

February 15, 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, Jason Frey, Township Solicitor Thomas Nanovic, and Secretary 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 approving the minutes from the January 3, 2022 Township Re-Organization Meeting. Jason Frey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Jason Frey made a motion approving the minutes from the January 3, 2022 Township Meeting. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary's Report- the Secretary announced that the garbage bills were mailed out the end of January, 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 9, 2022 (9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.). The township residents were reminded that they should not plow/shovel snow onto the Township Roadways. The elected Auditors met on January 4, 2022 to reorganize and approved the Road Foreman's yearly wage; Executive meeting was held with the Supervisors, Teamster Members and Mark Laubach on Monday, January 31, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.; Interviews were held on February 8, 2022 and February 10, 2022; Supervisor Cressley & Kim Hunsicker had a telephone conference regarding the Pohopoco Bridge 2021 Inspection on February 9, 2022 at 9:15 a.m.; Supervisor Cressley & Kim Hunsicker met with representatives from Waste Management regarding the transfer station in Danielsville; Supervisors held an Executive Session with Paul Jarrett on January 10, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.; Supervisor Frey met with a St. Luke's representative on January 19, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the impact St. Luke's Hospital will have on our community

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

Zoning Officer- Zoning Officer Paul Jarrett submitted the 2021 Yearly Report (1/1/21-12/31/21) along with the January monthly Zoning Permits from (12/22/2022- 1/13/2022). Amount of Zoning Permits issued were \$303.80, also submitted were the February Zoning Permits from (1/24/22-2/14/22). Amount of Zoning Permits issued were \$301.20. One variance was requested received \$1,000.00. Copies on file.

UCC Building Code Official – Paul Jarrett, Building Code Officer submitted 2021 Yearly UCC Report (1/1/21-12/31/21) along with the January UCC Permits from (1/10/2022- 1/13/22). Amount of UCC Permits issued were \$213.50, also submitted were the February UCC Permits from 2/1/22 – 2/14/22). Amount of UCC Permits issued were \$268.00. Copies on file.

Fire Chief's Report – Fire Chief Lynn Diehl submitted the January 2022 monthly report for the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Co. (Copy on file)

Fire Police Reports – The Franklin Township Fire Police submitted their monthly report for January 2022. (Copy on file).

Police Reports – Chief Jason Doll submitted the police department’s Criminal Activity Report from 12/26/21-1/22/2022. (Copy on file)

Road Crew Reports – Reports were submitted from (1/9/22-1/22/22), (1/23/22-2/5/22). Copies on file.

Central Carbon Municipal Authority – The minutes from the December 20, 2021 meeting were submitted. Copy on file.

Jason Frey and Robin Cressley moved to approve and accept all reports submitted.

Communications -

Received the 2021 fourth quarter (October-December) and the 2021 annual (January-December) account statement report(s) for the Franklin Township Police Pension Plan(s) from Girard Municipal Pension Services, LLC Investment Advisory Agreement for Municipalities with Nationwide Financial as Plan Custodian. Included with this report was the Scope of Services document and the revenues paid by the Plan (s) to Uninvest as of December 31, 2021; and a copy of the quarterly Girard Pension Services, LLC invoice that was paid by our plan; Received the fourth quarter and the yearly 2021 reports from Nationwide. Copies of both reports were given to each Supervisor; Sara Keiser, Tax Collector submitted her final settlement report for 2021; Copy of minutes from field meeting with PennDot, Robin Cressley, and homeowner-Jason Eidem on 12/9/21; Emails form PSATS, PENNDOT, NEPA, LTAP, PIRMA, and PSATS NEWS BULLETIN.

