

June 21, 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 and Jason Frey, Secretary-Treasurer Brenda Cressley. A list of others in attendance at the meeting 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.

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2022 Township Meeting. Jason Frey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary's Report – The Secretary announced the following:  
There will be a change for the July 4, 2022 garbage collection. Monday July 4<sup>th</sup> collection will be picked up on Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>.

Supervisors Kemmerer & Frey attended the Weissport Sewer Authority's meeting on Thursday, June 9, 2022.

Supervisor Kemmerer attended the Carbon County Municipal Forum on Thursday, June 14, 2022

The Supervisors held a Workshop Meeting on June 20, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. regarding Pedestrian Safety Crosswalks.

Red Hill Road will be closed to traffic from Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup> to Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup> due the installation of the Culvert

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 5/4/22-6/13/22. Revenue from Zoning Permits: \$1,559.85 No Variance Applications were submitted. Copy of Report is on file.

UCC Building Code Official – Paul Jarrett submitted his report from 5/4/22-6/13/22. Revenue from Building Permits: \$541.50. Copy is on file.

Fire Chief's Report – Fire Chief Lynn Diehl submitted the May, 2022 report for the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Co. #1, as well as for the Fire Police. Copies are on file.

Police Reports – Chief Jason Doll submitted the Police reports to the Board from (5/15/22-6/11/22).

Road Crew Reports – (5/15/22 - 5/28/22) & (5/29/22 – 5/28/22)

Central Carbon Municipal Authority – Ronald Solt submitted the CCMA minutes and reports from the May 16, 2022 meeting.

SEO Reports - Sewer Enforcement Officer Scott Bieber submitted the SEO report from 4/14/22-6/17/22

Presentation- Chairman Kemmerer presented the annual contribution check of \$40,000.00 to Fire Chief Lynn Diehl representing the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company. Fred stated what a vital part the Fire Company is to our community and they do an incredible, excellent, great job. Supervisors Cressley & Frey both echoed his remarks. Jason Frey commented people do not realize how much it would cost the Township if we had to pay to have active Fire Company. The amount of this donation is “peanuts” compared to what it would cost. The Board of Supervisors thanked Fire Chief Lynn Diehl and the Volunteer Fire Company for the excellent service they provide to our township and its residents.

Communications-

We received a Certificate of Recycling for collecting 12,050 lbs. of electronic waste at our April 9, 2022 E-Cycling collection day 2021- 10,001lbs was collected; Received refund check from CCMA for the 2020 Year end billing adjustments based on the expenses from the DCED Audit in the amount of \$3,023.91; Received the fully executed copy of the Amendment to Contract with Waste Management; Letter from Lehighon Water Authority, informing Franklin Township that they will be replacing water service lines due to Department of Health Lead and Copper Rule by 2024; Certified letter from Silberline Mfg. Co. for TIDEWOOD & TAMAQUA Facilities regarding the requirements of Act 32 of 1989 which is to send notification to municipalities located within 20 miles of their location on what kind and how much substance is at their facilities; Received a Draft Agreement for Maintenance of Pump Stations from CCMA.

Citizen Participation-

Bob & Carol Robinson residents who live along Bass Pike were present to inquire about how to get something done about the condition of Bass Pike. Mr. Robinson stated some of his concerns are he does not think two fire trucks could get through, there is no site distance, and no drainage to name a few. He also would like to know who actually owns the road. His deed does not show that he owns any portion of the road. He realizes the subdivision was developed in 1973 and found to be non-compliant with Franklin Township’s Saldo Ordinance. He would like the township to help maintain the road twice a year. Chairman Kemmerer remarked that the township cannot maintain Bass Pike in any way it is a private road and it would be like maintaining someone’s driveway. He suggested speaking to his neighbors to see if they would all be willing to contribute to the cost of repairing the road. He mentioned one of the first things that need to happen is to install the proper drainage and stated it will be costly. Chairman Kemmerer stated they would support any progress they make. Supervisor Frey said to check with Representative Doyle Heffley’s office to see if there would be any grants available for a project such as this matter. Atty. Thomas Nanovic also suggested to do a Title Search on the property to see who the actual owner is.

