

December 15, 2020

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 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.

Approval of Minutes –

Barbara Beltz made a motion approving the minutes from the November 17, 2020 Township Meeting. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary's Report –

There will be changes in Garbage Collection Pick-up for Christmas & New Year's Day, the changes are as follows:

Friday, December 25th collection will be Thursday, December 24, 2020

Friday, January 1st- collection will be Thursday, December 31, 2020

Announced that Christmas Trees can be disposed of at the Phifer's Ice Dams Park using the Penn St. entrance beginning Saturday, December 26, 2020 until January 31, 2021.

Announced: the Organization Meeting will be held on Monday, January 4, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. with the January regular Monthly Township Board of Supervisors Meeting to follow at 6:00 p.m.

Noted: Chairman Jason Frey attended a tele-conference on December 9, 2020 regarding the RCAP Grant and St. Luke's.

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

Zoning Report - Zoning Officer Tracy Herman submitted her report from 11/17/20- 12/14/20 Revenue from Zoning Permits: \$1,391.61. Variance application fees - \$0.00. A detailed monthly report showing the hours spent on zoning matters was also submitted.

UCC Building Code Official – Received report from Paul Jarrett, Building Code Officer from 11/17/20-12/14/20. Total fees turned in: \$350.00.

Fire Chief's Report - Received the November, 2020 reports 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 11/1/20-11/15/20. Copy is on file

Central Carbon Municipal Authority – No Report Available

Franklin Township Lions Club- November 2020 report was received. Copy is on file.

Reports Cont'd-

SEO Report- Sewage Enforcement Officer, Scott Bieber submitted his report from 10/21/20 – 12/2/20. Total fees received: \$1,880.00

All reports were approved as submitted.

Communications –

Received the 2019 Audit Report of Franklin Township's Liquid Fuels Tax Fund from the Pa Dept. of Auditor General with no findings reported; Certificate of Recycling stating at the October 24, 2020 e-cycling pick up 8,911 lbs. of electronic waste was collected; (2019 – 9,767 lbs.- 856 lbs. less); 2021 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update was completed by our EMA, Larry Diehl and Township Engineer Greg Haas; Letters from the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission informing the Township/Public that between December 2020 and November 2021 they will be installing fiber optic cable and conduit on both the southbound side of the bridge over T-437 (Pohopoco Drive) also the bridge over T-417 (Jefferson Street). Both will last approximately two days and will be done at night between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. They will notify the township at least five business days in advance of the work being started. We advertised for part-time police and did not receive one application; Emails received- NEPA, PSATS News Bulletin, DEP, PSATS Grassroots, and LTAP

Unfinished Business- None

Citizen Participation- None

New Business -

Barbara Beltz made a motion giving final approval to the 2021 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 and said there has been no tax increase since 2010.

Robin Cressley made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-16 setting the Tax Rates for the fiscal year 2021. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-17 setting the Garbage Collection rates for 2021. Robin Cressley seconded the motion.

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve that Chairman Frey sign the Quitclaim Deed regarding 327 Held Street. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business Cont'd-

Barbara Beltz made a motion to approve the extension of the Declaration of Disaster regarding Covid-19 until March 31, 2021. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously

Public – Questions/Comments - None

Questions from the Press - None

Barbara Beltz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Brenda Cressley,
Secretary-Treasurer