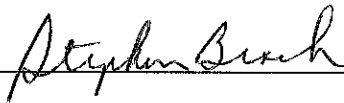
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Attest:



Stephen Brack, Auditor

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