Citizen Participation Cont'd-

Township resident Roger Crum was in attendance to voice his concerns about the campground located next to him being sold. He read in the local newspaper that it was sold and the article stated how the campground was going to be upgraded and expanded. It left him the impression a lot of things were already approved. Another main concern Mr. Crum had was the site's sewer system in place. He said it has been a problem for years and can smell it from his home. His next concern was the exit near his property which was created for emergency use only and when they held a wedding reception there people were allowed to use that exit. Supervisor Frey assured Mr. Crum no one has approached the township to date about any news on expansion or any kind of improvements. No permits were issued.

Larry Williams stated the Fish and Game Commission should be notified of the septic system issue at the campground he thought maybe they could help look into this matter. Supervisor Cressley said DEP is responsible for maintaining the septic system and performing the proper inspections.

Weissport resident Tom Ketchledge was present to answer any questions the Supervisors may have regarding the quote received to purchase the Pump Trailer Package for the Weissport Pump Station. The supervisors said when they attended the Weissport Municipal Authority's meeting their questions and concerns were answered. They thanked Mr. Ketchledge for attending and also for all of the behind the door workings that he does to help keep the Weissport's pump station working well.

Old Business- None

New Business-

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve the quote received from the Weissport Municipal Authority to purchase a new Pump Trailer Package for the Weissport Pump Station that includes hoses from Axiom, Inc and have Axiom install the Diesel Pump in the amount of \$86,500.00. Jason Frey seconded the motion. Tom Ketchledge from the Weissport Sewer Authority was present to answer questions the Supervisors may have regarding the quote form Axiom. The board thanked him for all he does to help maintain the Weissport Pump Station that Franklin Township shares with Weissport. Motion carried unanimously.

Fred Kemmerer made a motion to approve Carbon Engineer Michael Tirpak's recommendation to hire Forrester Environmental Inc. to perform the environmental study which will enable the township to have the old Hobby Shop located at 903 Fairyland Road demolished. Jason Frey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Jason Frey made a motion to approve St. Luke's granting of a waiver/extension for an additional one year (June 14, 2023), time extension to satisfy all such conditions required regarding the St. Luke's Medical Office Building Land Development Plans. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business Cont'd-

Jason Frey made a motion to approve the St. Luke's Medical Office Building's Sewage Planning Exemption Packet/Mailer to DEP, pending the approval letter and signatures needed on the mailer from CCMA and the Weissport Sewer Authority. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Fred Kemmerer made a motion to approve the Stormwater exemption request regarding 95 Maury Rd. Per Carbon Engineering's recommendation Ronald & Jill Wenz meet the requirement for exemption complying with Franklin Township's Stormwater Ordinance based on Section 302B (Having a lot size greater than five (5) acres). His recommendation also included two (2) conditions the owners of said property must abide by. (Conditions are attached to the minutes) Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Jason Frey made a motion to identify the sale of all unused Township equipment/property to be sold on Municibid. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Jason Frey made a motion to approve the request from Lehigh Township Fire Company's Fire Chief, Barry Frey to have Franklin Township Fire Police assist with traffic control for Back the Blue's annual motorcycle ride on July 30, 2022; they will need assistance at the Intersection of Route 248 approximately around 12:30 p.m. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Fred Kemmerer made a motion to approve the request from the Borough of Palmerton to have the Franklin Township Fire Police assist with traffic control for the Pace-Makers Association Rolling Cruise on August 13, 2022. Jason Frey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve the sale of the Ford Explorer Police safety cage in the amount of six hundred (\$600.00) dollars. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Supervisor Frey opposed this motion, he agrees the price received for the cage was great but his opinion was the safety cage should have been listed on the Municibid site so anyone could have placed a bid on the safety cage. Motion carried.

Fred Kemmerer made a motion to increase the mileage rate for reimbursement from 58.5 cents per mile to 62.5 cents per mile beginning July 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 per the IRS mileage rate increase. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve The Declaration of Disaster Emergency to extend the previous Declaration that will end on June 30, 2022 until September 30, 2022. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Supervisor Frey opposed this motion. He feels there is no emergency anymore. Motion carried.

Comments/Questions from Citizens- None

Questions from the Press: None

Robin Cressley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Jason Frey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda Cressley, Secretary-Treasurer