

February 21, 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, Barbara Beltz, and Secretary-Treasurer Brenda Neeb; a list of others in attendance at the meeting 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.

Barbara Beltz made a motion approving the minutes from January 3, 2017 Organization Meeting. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion approving the minutes from the January 3, 2017 Township Meeting. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary's Report- The Secretary announced that the garbage bills were mailed out, and if anyone did not receive a bill they should contact the Township Office. The Secretary also announced that there will be an E-cycling Event held on April 15, 2017 (9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.). The township residents were reminded that they should not plow/shovel snow onto the Township Roadways.

Treasurer's Report – Barbara Beltz made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Zoning Officer- Zoning Officer Carl Faust submitted his report from (1/1/17-2/21/17). Revenue from Zoning Permits: \$963.40. Variance application fees- \$0.00 (Copy on file).

UCC Building Code Official - Carl Faust, Building Code Officer submitted his report from (1/1/17-2/21/17). Two (2) Building Permits were issued. Administrative fees turned in were \$95.00. (Copy on file).

Police Reports – Chief Thomas Beltz submitted the police department's January Report from 1/1/17-1/28/17. (Copy on file)

Fire Chief's Report – Fire Chief Lynn Diehl submitted the January 2017s monthly report for the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Co.#1. (Copy on file)

Fire Police Reports – The Franklin Township Fire Police submitted their monthly report for January 2017. (Copy on file).

Central Carbon Municipal Authority – Received minutes of the December 19, 2016 meeting. (Copy on file).

Franklin Township Lions Club - No report submitted.

Communications -

Received a letter from the Pohopoco Rod and Gun Club listing the projects they completed during the year of 2016. Received the year end (December 31, 2016) investment report(s) for the Franklin Township Police Pension Plan from Univest Municipal Pension Services, included with this report was the Scope of Services document and a copy of the quarterly TCG Investment Advisory notice that was paid by our plan, we also received a Contract Transaction History report from Allied Benefits Group, LLC for the 4th Quarter of 2016 (10/1/16-12/31/16). Copies were given to each Supervisor; Letter from the PA Turnpike Commission requesting to be notified of any site development applications and/or zoning actions for all properties in Franklin Township that are adjacent to the Turnpike; Letter from Todd Zimmerman from STEP-UP giving their different meetings/events that the group will be holding and asking the Board of Supervisors to distribute this information to the public.. Received emails from the Governor's Center, PSATS, LTAP, NEPA, Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor, and DEP newsletters; Rep. Doyle Heffley's office sent a list of grants that are currently available.

Citizen Participation -

John Dworsky a representative of the group Friends of Beltzville State Park was present to ask the Board of Supervisors for a letter supporting their project of restoring the Buck Covered Bridge in Beltzville State Park located in Franklin Township. Chairman Green thanked them for their effort in saving the historic bridge and wished them well.

Barry Reed, and James Deebel, representing the Pohopoco Rod and Gun Club were present to make a few requests to the Board of Supervisors regarding the Phifer's Ice Dams Park. Mr. Reed first thanked the Board for allowing their club to use our facilities. Mr. Reed said if granted the permission to hold their annual youth fishing day on May 21, 2017 from 7:00 a.m to 1:00 p.m. they are requesting that the pond that they stock and hold the fishing contest be closed to the public to anyone above the age of sixteen (16). Scott Christman from the Pennsylvania Fish and Game Commission was present to inform the Supervisors that because the dam will only be closed four (4) weeks the State has a special permit that can be issued, however they need a letter from the Supervisors granting permission to close the dam for both the Pohopoco Rod and Gun Club and the Franklin Township Lions Club. Mr. Deebel said they will maintain and have signage posted. Mr. Reed said it is their goal to teach and encourage the youth to enjoy the outdoors. Rod Green thanked the clubs for all they do for the community.

Unfinished Business-

CD was purchased from BB & T in the amount of \$206,000.00 with a maturity date of 1/19/18 at 1.10% interest rate. (Previous CD matured on 1/17/17 in the amount of \$206,739.05.

