

November 28, 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. An attendance sheet listing all others present is attached to the Minute Book. Chairman Rod 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 the October 17, 2017 Township Meeting. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion approving the minutes from the October 26, 2017 Special Meeting. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion approving the minutes from the November 21, 2017 Budget Workshop Meeting. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary's Report - None

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

Zoning Report - Zoning Officer Carl Faust submitted his report from 10/18/17 through 11/28/17. Revenue from Zoning Permits: \$395.95. Variance application fees- \$0.00 (Copies are on file)

UCC Building Code Official - Received report from Carl Faust, Building Code Officer from 10/18/17 through 11/28/17. Administrative fees turned in with report: \$65.00 (Copies are on file)

Fire Chief's Report - Fire Chief Lynn Diehl submitted the October, 2017 report for the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Co. and Francis Kresge/Steve Warkin submitted the October 2017 report for the Fire Police. Copies are on file.

Police Report- Acting Chief Jason Doll submitted the Police report from 10/8/17-11/4/17.

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Franklin Township Lions Club Report- Franklin Township Lions Newsletter for November 2017 was submitted.

Communications –

Univest Municipal Pension Services submitted the third quarter investment reports from July 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017 for the Franklin Township Police Pension Plan; Received the Scope of Services document for Franklin Township Police Pension Plan; A copy of the third quarter TCG Investment Advisory, Inc. paid invoice, Signed Act 44 Disclosures for 2017 from Ron Bittner (Univest) and Randee Sekol (Beyer-Barber Company). (Supervisors received copies of the third quarter reports); Notification from PennDOT that they will be contracting with Tri-State Traffic Data Inc. to collect traffic data for safety improvements throughout our township by setting up traffic counters between now and February 2018; NEPA's 2017 Annual Report; The PIRMA Property Agreement and Legal Defense and Claim Payment Agreement; EMAILS from: NEPA, PSATS News Bulletin, DEP, and LTAP.

Citizen Participation:

Township Resident Gail Maholick was present representing the Dream Come True. She asked the Board of Supervisors if they would be willing to waive all zoning and UCC permits to enable the recipient to install a greenhouse on a deck. The Supervisors said they would consider the request to waive the zoning permit fees after they receive more information on the greenhouse, however they feel the greenhouse would still need to have UCC inspections for safety reasons.

Resident Donald Dorward Sr. was present to ask when his road will be repaired. He stated he was told almost a year ago that it would be repaired. He also suggested the rut below the turn on Rock St. needs repair work. Supervisor and Roadmaster Robin Cressley said he would repair his portion of Rock Street within a week or two.

Residents William Dorward and Clinton Hawk were present to voice their concerns about the Road Crew's overtime costs, and safety issues, while working on Evergreen Road.

William Dorward also wanted to know how much it cost the taxpayers to have a regional police study done with Lehighon Borough and Mahoning Township. He also requested that the pipe located near his home on Vine Street needed to be unblocked.

Resident Jason Frey was present to ask if a letter was sent to the owner on Canal Street about removing a barrel that is located in the right of way. Supervisors Cressley informed him that the Zoning Officer, Carl Faust sent him a letter.

Township Resident Nancy Haman was present to ask for help regarding a neighborhood kid causing destruction and making loud noises with his four wheeler. She placed cement blocks on her property to stop him from destroying her property. He removed the blocks. She said he rides all hours of the day and the noise is disturbing. Chief Jason Doll said he will look into our Nuisance Ordinance and contact the parents.

Cara Serfass was present to request that tractor trailers longer than 28 feet be restricted from driving on Wagner Street. She has been having property damage. She also stated that when the Road Crew installed a road along her property line that four feet of the road is on her property and wants the road removed. She also complained that the Road Crew removed two trees that fell down on her property and cut some of her grass on her property.

Unfinished Business

New Business:

Barbara Beltz made a motion to approve the appointment of Jason M. Doll as Franklin Township's Chief of Police. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Robin Cressley made a motion to hire Gross McGinley LLP, for law services for disability defense regarding Employee # 31. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion authorizing the department heads and solicitor to meet and provide an orientation of all affairs of the Township with the newly elected Supervisors, Jason Frey. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to tentatively adopt the 2018 budget for all funds (General Fund, State (Liquid Fuels) Fund, Sewer Operating Fund, Recreation Fund, Fire Hydrant Fund, Road Equipment Fund, Capital Project Garbage Collection Equipment Fund, Capital Reserve Police Vehicle and Equipment Fund; Capital Reserve Building Fund; and Capital Reserve Employee Benefit Fund). Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Rod Green noted that there will be no tax, garbage, or sewer rate increases for the year of 2018.

Robin Cressley made a motion authorizing the Secretary to advertise the Boards' intent to appoint Independent Auditors to Audit all Township 2017's Accounts. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to approve the Franklin Township PTO's request for the Franklin Township Fire Police Services to assist with traffic control on December 8, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve the Parryville Fire Company's request for the Franklin Township Fire Police Services to assist with traffic control on December 2, 2017 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to request twenty percent of the 2017's balance from the Carbon County Conservation District's Low Volume Road Project Grant. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to advertise for Bid Proposals to collect recycling materials on site located at the Franklin Township's Recycling Center on Fairyland Road. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to authorize Univest Municipal Police Pension Services as Trustee to adjust retired police officer Thomas Beltz's COLA at a rate of 2.0% effective January 1, 2018. Rod Green seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Barbara Beltz abstained due to conflict of interest.

Questions from the Press: None

Robin Cressley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.



Brenda Neeb,
Secretary-Treasurer