

November 16, 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, 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 19, 2021 Township Meeting. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion approving the minutes from the November 9, 2021 Budget Workshop Meetings. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion approving the minutes from the November 10, 2021 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.

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

Zoning Report - Zoning Officer Paul Jarrett submitted his report from 10/4/21 through 10/25/21. Revenue from Zoning Permits: \$349.00. Variance application fees- \$1,000.00 – Christopher Wentz (Copies are on file)

UCC Building Code Official - Received report from Paul Jarrett, Building Code Officer from 10/4/21 through 10/25/21. Administrative fees turned in with report: \$268.00 (Copies are on file)

Fire Chief's & Fire Police Reports – The October, 2021 monthly report was submitted for Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company and the October 2021 monthly report was submitted for the Franklin Township Fire Police. Copies are on file.

Police Report- Chief Jason Doll submitted the Police report from 10/17/21-11/13/21.

Central Carbon Municipal Authority – October 18, 2021 meeting minutes, along with a copy of the budget for 2022.

Franklin Township Lions Club Report- No newsletter was received.

Communications –

Girard Pension Services submitted the third quarter investment reports from July 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021 for the Franklin Township Police Pension Plan; A copy of the paid invoice received from Girard for services rendered regarding the Police Pension Plan; (Supervisors each received copies of the third quarter reports); Received a revised/updated 2022 MMO based on the January 1, 2021 Valuation Report from the original given to the Township that was only on actuarial assumption that occurred since the 2019 Valuation was prepared so we could meet the deadline of September 30, 2021; Copy of the Draft Individual Permit letter (dated 10/25/21) sent to Kevin Smeltz from Tim Craven, Synagro re: Eisenhower's permit to use biosolids by land application; 2021 Annual NEPA Report; Emails from PSATS News Bulletin, DEP, and LTAP. Per Chief Doll, Dave Roberts will be attending a mandatory Pasic Certification Course (No Fee- November 16, 17, & 18 2021) Please note we were not notified early enough to have this placed on the November's agenda.

Citizen Participation –

Steven Frei was present to ask the Board of Supervisors about a property that is for sale located along Long Run Rd and Gerald Drive known as Lot #3 Subdivision from 2008. He wanted to know if this piece of property would be eligible to be subdivided in the future. The Supervisors suggested that he retain an engineer and possibly an attorney to help him find out if the property could be subdivided. Mr. Frei noted there is a fifty foot (50 foot) access road available to get onto the property but it is not completed.

Unfinished Business - NoneNew Business:

Barbara Beltz made a motion to tentatively adopt the 2022 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). Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Frey stated there will be no tax increase for the year of 2022 and no increase in the garbage collection fees.

Robin Cressley made a motion authorizing the Secretary to advertise the Boards' intent to hire Independent Auditors to Audit all Township 2021's Accounts. 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 5.9% effective January 1, 2022. 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 accept the revised MMO Payment Presentation for the Police Pension Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for 2022. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (The change/revision is from \$44,850.00 to 50,522.00 an increase of \$5,672.00)

Robin Cressley made a motion approving Girard Pension Services to pay the invoice received for the preparation of the 1/1/21 Actuarial Valuation and Report along with the preparation of the Act 205 Form out of the Police Pension Plan. (Amount of Invoice- \$3,950.00) Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to approve the request for the Franklin Township Fire Police to assist with traffic control for the Lights at the Lake located at the Mauch Chunk Lake Park during the month of December, 2021. The request is from Raising the House Committee. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Tom Nanovic requested an Executive Session to be held with the Board of Supervisors after the meeting is adjourned.

Citizen Questions/Comments - None

Questions from the Press: None

Barbara Beltz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Brenda Cressley,
Secretary-Treasurer