New Business-

Barbara Beltz made a motion to approve the hiring of three (3) part-time police officers on or after February 1, 2017. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The three new part-time patrolman (Peter Hamati-Attieh, Joelle Mota, and Brent Getz) were introduced by Chairman Rod Green. Chairman Green proceeded by swearing in each of newly hired officers. (Copies of each Loyalty Oath are on file)

Robin Cressley made a motion to set new hourly pay rates for the Part-Time Police Officers the new rates are retroactive from January 1, 2017. Part-Time Police Officers pay increments will be as follows:

- 1). Part-Time Officers that are beginning their employment and current Part-time Officers with a Maximum of 499 work hours will receive \$19.00 per hour.
- 2). Part-Time Officers that have a total of 500 work hours to 999 work hours will receive \$20.18 per hour.
- 3). Part-Time Officers that have a total equaling/or in excess of 1,000 work hours will receive \$21.37 per hour.

Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve the hourly pay rates for Employee #11 and Employee #55 effective, February 26, 2017. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Opening of Bids for 10,000 Gal. Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel & 6,000 Gal Heating Oil (Prices to be effective on February 17th; Escalator Clause in effect- No bid proposals were received.

Robin Cressley made a motion to re-advertise bids for 10,000 Gal. Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel and 6,000 Gallons of Heating Oil. (at the pump prices in effect on March 17th); Escalator clause in effect, bids to be opened at the March 21, 2017 Township Meeting. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Opening of Bids for 10,000 Gal 87 Octane No/Lead Gasoline At-the-Pump – No bid proposals were received. Barbara made a motion to re-advertise bids for 10,000 Gal 87 No/Lead Gasoline (At-the-Pump prices in effect on March 17th), Escalator Clause in effect, bids to be opened at the March 21, 2017 Township Meeting. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve the Franklin Township Athletic Association meeting dates for the year of 2017 to be held at the Franklin Township Administration Office. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. List of dates on file.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to approve the 2017 monthly meeting dates for the Pohopoco Rod and Gun Club to be held at the Franklin Township Administration Office. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business Cont'd-

Barbara Beltz made a motion to approve the Pohopoco Rod and Gun Club's annual Youth Fishing Day on Sunday, May 21, 2017 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to designate April 2017 by Proclamation as "Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to appoint Joseph Connaughton to the Franklin Township's Advisory Parks and Recreation Board as an Advisor. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2017-06 establishing a new bank account for a Community Park Fund at Jim Thorpe Neighborhood Bank. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2017-07 opening of a new bank (Checking) account- Franklin Township Supervisors Community Parks Fund at Jim Thorpe Neighborhood Bank. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to support the Franklin Township Planning Commission's request that any plans much be submitted to the township at least seven (7) days prior to the Planning Commission's monthly meeting. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to send a letter of request for final payment regarding the Dirt and Gravel Road Project (Lark Street) to the Carbon County Conservation District Board of Directors. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Per Citizen Participation three (3) motions we were added:

Franklin Township Lions Club- Robert Correll was present to ask for approval of the Lions Club Annual Trout Fishing Contest:

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve the Franklin Township Lions' Club Annual Trout Fishing Day Contest to be held on May 13, 2017.

Friends of Beltzville State Park- John Dworsky was present to ask for support in the form of a letter to restore the Buck Covered Bridge located in the Beltzville State Park:

Barbara Beltz made a motion to send a letter of support to the Friends of Beltzville State Park in their endeavor to restore the Buck Covered Bridge located in the Beltzville State Park. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Pohopoco Rod and Gun Club- Barry Reed and James Deebel were present to ask the Board of Supervisors for permission to close the Phifers Ice Dam (upper dam only where they stock the trout) for four (4) weeks to anyone above the age of sixteen (16) years old.

Robin Cressley made a motion to close/restrict the fishing at the upper dam be limited to any youth less than sixteen (16) years of age and to allow for signs to be posted along the dam to inform the public. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Questions from the Press-

Robin Cressley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda Neeb
Secretary- Treasurer