

August 16, 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, Jason Frey, and Secretary Brenda Cressley. A list of others in attendance is attached to the Minute Book. Chairman 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 –

Robin Cressley made a motion approving the minutes from the July 19, 2022 Township Meeting. Jason Frey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary's Report-

\* Change in Garbage Collection for the Labor Day Holiday: Monday, Sept. 5th Pick-Up is changed to Tuesday, Sept. 6th

\* The next E-Cycling Event will be held on Saturday, October 1, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. More information can be found on our website or call the Township Administrative Office. For FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS ONLY.

\* Supervisor Kemmerer attended a Zoom Meeting with the Carbon County Planning Office (David Bodnar, Director, Jennifer Hunsicker, & Jason Scrimkovsky) on August 10, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.

\* Secretary Cressley met with Andrew Diprospero from PIRMA Insurance Co. to review all properties and vehicles etc. on record. Interim Road Foreman Kim Hunsicker was present as well.

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 7/11/22 through 8/15/22. Revenue from Zoning Permits: \$12,977.00. Variance Exception Request: \$0.00. Copies on file.

UCC Building Code Official – Received report from Lehigh Valley Inspection Services from 7/11/22 through 8/15/22. Administrative fees turned in with report: \$540.50. Copies on file.

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

Police Reports – Received report from 7/10/22-8/6/22

Road Crew Report - Report received from 7/10/2022-7/23/2022 & 7/24/2022-8/6/2022

Central Carbon Municipal Authority – Received minutes from the July 18, 2022

Jason Frey approved all reports as submitted. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Communications –

Girard Pension Services submitted for the second quarter investment report with Nationwide Financial as Plan Custodian ending June 30, 2022 regarding the Franklin Township Police Pension Fund; Attached to this report was also a copy of the quarter Girard Pension Services, LLC invoice which was paid by the Police Pension Plan (the Supervisors were each given a copy of the reports); Letter of request for annual contribution to the Lehigh Recreation Canal Commission in the amount of \$855.00; Audit Report from the District Court Magistrates 56-3-02 Office year ended December 31, 2021; Emails: NEPA, PSATS, PennDot, LTAP; also mentioned two CD's were cashed out and placed into the Capital Project Building Plgit Fund.

Chairman Kemmerer stated recent complaints from people asking for help with the traffic issues along Pohopoco Drive has sparked an interest to hold a workshop meeting with Representative Doyle Heffley and Ben Monk. They were invited to attend a public workshop scheduled for August 24, 2022 and both declined to attend at that time.

Citizen Participation:

Township Resident David Bradley commented on what a great job our Road Crew did when blacktopping Airport Road.

Resident Jason Eidem was present and began by saying he appreciates all that the Township Supervisors have done to try to help him. He said on August 8, 2022 he woke up to feel his house shaking, he ran outside and noticed two trucks from Walmart struck his house doing damage to both his house and property. He could not stop the first two trucks but was able to stop the third truck. Another problem Mr. Eidem faced was there were no police available to help him. The extra traffic at the time was because vehicles were being detoured from the Pennsylvania Turnpike due to an accident; their GPS was telling them to turn onto Route 903 and then the Maury Road and then turn right onto Long Run Rd. There are signs stating no truck traffic on Long Run Rd. or Indian Hill Rd. but drivers seem to ignore the signs. Mr. Eidem said we have elected people to fight for the people and he is now asking the Township Supervisors to be their voice and help fight to make this intersection safe. Fred Kemmerer suggested holding a public workshop meeting to come up with ideas and to get in touch with the PennDot representatives who was present at the previous meeting held to see what still needs to be accomplished. He said the traffic issues that were discussed in 2021 with PennDot officials need to be completed. He would like to invite Penn Forest Township Supervisors, the Board Council from Jim Thorpe, Mark Nalesnik, PennDot, Pa. Turnpike Commission and our local Fire Police and Fire Chief to a workshop meeting to discuss emergency patterns when an accident occurs and how to make this intersection safer. Jason Eidem was persistent on enforcing the no truck traffic signs.

Business Owner Terry Shaner was present to complain about the recent construction work done for the new Red Hill Road culvert his parking lot has been taken away and his patrons have no access to enter his parking lot from Red Hill Rd. Chairman Kemmerer tried to explain to Mr. Shaner what the Township Engineer told him regarding why the guard rails needed to be extended. Mr. Shaner insisted that the guard rails were now on his property and the easement he signed was not for the amount of property he has lost since the guard rails were installed. He stated he would like the guard rails removed immediately or he would remove them himself. Chairman Kemmerer offered to set up a meeting with himself and Mike Tirpak (Township Engineer) and Mr. Shaner before Friday (8/19/22) to try to reach a solution that will make everyone happy.

Township Resident Paul Hunter asked Supervisor Frey how much dirt was dumped on his property and would like a soil sample taken from the dirt pile. Mr. Frey said he would have no problem with someone taking a soil sample, they are welcomed anytime. Supervisors Kemmerer and Cressley both suggested to Mr. Hunter he should contact Chris Storm at the Conservation District to collect a soil sample.

Resident Tim Foster was present again to ask if we adopted the updated Zoning Ordinance regarding Short Term Rentals, he is still having a problem with the residents that live on East Highpointe Drive and them being allowed to rent out the home. The people that are renting the property are causing disturbances all week with loud music, fireworks, and partying. This property owner advertises on the internet VRBO Rentals for twenty (20) weeks out of the year. Mr. Foster has been to see the Zoning Officer a few times and he is frustrated nothing is being done. Chairman Kemmerer said we are getting closer to adopting both the Zoning & SALDO Ordinances; the Ordinances will be reviewed by the Carbon County Planning Commission and the Franklin Township Planning Commission at their September 2022 meetings.

#### Unfinished/Old Business -

Received final recorded plans from Schneider's reverse subdivision. Per the minutes from the October 19, 2021 Township meeting minutes the Franklin Township Board of Supervisors made a motion to waive the review of the reverse Schneider subdivision contingent upon receiving a copy of the final recorded plans.

#### New Business-

Fred Kemmerer made a motion to give final approval for Lot #10 – (320 Krakow Drive) Stormwater Plan. (O & M Agreement was recorded). Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Fred Kemmerer made a motion to approve the CDBG funding from the CARES Act to be allocated to construct a walking path along with park benches located at the Phifer Ice Dams Park and/or Christman Ballfield. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to repost (list of equipment) any new item to sell on Municibid. Jason Frey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Jason Frey made a motion to approve the request from the Franklin Township Lions' Club to have the Franklin Fire Police assist with traffic control at the Picnic in the Park festivities on Sunday, September 18, 2022 between 12:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Comments Questions - None

Questions from the Press -

Drew Snowberger from TV-13 asked what the status was on the property known as Jimmy's Gym. The Supervisors' reply was that no plans have been submitted to the board at the present time.

Jason Frey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully,

Brenda Cressley, Secretary