Citizen Participation –

Barry Reed from the Pohopoco Rod and Gun Club was present to ask the Board of Supervisors for permission to have exclusive use to hold their annual Youth Fishing Day at the Phifer’s Ice Dam Park on Sunday, May 15, 2022 beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 1:00 p.m. Youngsters, fifteen (15) and under, who are children or grandchildren of veterans of our armed forces, or Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, 4H etc. will be invited to attend this event to enjoy a few hours of fishing and spend time with family members. There will be no fee and each child will receive a hotdog and drink free of charge. They will be stocking the pond with trout early that morning in the largest dam only. Like previous years they requested that the Supervisors limit the fishing in that dam to any child less than fifteen (15) years of age for a total of thirty (30) days. They also asked for garbage cans. Mr. Reed said they will post the signage for this event and will be policing and supervising this event. They requested and expect to receive permission from the Fish and Game Commission to hold the contest.

Citizen Participation Cont'd:

Residents Leon & Beth Kamowski along with Louis Smith were present to express their discontent with the Board of Supervisors and their stance on Gerald Drive and the Heere subdivision. The Kamowski's stated the Heere property is for sale again, they are concerned that the new owner will use Gerald Drive to enter onto this property. The Kamowski's would like the Board to enforce the subdivision plan that Gerald Drive is a private road and therefore only the property owners who currently live along Gerald Drive may use the private road. Lou Smith also stated a survey was done and it shows his property line is in the middle of Gerald Drive. Even though the owners are responsible to maintain Gerald Drive and own it they want the Township to enforce the fact they still are unable to use Gerald Drive to access the forty-five (45) acres located along Gerald Drive. After a long discussion the Supervisors told the Kamowski's they would try their best to enforce no construction equipment etc. be allowed to use Gerald Drive as well as any other property owner with the exception of the current residents who reside along Gerald Drive. They will also remind the Zoning Officer he must inform any new property owner they are not allowed to access Gerald Drive in anyway other than to maintain the road.

St. Luke representatives Atty. Joseph Bubba, Scott Pasterski (engineer), and Bret Buchman, project manager attended the meeting to present the Board of Supervisors their amended plans to construct a Medical Office Building with a walkway connected to the hospital. After a lengthy discussion between St. Luke's representatives and the Supervisors, Atty. Thomas Nanovic and Michael Tirpak (engineer) the Supervisors tabled the revised plans. St. Luke's was advised to apply for a variance regarding the setbacks. All agreed applying for a variance will help to clarify and give St. Luke's the compliance it needs to get plan approval.

Unfinished Business –

Jason Frey made a motion to set the equipment rates for 2022 as follows:

2022 Equipment Rates:

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| Grader | \$125.00 per hour | Truck- (33,000 gvw) | - \$85.00 per hour |
| Paver | - \$400.00 per hour | One Ton Dump truck | - \$55.00 per hour |
| Roller | - \$200.00 per hour | Pick-Up Truck | - \$45.00 + \$25.00 extra for Plow |
| Loader | - \$125.00 per hour | Broom (tag-a-long) | - \$60.00 per hour |
| Backhoe | - \$200.00 per hour | Tractor w/Mower | - \$100.00 per hour |
| Hotbox | - \$100.00 per hour | Tri Axle Truck | - \$200.00 per hour |
| Komatsu | - \$25.00 per bucket load | | |

Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business Cont'd-

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve the requests from the Franklin Township Lions' Club, Pohopoco Rod and Gun Club, and the National Wild Turkey Federation to have a permission for exclusive use of the Phifer's Ice Dam (largest pond only) for the following dates:

