

June 18, 2019

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, Secretary-Treasurer Brenda Neeb. 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.

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2019 Township Meeting. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary's Report – The Secretary announced there will be no change for the July 4, 2019 garbage collection.

Reminder- this Sunday, June 23rd the Dedication for the Veteran's Memorial will be held at 1:00 p.m. at the Phifer's Ice Dam Park afterwards enjoy the entertainment and food sponsored by the Franklin Township Lions' Club.

Reminder to all Franklin Township Residents please do not place any kind of plastic bags in the recycling dumpsters; also absolutely no trash should be placed in the recycling bins.

Chairman Frey added he went through the bins to remove the plastic bags and he had a ½ of a pick-up truck load of filled plastic bags. He said the Township was charged contamination fees that were over \$2,000.00 last month. He asked to please dump your recyclables out of the plastic bags into the bins and take the plastic bags with. He said there was recycling materials he found from Towamensing, Lower Towamensing, and Penn Forest residents, and noted people who live in Beltzville Lake Heights are not Franklin Township Residents and cannot use the recycling bins. The recycling bins located on Fairyland Road are for Franklin Township residents only.

Supervisor Cressley added the Township cannot afford contamination fees of \$2,000.00 extra each month and is afraid that if the people cannot abide by the rules in place we may lose our recycling center all together.

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

Zoning Report – Zoning Officer Tracy Herman submitted her report from 5/16/19 through 6/15/19. Revenue from Zoning Permits: \$1,425.04. No Variance Applications submitted.

Tracy noted she passed inspection of the Lehighon Scrap Recycling Junkyard located on Fairview Street and State Road. She also gave the status of the zoning complaints that were received.

UCC Building Code Official – Received report from Lehigh Valley Inspection Services from 5/16/19 to 6/15/19. Administrative fees turned in with report: \$300.00

Fire Chief's Report – Fire Chief Lynn Diehl submitted the May, 2019 report for the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Co. #1, as well as for the Fire Police. Copies are on file.

Police Reports – Acting Chief Jason Doll submitted reports from (5/19/19-6/15/19)

Central Carbon Municipal Authority – Received minutes from the April 15, 2019 and May 20, 2019 CCMA meeting minutes. Copies are on file.

Franklin Township Lions – Received June 2019 report/newsletter. Copy is on file.

Communications-

Received the Recorded Deed to the Christman Ballfield Property; Letter from DEP that the land Application of Bio solids for the Dwight Eisenhower Farm was approved and were verified that they have complied with the permit requirements for first-time land application; Email was received from Wendy Gordon informing the Township the E-cycling Event went well they were able to stay until 12:00 p.m. and left with a full truckload; A notice from PPL was given to the Township Residents that work will begin within the next two weeks to replace the power line that is on or near their property; (approx. dates- June 26, 2019 – December 2019); NEPA, PSATS, DEP, LTAP,

Presentation- Chairman Jason Frey presented the annual contribution check of \$36,000.00 to Fire Chief Lynn Diehl representing the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company. The Board of Supervisors thanked Fire Chief Lynn Diehl and the Volunteer Fire Company for the excellent service they provide to our township and its residents.

Citizen Participation-

Township Resident Donald Dorward Sr. was present to voice his concerns he has regarding the condition of the road on Rock Street. He said the culvert is blocked and is causing a water problems. He also said the stone basin needs to be cleaned. He said he understands the road crew has a lot to take care of but he feels the blocked culvert should be put at the top of their list to avoid any traffic accident that might occur.

New Business-

Barbara Beltz made a motion to approve the Junkyard Permit Application for Zaprazny (JME Land Inc.-DBA Lehighton Scrap Recycling. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (Copy is on file)

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve the amended application for the Evergreen Road Phase II Project (Carbon County Conservation District's Dirt and Gravel/Low Volume Road Grant) Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion (pending approval of the amended application from the Carbon County Conservation District's Dirt and Gravel/Low Volume Road Grant) to request per regulations allowance fifty percent of \$9,898.00 (\$4,949.00) in advance to begin the Phase II Evergreen Road Project. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to end Franklin Township Employee #74 probationary period as of July 1, 2019. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to hire a full-time Road Crew employee beginning July 8, 2019 at the starting rate of \$15.25 per hour. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Chairman Frey abstained from the motion, noting he was an applicant for the position.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to approve the request from the Franklin Township Lions Club to have the Franklin Township Fire Police assist with parking and traffic control on June 23, 2019, for the Veterans Memorial Ceremony and concert to be held at the Phifer's Ice Dam Park, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion approving the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company's request to assist/standby at the Sunny Rest Resort for their annual Fireworks display to be held on July 6, 2019. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to approve Franklin Township Fire Chief's request for the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company members to participate in the Mahanoy City Fire Company's parade on June 21, 2019 and Tuscarora Fire Company's parade on July 27, 2019. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to advertise Ordinance 2019-02 (allowing for Emergency Services on Right-of-Ways located within the Township. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to approve the request for the Lehighon Band to hold two free summer concerts at the Phifer's Ice Dam Park on July 13, 2019 and August 15, 2019. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Supervisors noted the request is approved with the time of the concert to begin at 7:00 p.m. and end by 8:30 p.m. due to lighting.

St.Luke's representative was present to update the Board of Supervisors on the progress being made regarding the St. Luke's Blue Mountain Hospital Land Development Plans. Bob Martin (Sr. Vice President for St. Luke's University Health Network) began with an update of the water line progress. They will be replacing a section in downtown Lehighon next year and their hope is to begin construction of the extension to the water line sometime this fall. They will be installing six (6) new Fire Hydrants along Fairyland Road, He said the residents who live along Fairyland Road will be given the option to connect to the water line. Mr. Martin said if the property owners choose to connect to the water line they will have to pay the Lehighon Water Authority directly.

New Business Cont'd-

Mr. Martin said they recently received the NPDES Permit from the Carbon County Conservation District and hope to receive the Highway Occupancy Permit (HOP) from PennDot next month. They are waiting on the approval of the Developer's Agreement. Chairman Frey, responded that there are a few changes/additions one being the contribution will need to be noted in the agreement to include monetary funds for General Use, Police Department and the Volunteer Fire Company.

Mr. Martin asked that the township pass a resolution that is needed to accompany their application for the traffic signal approval at the Route 209 and Harrity Road, concerning the timing of the traffic light.

St. Luke's goal is to hold a groundbreaking ceremony September- October. Their goal is to open the new hospital in 2021.

Motion made not on the agenda:

Chairman Frey called for a motion regarding the Resolution needed to accompany their application for traffic signal application.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to approve the requested resolution for the traffic signal application from St. Luke's Hospital pending comments and approval from the Township's engineer Greg Haas. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Frey asked for any comments regarding this motion. No comments were made.

Public Comment: None

Questions from the Press: None

Barbara Beltz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Brenda Neeb,
Secretary-Treasurer