

December 18, 2018

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-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.

**Approval of Minutes –**

Robin Cressley made a motion approving the minutes from the November 20, 2018 Township Meeting. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Secretary's Report –**

Announced there will be NO change in Garbage Collection Pick-up for Christmas and New Years' Day.

Announced that Christmas Trees can be disposed of at the Phifer's Ice Dams Park using the Penn St. entrance beginning Saturday, December 29, 2018.

Announced: the Organization Meeting will be held on Monday, January 7, 2019, 6:30 p.m. @ the Administration Office

**Treasurer's Report –** Barbara Beltz moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Robin Cressley. Motion carried unanimously.

**Zoning Report -** Zoning Officer Paul Jarrett issued submitted his report from (11/9/18-12/10/18). Revenue from Zoning Permits: \$973.95. Variance application fees - \$0.00.

**UCC Building Code Official –** Received report from Paul Jarrett, Building Code Officer from 11/9/18 to 12/10/18. Total fees turned in: \$150.00.

**Fire Chief's Report -** Received the November, 2018 report for the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company and the Franklin Township Fire Police. Copies are on file.

**Police Reports-** Chief of Police, Jason Doll submitted the police criminal activity report from 11/4/18- 12/1/18.

**Central Carbon Municipal Authority –** Minutes received, from the 11/19/18 meeting.

**Franklin Township Lions Club-** November 2018 minutes were received. Copy is on file.

All reports were approved.

**Communications –**

Certificate of Recycling stating at the November 3rd e-cycling pick up 3,902 lbs of electronic waste was collected; Notification of name change from Univest Municipal Pension Services to Girard Pension Services, LLC (provide our township with pension consulting services) beginning 1/1/19; Completed Act 44 Disclosure form from Trustees Insurance and Retirement Services; Emails received- NEPA, PSATS News Bulletin, DEP, PSATS Grassroots, and LTAP

**Citizen Participation-**

Township residents William & Leanne Thomas were present to express their concerns and ask questions regarding the St. Luke's Hospital Plans. The first concern they had was how the drainage and water run off was going to be addressed and will the quality of water they receive be affected by water runoff from the hospital. The second concern they had was how the increase in water runoff would affect the sewage tank and the foundation of their house. They also voiced their concerns that there will be an increase in traffic due to the hospital. They said on a busy day between the time of 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. there are about two hundred vehicles, including large rigs that drive Reber Street. They are concerned that when the hospital is opened it might double or even triple the amount of traffic that drives along Reber Street. They stated Reber Street is not equipped or safe to handle the amount of vehicles that will be using the road and feels something needs to be done to ensure the safety of the people traveling and the residents that live along Reber Street. Rocco Caracciolo from Pennoni Engineering (St' Luke's engineer) responded to the Thomas's concerns by informing them that they have done extensive studies on the stormwater and showed a map explaining how they plan on controlling and maintaining the stormwater by installing four basins that will hold six hundred million gallons with a clay core all round them and each spillway will have concrete. There will also be a four foot wire mesh fence around them for safety. There will also be vegetation planted in and around the basins. Rocco also agreed to meet with the Thomas's to look at their property in the near future. He also said because of previous concerns with the traffic increase they have already had a traffic study completed and have worked on a plan with Franklin Township's engineer, Greg Haas, to place signage up around the Township to have all traffic use other ways to enter and exit the hospital including the employees of the hospital.

Township resident, Deb Parlman was also present to ask about the traffic along Harrity Road located in Franklin Township. Rocco Caracciolo explained to her that a traffic impact study was also done on Harrity Road and explained how they were going to install additional turning lanes to enter and exit the St. Luke's Hospital.

Township resident, Larry Williams was present to ask what was happening with the three (3) way Stop Sign requested at the intersection of Long Run Road, Canal Street, and Fairyland Road. Supervisor Cressley said the request was being studied at PennDot's District #5 office in Allentown, and has not heard any results to date.

**Old Business-** None

New Business -

Barbara Beltz made a motion giving final approval to the 2019 budget for all funds (General Fund, State Fund, (Liquid Fuels), Sewer Operating Fund, Recreation Fund, Fire Hydrant Fund, Road Equipment Fund, Capital Project Garbage Collection Equipment, Capital Reserve Police Vehicle & Equipment Fund; Capital Reserve Building Fund; and Capital Reserve Employee Benefits Fund. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Frey noted that there will be no tax increase, as the Township stayed within its budget.

Robin Cressley made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2018-16 setting the Tax Rates for the fiscal year 2019. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2018-17 setting the Garbage Collection rates for 2019. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Frey noted that Garbage Collection fees will remain the same as last year and that there has been no increase in the Garbage Collection Fees since 2009.

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve the Carbon County Fire Chief's Association Mutual Aid Agreement. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to file/sign for the permit on behalf of the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company to install a dry hydrant located at the intersection of Greenwood and Hemlock Street. The Fire Company applied for the grant and this permit is required to be obtained in order to procure the grant. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to table the St. Luke's Hospital, Preliminary Final Land Development Plans. Citing the Board of Supervisors need additional time to review the plans and the updates St. Luke's have made. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve St. Luke's waiver request #1 –

SALDO Section 512.A.4.b.(2) (Low flow concrete channel through basin)

A waiver from the requirement of having a low flow concrete channel in the stormwater management basin. The proposed basins onsite are being used as infiltration basins, per PA DEP requirements to promote groundwater recharge and a low flow channel will negate the infiltrating effects of the basins. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to approve St. Luke's waiver request #2 –

SALDO Section 512.A.4.b. (4) (Maximum storage time within basin 24 hours)

A waiver from the requirement of the maximum storage time within the basin being 24 hours. The proposed basins onsite are being used as infiltration basins. The infiltration rate in the basins will be amended to promote an infiltration rate that can take up to 72 hours per PA DEP requirement. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve St. Luke's waiver request #3 –

SALDO Section 512.A.4.b. (6) (Minimum grade inside basin 1%)

A waiver from the requirement of the minimum grade inside basins being 1%. The proposed basins onsite are being used as infiltration basins. The infiltration elevation at the basin bottom is designed with no slope to promote uniform infiltration across the entire infiltration area. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business Cont'd

Barbara Beltz made a motion to approve St. Luke's waiver request #4-

SALDO Section 702 and Section 703 (Maximum Scale of 1" = 110')


A waiver from the requirement of the maximum scale size of 1" to 100' for a sheet. The sheet is intended to be prepared at 1" = 150' to encompass the entirety of the site and nearby lots. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Public – Questions/Comments

Attorney Joseph Bubba, representing St. Luke's expressed his concerns that St. Luke's was not given conditional approval at tonight's meeting. Supervisor Cressley explained that the Board of Supervisors just received the planning commission's minutes on Monday, December 17, 2018 and needed more time to review the Franklin Township Planning Commission and Township Engineer, Greg Haas's comments regarding the St. Luke's Land Development Plans.

Questions from the Press - None

Barbara Beltz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

  
Brenda Neeb,  
Secretary-Treasurer