

December 21, 2021

The Franklin Township Supervisors met on the above date at the Franklin Township Administration Building located at 889 Fairyland Road. Township Officials present were Supervisors Jason Frey, Robin Cressley, and Barbara Beltz; and Secretary-Treasurer Brenda Cressley. A list of others in attendance at the meeting is attached to the Minute Book. Chairman Frey called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Approval of Minutes –

Robin Cressley made a motion approving the minutes from the November 16, 2021 Township Meeting. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary's Report –

There will be changes in Garbage Collection Pick-up for Christmas & New Year's Day, the changes are as follows:

Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup> collection will be Thursday, December 23, 2021

Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup> collection will be Thursday, December 30, 2021

Announced that Christmas Trees can be disposed of at the Phifer's Ice Dams Park using the Penn St. entrance beginning Sunday, December 26, 2021 until January 31, 2022.

Announced: the Organization Meeting will be held on Monday, January 3, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. with the January regular Monthly Township Board of Supervisors Meeting to follow at 6:00 p.m.

Treasurer's Report – Barbara Beltz moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Robin Cressley. Motion carried unanimously.

Zoning Report - Zoning Officer Paul Jarrett submitted his report from 11/22/21- 12/13/21 Revenue from Zoning Permits: \$620.85. Variance application fees - \$0.00. A detailed monthly report showing the hours spent on zoning matters was also submitted.

UCC Building Code Official – Received report from Paul Jarrett, Building Code Officer from 11/22/21-12/13/21. Total fees turned in: \$263.50.

Fire Chief's Report - Received the November, 2021 reports for the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company and the Franklin Township Fire Police. Copies are on file.

Police Reports- Chief of Police, Jason Doll submitted the police criminal activity report from 11/14/21-12/11/21. Copy is on file

Central Carbon Municipal Authority – Ronald Solt submitted the Central Carbon Municipal Authority's minutes from their November 15, 2021 meeting, along with the 2022 Budget.

SEO Report- Franklin Township's Sewer Enforcement Officer (SEO), Scott Bieber submitted his report from 10/1/21 – 11/30/21. Total fees received: \$2,975.00

All reports were approved as submitted.

**Communications –**

Received the 2020 Audit Report of Franklin Township's Liquid Fuels Tax Fund from the Pa Dept. of Auditor General with no findings reported; Completed Act 44 Disclosure Forms received from Ron Bittner from Girard Pension Services and Randee Sokel from Beyer Barber Company regarding the Police Pension Fund; Email from Chris Evans, Director of Public and Individual Recovery Assistance Office-PEMA Re: FEMA Public Assistance for the IDA Storm Event, informing Carbon County they were not able to demonstrate to FEMA that Carbon exceeded your the \$254k threshold for Public Assistance and that the PennDot Infrastructure bank is available to fund loans at 0% interest to help with road repairs from TD Ida; Emails: NEPA, PSATS News Bulletin, DEP, PSATS Grassroots, and LTAP

**Citizen Participation-**

Township Resident Ed Kocserha to suggest that if motorists have to slow down for first responders, and road construction areas by law, there should be the same law for roadways in a residential area that are 25 miles or less when they see people who are walking with their children or pets they should have to slow down to ½ of the posted speed limit. Atty. Nanovic said he would have to look into if we would be able to create such a law and if our police officers would be able to enforce the law.

**Unfinished Business-**

Barbara Beltz made a motion to retroactively approve Officer David Roberts attendance at the Pasic Certification Classes that were held at the Penn State Campus on November 16, 17, & 18, 2021. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**New Business -**

Robin Cressley made a motion giving final approval to the 2022 budget for all funds (General Fund, State Fund, (Liquid Fuels), Sewer Operating Fund, Recreation Fund, Fire Hydrant Fund, Road Equipment Fund, Capital Project Garbage Collection Equipment, Capital Reserve Police Vehicle & Equipment Fund; Capital Reserve Building Fund; and Capital Reserve Employee Benefits Fund. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Frey noted that there will be no tax increase, as the Township stayed within its budget and said there has been no tax increase since 2010.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-11 setting the Tax Rates for the fiscal year 2022. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-12 setting the Garbage Collection rates for 2022, with no increase in the garbage collection fees. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-13 adding the Police Department to enforce the Stormwater Management Plan Ordinance. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business Cont'd-

Robin Cressley made a motion to have a Police Officer enforce the Stormwater Ordinance regarding Rock Street. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to approve the extension of the Declaration of Disaster regarding Covid-19 until March 31, 2022. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve the request from Officer Frank Buonaiuto to receive Act 17 benefits regarding Covid-19, (11/29/21- 12/3/21). Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Frey presented outgoing Supervisor Barbara Beltz with a Plaque, Certificate of appreciation from PSATS, and a Gift Certificate.

Public – Questions/Comments - None

Questions from the Press - None

Barbara Beltz made a motion for her final time to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda Cressley, Secretary-Treasurer