

August 15, 2017

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 Rod Green, Robin Cressley, and Barbara Beltz, Zoning Officer and UCC Inspector, Carl Faust; and Secretary-Treasurer Brenda Neeb. A list of others in attendance is attached to the Minute Book. Chairman Green 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 –

Barbara Beltz made a motion approving the minutes from the July 18, 2017 Township Meeting. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary's Report-

The Secretary announced there would be a change for Labor Day's garbage collection. Monday, September 4th will be picked up on Tuesday, September 5, 2017. Reminder we are now accepting credit cards, convenience fees will apply. (MasterCard, Visa, Discover)

The Secretary announced that the Supervisors will be conducting a review of the Franklin Township Agricultural Security Area in the near future.

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

Zoning Report - Zoning Officer Carl Faust submitted his reports from July 19, 2017- August 15, 2017. Revenue from Zoning Permits: \$369.20 Variance application fees - \$0.00. Copies are on file.

UCC Building Code Official - Received report from Carl Faust, Building Code Officer from July 19, 2017 to August 15, 2017. Administrative fees turned in with report: \$78.30. Copies are on file.

Fire Chief's Report - Received the July, 2017 report for the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company #1, as well as for the Fire Police. Copies are on file.

Police Report- No report given

Central Carbon Municipal Authority –No report given

Franklin Township Lions Club- August 2017 Newsletter

Communications –

Univest Municipal Pension Services submitted the second quarter report ending in June 30, 2017, the Scope of Services document outlining the services rendered by our Police Pension Plan and the revenues paid by Univest (each Supervisor received a copy); Email from Fire Chief Lynn Diehl stating as part of this year's State Fire Grant they are outfitting the balance of the hydrants located in Franklin Township with 5" Storz fittings. Copy of email is on file. Additional emails from NEPA, PSATS, DEP, and LTAP.

Citizen Participation:

Chris Storm, District Manager Carbon County Conservation District was present to update the Dirt & Gravel Low Volume Road Program. He explained the program is to enhance and improve drainage on existing dirt roads with fewer than five hundred cars per day. He said together we completed Lark Street with grant money. Evergreen Road Phase I was awarded \$47,000.00. A check for \$23,797.00 was given to Franklin Township to begin Phase I enabling the Township to begin work on Evergreen Road. He noted as money becomes available the Township will be able to continue with Phase 11 of Evergreen Road. He said that our Township is great to work with and is looking forward to working with the Township on future projects. Supervisor Cressley thanked Chris for all of his efforts in procuring the funding because without grants like this the Township would not be able to afford to undertake large projects like Evergreen Road. All three Supervisors thanked Chris for taking the time to come to the Township meeting and for his help and guidance.

Barry Reed and James Deebel representing the Pohopoco Sportsman Club were present. Mr. Reed thanked the Board for working with the club in stocking the Phifer Ice Dam pond with Carp and also for allowing them along with the Franklin Township Lion's club to close the park for their fishing events held for children sixteen and below. Mr. Reed said they would like to continue having their youth fishing days. He spoke to Scott Christman from the Fish and Game Commission and his advice was to ask for an Ordinance to be adopted. The Police Department can then legally give a citation to any person who is sixteen and older caught fishing in the dam while the park is closed for the month long youth fishing event. Scott Christman was also present and said without such an Ordinance in place the police cannot cite anyone who violates the restrictions put in place and he cannot be in this area to patrol all the time. The Supervisors said they will look into the matter and thanked them for all they do for our community.

Carl Haydt was present to ask for help and guidance with his grinder pump. He had five motors replaced. He said while the motors are under warranty it has still cost him a lot of money in labor to replace the motors. The electric eye burned out and the replacement parts for it are no longer available. He said he cannot continue with this expense. Supervisor Cressley said he spoke to Weissport because they have the same issue with all their grinder pumps. He said he will look into what company they use to repair the grinder pumps to see if they have a different way to repair the pump.

Carl Haydt spoke on another matter regarding a parking issue on Held and Court Streets. He said residents are parking along the curb making it hard to drive through area. He requested that the police patrol that area.

Jim Blakeslee and Jane Roberts were present representing the Leighton Area Memorial Library. Mr. Blakeslee said there are seven hundred twenty-nine (729) residents in Franklin Township that belong to the library. He gave some history on the library and gave the Board of Supervisors a reference guide informing them of all the services they offer to the community. He asked the Board to consider in the future giving the Leighton Area Memorial Library a donation. He said they rely on mostly public donations to keep the library opened. Mrs. Roberts commented what the community needs is what we need to provide.

Unfinished/Old Business -

Robin Cressley made a motion to reject Fry's Plastic's Bid proposal. After reviewing all of the paperwork from their bid proposal it was determined that their bid must be rejected because their proposal was not on the Township forms as required per the legal advertisement. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business-

Barbara Beltz made a motion to award the bid for the Carbon County Conservation District Low Volume Road Pipe Project earmarked for Evergreen Rd to Bradco Supply Company. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (Mr. Cressley noted that Bradco was the only other bidder and the difference in the bid from Fry's was only \$336.34 it made sense to award the bid to Bradco because the cost of advertising to re bid would cost just as much).

Barbara Beltz made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2017-01. Amendment to Ordinance No. 2011-01 entitled establishing Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP Program). The purpose of the amendment is to set the annual interest rate for crediting the subsidiary Deferred Retirement Option Plan accounts and to cease offering the plan for officers hired after January 1, 2015. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to authorize a civil suit against Lloyd Otto LLC and/or Riders Resort for Zoning violations and injunctive relief. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to approve Franklin Township Lions Club's request to have the Franklin Township Fire Police assist with traffic control for their Picnic in the Park to be held on September 17, 2017 from 12:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve the requests from the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company to hold additional boot drives for the following dates: August 15th, 18th, 26th, and 27th and September 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Questions from the Press- None

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

**Brenda Neeb
Secretary-Treasurer**