

October 18, 2022

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 Fred Kemmerer, Robin Cressley, and Jason Frey; and Secretary Brenda Cressley. A list of others in attendance is attached to the Minute Book. Chairman, Fred Kemmerer 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 –

Having received no additions or corrections from the September 20, 2022 Township Meeting minutes, Robin Cressley made a motion approving the minutes as submitted. Jason Frey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Having received no additions or corrections from the September 29, 2022 Township Workshop Meeting minutes, Robin Cressley made a motion approving the minutes as submitted. Jason Frey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary's Report-

The Carbon County Planning & Development Office held their 2nd Public Virtual Hearing meeting on September 27, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. for the use of the CDBG FY2022. Jennifer Hunsicker announced the CDBG FY 2022 money will be used for the drainage improvements to Red Hill Road Phase 2 in the amount of \$ 80,758.00.

Change in Garbage Collection Pick-Up for Veteran's Day:

Friday, November 11th Pick-Up is changed to Thursday, November 10th

Reminder Trick or Treat night is on October 26, 2022 from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Workshop Meeting was held on Thursday, September 29, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the new proposed township administration & police building.

Interviews were held on Thursday, October 6, 2022 beginning at 6:00 p.m. to hire two part-time Road/Garbage Crew employees.

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

Zoning Report - Zoning Officer Paul Jarrett submitted his report from 9/10/22- 10/9/22. Revenue from Zoning Permits: \$1,456.80; Variance application fees - \$0.00. Copies are on file.

UCC Building Code Official - Received report from Paul Jarrett, Building Code Officer from 9/10/22-10/9/22. Administrative fees turned in with report: \$1,785.50. Copies are on file.

Fire Chief's Report - Received the October 2022 report for the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company, as well as for the Fire Police. Copies are on file.

Police Report- Received the police report from 9/4/22-10/1/22

Road Foreman Report- Time sheets were provided (9/4/22-9/17/22), (9/18/22-10/1/22), (10/2/22-10/15/22)

Central Carbon Municipal Authority – Meeting minutes from September 19, 2022.

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve all reports as submitted. Jason Frey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Communications –

Received the allocated State Aid Money in the amount of \$82,887.22 (2021- \$76,756.52- \$6,130.70 more this year) which helps to defray the costs of the Police Pension and Non-Uniformed Pension Plan. Portion of the State Aid used to help pay \$54,956.00 for the Non-Uniformed Pension Plan (8 members) and \$44,850.00 for the Police Pension Plan (5 members) for the year of 2022; Received the Commonwealth's 2022 state aid check from the Volunteer Fire Relief Association in the amount of \$25,875.44 (2021- \$20,889.18): difference of \$4,986.26 more to aid the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company; We received the 2022 the 3rd Quarter Aggregate Report for the period of 7/1/22 thru 9/30/22 from Nationwide/Girard Pension Services; Received notice of the ESTIMATED Liquid Fuels allocation for 2023 is \$221,982.64 (2022- \$217,942.74: (\$4,039.90 more); Annual Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Status report- 7/1/22-6/30/22; the annual PURTA (Public Utility Realty Tax) check for the year 2022- (\$1,426.13); Signed Act 44 Disclosure form from Nationwide/Girard Pension Services regarding the police pension from Ronald Bittner; Signed Act 44 Disclosure form from Foster & Foster regarding the police pension from Laura Prego; Emails: NEPA Annual 2022 Report, PSATS, LTAP

Citizen Participation:

Joseph Rentko & Wayne Knirschild were in attendance representing the new owners of 1500 Rock Street formerly known as RelaxNation Resort & Campground. They came to ask the Supervisors for their opinions of their idea and if it would fit the Township's needs and be acceptable. They presented to the Board preliminary plans named "Townhouses at Rock Street". The new owners would like to develop this parcel to create a townhome development with approximately 71 units within 16 Townhome Buildings. They are currently undecided if the proposed townhouses would be serviced by the existing community on lot sewage treatment system or if they would connect to the central sewer system. They are also undecided if the townhouses would be privately owned or rented out. Lastly they may include additional recreation and walking spaces as well.

