

November 17, 2020

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, Barbara Beltz, and Secretary Brenda Cressley. An attendance sheet listing all others present is attached to the Minute Book. Chairman Jason Frey called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Robin Cressley made a motion approving the minutes from the October 20, 2020 Township Meeting. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion approving the minutes from the November 3, 2020 meeting with the UGI representatives. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion approving the minutes from the November 10, 2020 & November 12, 2020 Budget Workshop Meetings. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary's Report –

Reported there would be no change in the garbage collection for the Thanksgiving Holiday. The Supervisors were invited to sign the final steel beam for the new St. Luke's Carbon Campus Hospital, they went to sign the beam on November 11, 2020.

Treasurer's Report – Robin Cressley made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Zoning Report - Zoning Officer Tracy Herman submitted her report from 10/14/20 through 11/16/20. Revenue from Zoning Permits: \$888.90. Variance application fees- \$0.00 (Copies are on file)

UCC Building Code Official - Received report from Paul Jarrett, Building Code Officer from 10/14/20 through 11/16/20. Administrative fees turned in with report: \$200.00 (Copies are on file)

Fire Chief's Report - Fire Chief Lynn Diehl submitted the October, 2020 report for the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Co. and Francis Kresge submitted the October 2020 report for the Fire Police. Copies are on file.

Police Report- Chief Jason Doll submitted the Police report from 10/4/20-10/31/20.

Central Carbon Municipal Authority – October 19, 2020 Meeting Minutes, along with a copy of the budget for 2021.

Franklin Township Lions Club Report- Franklin Township Lions Newsletter for November 2020 was submitted.

Communications –

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; Emails from PSATS News Bulletin, DEP, and LTAP.

Citizen Participation –

Woody Frey was present to ask for the Supervisors advice on how to proceed with his intentions to add storage units to his property located on Franklin Road. He is proposing to construct three (3) additional storage buildings. He plans on doing a Land Development plans that would show how he plans on controlling the stormwater. His question is will he have to also apply for a variance. The Supervisors advised Mr. Frey to talk to the Zoning Officer first to find out what the violations will be and then apply for a variance. If and when a variance is granted he can then submit the Land Development Plans.

Resident Larry Williams was present to share his concerns on the ongoing speeding problem. He was at the township meeting last month and was happy to report the speeding problem seemed to be under control but that is no longer the case. Mr. Williams stated he was seeing more police patrols but lately he has not noticed patrol cars as much. The Supervisors all agreed they were hoping for better numbers in this month's police report. Supervisor Cressley said he would have another talk with Chief Doll and go from there. The mobile speed limit sign will continue to be moved around to different locations to help curtail the speeding issues.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business:

Robin Cressley made a motion to tentatively adopt the 2021 budget for all funds (General Fund, State (Liquid Fuels) Fund, Sewer Operating Fund, Recreation Fund, Fire Hydrant Fund, Road Equipment Fund, Capital Project Garbage Collection Equipment Fund, Capital Reserve Police Vehicle and Equipment Fund; Capital Reserve Building Fund; and Capital Reserve Employee Benefit Fund). Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Frey noted the Supervisors were able to increase the Fire Company's annual contribution by \$4,000.00 and also stated there will be no tax increase for the year of 2021 and no increase in the garbage collection fees.

Barbara Beltz made a motion authorizing the Secretary to advertise the Boards' intent to hire Independent Auditors to Audit all Township 2020's Accounts. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-13 establishing the criteria (Exhibit "A") under the Volunteer Service Credit Program needed for the Volunteer Tax Credit Ordinance. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to authorize Girard Pension Services as Trustee to adjust retired police officer Thomas Beltz's COLA at a rate of 1.3% effective January 1, 2021. Jason Frey seconded the motion. Motion carried. Barbara Beltz abstained due to her relationship with Thomas Beltz causing a conflict of interest.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-15 Appendix C- Disposition of Sara J. Keiser Tax Collector various records as stated in this Resolution from 2010-2017.

Citizen Questions/Comments -

Larry Williams asked if the recycling program is over and done with or are the Supervisors still trying to bring it back. Chairman Frey said they would like to eventually have a recycling program. Right now there are not many options. They have made telephone calls to different businesses but no one responded to their calls. They plan on re-visiting their options in the future.

Questions from the Press:

Terry Ahner asked if there was any news on the Intermunicipal Agreement with Parryville. Atty. Thomas Nanovic stated he had a productive meeting with Atty. Frycklund, Mr. Bennett and Atty. Feinberg. He was waiting to hear from Atty. Frycklund after the Parryville Borough Council meeting was held to see if they approved the agreement.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Brenda Cressley,
Secretary-Treasurer