

March 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, and Barbara Beltz; and Secretary Brenda Cressley. 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 February 16, 2021 meeting Minutes. Also included in this motion was the approval of the minutes from the hearing held on February 16, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. for the Stormwater Ordinance No 2021-01. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary Report-

REMINDER, Saturday, May 15, 2021 – E-Cycling Event 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at the parking lot where the recycling center was located.

Reminder to Residents there will be a change for the Garbage Collection day for Good Friday, April 2, 2021. The Garbage will be collected on Thursday, April 1, 2021

The Franklin Township Board of Supervisors held an executive meeting with Franklin Township's Solicitor Thomas Nanovic on March 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. regarding a personnel matter.

The Franklin Township Board of Supervisors held an executive meeting on March 12, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. regarding a personnel matter.

Letter received from the Lehighon Water Authority informing the Franklin Township Residents residing along Fairyland Road from the Old Elementary School out to Harrity Road if they want to connect to the water line they must have their completed application with payment to the Lehighon Water Authority's Office by March 31, 2021 and no later due to time constraints. Any applications received after March 31, 2021 will be returned, no exceptions

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

Zoning Report – No report was submitted.

UCC Building Code Official – No report was submitted.

Fire Chief's Report – Fire Chief Lynn Diehl submitted the February 2021 report for the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company. Fire Police submitted the February 2021 monthly report for the Franklin Township Fire Police. Copies on file.

Police Reports - Chief Jason Doll submitted a monthly report from (2/7/21-3/7/21)  
Copy is on file.

Central Carbon Municipal Authority – Received minutes of the January 18, 2021 meeting. Copies are on file.

Franklin Township Lions- Received March 2021 report/newsletter. Copy is on file.

Unfinished Business - None

Communications –

Received notification from Pa Department of Transportation that they will be inspecting the bridge located at Sawmill Run between April 2021 and March 2022; Received an approval letter from DEP to hold the two electronic e-cycling events for May 15, 2021 and September 25, 2021; Received the 2021 Liquid Fuels Payment of \$217,942.74; EMAILS-Newsletters :COSTARS, DEP, PSATS, LTAP, NEPA, Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor, DEP.

Citizen Participation -

Barry Reed from the Pohopoco Rod and Gun Club was present to ask the Board of Supervisors for permission to have exclusive use to hold their tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) annual Youth Fishing Day at the Phifer's Ice Dam Park on Sunday, May 16, 2021 beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 1:00 p.m. Youngsters, fifteen (15) and under, who are children or grandchildren of veterans of our armed forces, or Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, 4H etc. will be invited to attend this event to enjoy a few hours of fishing and spend time with family members. There will be no fee and each child will receive a hotdog and drink free of charge. They will be stocking the pond with trout early that morning in the largest dam only. Like previous years they requested that the Supervisors limit the fishing in that dam to any child less than sixteen (16) years of age for a total of thirty (30) days. They also asked for garbage cans. Mr. Reed said they will post the signage for this and received permission from the Fish and Game Commission to hold this event. He said Scott Christman, Waterways Conservation Office of the PFBC volunteered to enforce this closure.

James Deebel was also present from the Pohopoco Rod and Gun Club to report that the grass carp that was stocked in the dam have done an excellent job "eating" the underwater vegetation. He said there are a few in the dam to date but have grown too large and do not eat much anymore, therefore he would like to purchase more carp to help continue to eat the underwater vegetation. He asked the Board of Supervisors if they would be willing to apply for the permit to purchase the carp.

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve the Pohopoco Rod and Gun Club request to hold their tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) Annual Youth Fishing Day on May 16, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and to limit the fishing for thirty (30) days for any youth that is fifteen (15) years old or younger. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business -

Barbara Beltz made a motion to approve the St. Luke's Hospital Blue Mountain Emergency Department Expansion Land Development Plan. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Opening of Bids for 10,000 Gal. 87 Octane No/Lead Gasoline At-the-Pumps – No bid proposals were received. This was the second time the invitation to bid was advertised.

New Business Cont'd-

Barbara Beltz made a motion to purchase 87 Octane No/Lead Gasoline at Frank's Service Center in Franklin Township, due to the fact that no bids were received. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-07, Stormwater Management Review and Inspection Fee Schedule. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to approve the extension of the Declaration of Disaster Emergency that expires on March 31, 2021 until June 30, 2021; the Supervisors approved to open the Franklin Township Administrative Office to the public beginning Monday, April 5, 2021, masks will still be required to enter the building. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve Employee #82 to return to work retroactive March 15, 2021. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve Barry Isett & Associates 2021 fee schedule for UCC Inspections. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to approve Bureau of Veritas North America Inc. 2021 fee schedule for UCC Inspections. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-08 declaring Franklin Township as a Second Amendment Sanctuary in Accordance to the Constitution of the United States of America and Article 1, Section 21 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to approve the Certification that Franklin Township has complied with all of the requirements needed in connection with the St. Luke's Hospital Site Development & Readiness RACP Grant No. ME 300-2187. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve the request received from Toby Goida, Manager of the Coaldale Tigers for permission to use the Bunker Hill Ballfield for league practices on various days and times from March 21, 2021 to October 31, 2021, pending they work together on scheduling with the Lehighon Softball League. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.


Barbara Beltz made a motion to approve the Sewer Enforcement Officer, Scott Bieber's request for a well distance exemption and groundwater study waiver for the property located at 1284 Interchange Road, Lehighon, Pa 18235. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve the request from Officer David Roberts to attend an on-line training course to be conducted on May 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 from 8:30 -16:30, the course is on Investigations and Intelligence, and is being provided by the Pennsylvania Governor's Office of Homeland Security, there will be no cost to the Township. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens Questions- None

Questions from the Press – None

Barbara Beltz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,  
  
Brenda Cressley, Secretary