Citizen Participation Cont'd:

All three supervisors thought the plans were a good idea but had a few areas of concerns as follows: Would like input from neighboring property owners, prefers owning the townhouse as opposed to renting out, the on lot sewer system is in question, would like to see a plan for the entire use of the property including the existing campgrounds. Stormwater plans would need to be approved, and concerns with the traffic access on and off of Rock Street, Access road would have to meet Township specs even though it will be a private road. Overall, the plan is a better option than cabins etc., that could lead to short term rentals which the township would prefer to keep from occurring.

Representatives from St. Luke's were present to inform the Supervisors to their knowledge everything needed to satisfy the St. Luke's Medical Office Building's Land Development Plans and Developer's Agreement were completed. They received their USDA grant funding and are currently preparing the bid packets and hope to award the bid by the end of December.

Unfinished Business-

Fred Kemmerer made a motion to give final approval to the St. Luke's Medical Office Building Land Development Plans. Jason Frey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (Tentative approval was given to St. Luke's Medical Office Building land Development Plans at the September 20, 2022 meeting. (Ashley Caldwell, Steve Boell, and Scott Pasterski were present).

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve the St. Luke's Developer's Agreement. Jason Frey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business-

Jason Frey made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-18, Implement Act 57 of 2022 Property Tax Penalty Waiver Provisions. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Fred Kemmerer made a motion to accept the resignation letter from Michael Quinn as a member of the Franklin Township Planning Commission. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Fred Kemmerer made a motion to terminate Road Crew Employee #101 retro-active to September 26, 2022. Jason Frey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to hire Roger Strohl as a full-time Road Crew/Garbage Crew employee beginning October 17, 2022. Jason Frey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to accept Shawn Yeakel's resignation letter effective 10/28/22, along with Chairman Kemmerer's request to follow up with a resignation questionnaire/exit interview. Jason Frey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Jason Frey made a motion to accept Alex Hawk's resignation letter effective 10/28/22, along with Chairman Kemmerer's request to follow up with a resignation questionnaire/exit interview. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Fred Kemmerer made a motion to approve the request from Palmerton Borough to have the Franklin Township Fire Police assist with traffic control retroactive from Sunday, October, 16, 2022, (October 17, 2022 rain date) for the Palmerton's Halloween Parade. Jason Frey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Jason Frey made a motion to approve the Medical Loss Rebate that Franklin Township received in the amount of \$17,427.98 to be applied towards the 2022 Highmark Monthly Premiums. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Noted 2021's rebate was in the amount of \$10,232.21 (\$7,195.77 more in 2022).

New Business-

Jason Frey made a motion to approve the bids placed on Municibid ending October 17, 2022 as follows: Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

2004 Crown Victoria - \$360.00

1968 Single Axle Dump truck -Diamond REO - \$925.00

1968 Case Loader W-7 - \$1,500.00

Pull Behind Deck Mower - \$235.00

Pull Behind 4 foot Deck Mower -\$360.00

Chairman Kemmerer commented this has been a collaborated effort to clean up and you can see a big improvement on the township property. There has been a lot of scrap metal removed as well. He would hope the entire township will follow suit.

Robin Cressley made a motion to accept feasibility report provided by Carbon Engineering, Michael Tirpak, for the Hobby Shop (903 Fairyland Road). Jason Frey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Jason Frey made a motion to have Carbon Engineering complete a demo contract to demolish the Hobby Shop located at 903 Fairyland Road. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-19 – Policy Regarding Discussion of Personnel Matters. Jason Frey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Questions-

Bruce Steigerwalt was present to ask the Supervisors questions regarding our Stormwater Ordinance (2021- 03). He also asked if he could have permission to ask Atty. Nanovic a question on the Developer's Agreement. Supervisors said yes.

Questions from the Press -

Robin Cressley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:00 p.m. Jason Frey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully,

Brenda Cressley, Secretary