

LOWER FRANKFORD TOWNSHIP

March 5, 2024

Monthly Meeting

**Rollcall**

Jim Burkholder – Present (Chairman Board of Supervisors)  
James Heishman – Present (Vice Chairman Board of Supervisors)  
David Bachman – Present (Supervisor - Roadmaster)  
Karen Heishman – Present (Secretary/Treasurer/Manager)  
Pam Burkholder – Not Present (Tax Collector)  
Ed Franco – Present (Chairman Planning Commission)  
Keith Senecal – Not Present (Vice Chairman Planning Commission)  
Hubert Gilroy – Not Present (Solicitor)  
Greg Alleman – Not Present (Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer)  
Donna Yarlett – Not Present (Chairman Board of Auditors)  
Debbie Starner – Not Present (Secretary Board of Auditors)

**Previous Minutes:** James made a motion to approve the February meeting minutes, second by David and passed with an all-in-favor vote.

**Treasurers Report:** The attached treasurer's report for February was approved with a motion by James, second by David and passed with an all-in-favor vote.

**Motion to Pay Current Bills:** A list of outstanding bills was presented to the BOS. James made a motion to pay the current bills, second by David and passed with an all-in-favor vote.

**Planning Commission Report:** No report.

**Code Enforcement Report:** No report.

**Roadmaster Report:** Plowed 4 inches snow on February 13<sup>th</sup> and seven inches on snow on February 17<sup>th</sup>. Cleaned up downed trees from the heavy snow and wind.

**Building & Grounds Report:** No report.

**Equipment Report:** Cleaned the salt off of the trucks and began spring maintenance.

**C. O. G. Report:** Representative Barb Gleim, 199<sup>th</sup> District, reported that the Food Processing Residual Resolutions (FPR) work group has been making great strides. The first step is to update the FPR manual. The FPRs will be divided into two categories, good and bad. More stringent guidelines, similar to bio-solids regulations, will be placed on the bad FPRs. The haulers will be required to have a nutrient management plan. They will also be required to inject into the ground and only apply at certain times. County Conservation Districts will be charged with the permitting and oversight of FPRs. There is also digester legislation in the House. The FPRs will be placed in a digester and the methane would be pumped off of the top. The bi-partisan bill should be written by the end of this month. Barb was questioned who is responsible for any FPRs spilled on the roadways. The hauler is responsible. Barb also mentioned that there is a bi-partisan bill that will

protect PA Farmlands from foreign adversaries. Over thirty states have already adopted this legislation. Barb said that Cumberland County's intellectually disabled waivers were approved. We will be getting twenty-four new consolidated waivers and twelve non-consolidated waivers.

LTAP Classes have been scheduled Drainage: The Key to Road that Last 3/13/2024, and Traffic Signs Basics 3/14/2024.

Karen mentioned that in addition to the four LTAP classes that were held this winter, several municipalities expressed interest in Roadside Safety Features V, Stop Signs & Intersection Traffic Controls, and Temporary Traffic Controls. These classes could be scheduled for next fall or early winter if there is enough interest. Kevin said he would prefer delaying until early 2025, everyone else will check with their road crews and report back at the next meeting.

**Correspondence:** Kirk Stoner emailed the Township saying "South Middleton Township asked Cumberland County if it was interested in joining them and other municipalities financially, in a coalition to research and investigate the legal, regulatory, and political framework for Food Processing Residuals in the county and work with legislators and other stakeholders to find positive solutions to the concerns expressed by our residents. South Middleton Township has retained Salzmann Hughes, a local law firm with extensive environmental law experience, to serve as counsel for the effort. The Cumberland County Board of Commissioners acted today at their finance meeting to negotiate a contract with Salzmann Hughes to participate in this FPR coalition with South Middleton Township and other municipalities. The initial cost of the engagement is \$34,500, a number that would be divided among the participating municipalities and the county through cost sharing agreements.

I would encourage all of you experiencing FPR issues in your municipality to consider joining this coalition. In the past several weeks, legislators and the Secretary of Agriculture have all talked about the need for action and have begun discussing conceptual solutions. Now is the time to act. The coalition that is forming will provide a unified, loud voice to help shape future FPR legislation and regulatory efforts, ensuring that proposed fixes actually work. In 2022, a similar countywide coalition was formed to successfully defeat the South Bridge Tolling initiative. This issue offers similar opportunity for us to unite and affect positive change for our community.

If you are interested in learning more about the coalition, please contact Cory Adams, South Middleton Township Manager, who is copied on this email. He can provide all the details on how to participate and the scope of work for the engagement."

**Unfinished Business:** Kim Falvey said that David's revised Memo of Understanding with the Cumberland County Conservation District did not include required information.

Karen reached out to Hubert Gilroy about a snow/mailbox policies. He posting the policy on the website.

**New Business:** Donna Yarlett presented the 2023 Auditor's Report. James made a motion to accept the auditor's report, second by David and passed with an all-in-favor vote. James thanked Donna and Debbie for doing the 2023 audit.

Karen presented Resolution FPR 2024-05 to the BOS. This resolution urges support from State Legislators, Cumberland County Commissions, Department of Environmental Protection, and the Department of Agriculture to update regulations and provide stricter guidelines for the use of food procession residuals. James made a motion to sign Resolution FPR 2024-05, second by David and the passed with an all-in-favor vote.

The BOS discussed ordering signs to be placed at the Kayak/Canoe Rack at Opossum Lake. The PA Fish and Boat rules state the all kayaks and canoes must be removed by the end of October.

**Persons to be Heard:** Tony Fitting, 116 Clover Lane, mentioned that the gutters along Burgers Road from Mount Zion Road to UMH Trailer Park need cleaned out. Heavy rains cause flooding onto the roadways because the gutters are full of dirt.

Jill Hair, 7 Waterloo Road, asked the BOS if there has been update from PennDOT about the traffic study requested for Old Mill Road. Ron from PennDOT's Highway Occupancy Department has not given the Township any updates. Jill also asked if the Township has an ordinance regulating the use of jake brakes, and if not could one be considered. James said we do not currently have such an ordinance, but he would look into finding a sample ordinance that could be considered for adoption.

Wilmer Baker, 430 Run Road, request that the Township to install an alarm system for the pipeline to allow residents to know there is a rupture in the pipe. Mr. Baker stated that for the first time in many years, his amphibians are back in the creek behind his house. However he is still requesting the Attorney General test his well water.

**Motion to Adjourn:** James made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by David and passed with an all-in-favor vote.