May 7- Lions Club Fishing Contest

May 8 – National Wild Turkey Federation Youth Fishing Rodeo

May 15 – Pohopoco Rod and Gun Club Youth Fishing Day Event

Jason Frey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Jason Frey made a motion approving to limit the fishing in the largest dam (only) at the Phifer's Ice Dam to any youth less than fifteen years of age for thirty (30) days beginning May 7, 2022 until Monday, June 6, 2022 at 12:00 a.m. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Jason Frey made a motion to accept the sixty (60) day time extension regarding St. Luke's Medical Office Building Land Development Plan. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Jason Frey made a motion to table the revised St. Luke's Medical Office Building Land Development and Subdivision Plans. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Opening of Bids for 10,000 Gal Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel & 6,000 Gal. Heating Oil – A bid was received from George's Plumbing & Heating LLC. Fred Kemmerer Jr. made a motion to accept the bid on the condition that all the paperwork was in order for the 10,000 Gallons Low Sulfur & 6,000 Gallons of Heating Oil Escalator Clause in effect; bid prices quoted were in effect on February 11, 2022. Robin Cressley 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. Robin Cressley made a motion to re-advertise bids for 10,000 Gal 87 No/Lead Gasoline (At the pump prices in effect for March 11, 2022; Escalator Clause in effect, bids to be opened at the March 15, 2022 Township Meeting. Fred Kemmerer Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Jason Frey made a motion to approve adding the Fire Company's Auxiliary (35) members to Franklin Township's Worker's Compensation Policy. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Fred Kemmerer Jr. abstained. Supervisor Kemmerer felt he did not understand or know enough about the impact this may have or have not on our worker's compensation policy's annual premium. Motion carried.

New Business Cont'd-

Robin Cressley made a motion to hire the Law Firm Lieberman, Tamulonis & Hobbs to dispute the claim for Christman Ballfield's Concession Stand (Water Damage- 2/28/21) as long as Franklin Township can still argue the denial due to the length of time that has past. Jason Frey seconded the motion. Fred Kemmerer Jr. opposed. Motion carried.

Jason Frey moved to adopt Resolution 2022-14 Carbon County 2021 Hazard Mitigation Plan (Municipal Adoption Resolution). Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Jason Frey moved to adopt Resolution 2022- 15 No Alcoholic Beverages Permitted at the Recreational Areas in Franklin Township. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve Officer David Roberts attendance to a "Child Abuse Investigations" Training on February 22 & 23, 2022 beginning at 9:00 a.m. each day at no cost to the township. Jason Frey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve the Franklin Township Athletic Association's (FTAA) Auxiliary to hold their meeting at the Township Administration Office on the following dates: February 20, March 20, April 10, and May 15, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Jason Frey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Jason Frey made a motion to approve Franklin Township's Fire Police to aid in directing traffic for the Franklin Township Lions' Club Picnic in the Park event from noon to 4:00 p.m. on September 18, 2022. Fred Kemmerer Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve the use of Bunker Hill Ballfield to the Coaldale Tigers. By letter they requested the use of the field from March-October, 2-3 times per week and will be coordinating schedules with Leighton Softball. Fred Kemmerer Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Jason Frey made a motion to accept the Resignation of Robin Cressley as Road Foreman/Roadmaster. Fred Kemmerer Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fred Kemmerer Jr. made a motion to appoint Kim Hunsicker as interim Road Foreman/Roadmaster retroactive from January 24, 2022. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to hire two full-time Road Crew employees. Jason Frey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Fred Kemmerer Jr. made a motion to appoint Carl Andrew as the Custodian of the Phifer's Ice Dam Pavilion. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Jason Frey made a motion to approve the purchase of four (4) cellphones and monthly plans for three (3) Supervisors and one (1) Road Foreman/Roadmaster through At & T First Net. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (Cellphones were all free of charge through First Net)

Fred Kemmerer Jr. made a motion to change Franklin Township's domain name to .gov. Jason Frey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Fred Kemmerer Jr. made a motion to approve Franklin Township's Website to be updated at a cost of \$3,000.00. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Fred Kemmerer Jr. made a motion to setup Mobile Text Alerts at a cost of \$826.00. Jason Frey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Jason Frey made motion to approve the use of Fleet Cards for fuel purchases on all Township Vehicles, on condition that no bids are received at the March 15, 2022 Township Meeting. Fred Kemmerer Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Jason Frey made a motion to accept the resignation of Charyn Ayoub as an alternate sewage enforcement officer (SEO) as of February 14, 2022, due to other employment. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Kemmerer proposed to amend the agenda to add a motion authorizing the sale of any unused equipment etc. that is located behind the Township Garage or items in the Hobby Shop.

Jason Frey made a motion authorizing a list be made of the unused equipment etc. located behind the Township Garage and items in the Hobby Shop that can be sold/placed for bid. Robin Cressley seconded the motion.

Citizen Participation-

Dave Whitman asked who would be putting the signs up to close the park in May for the Fishing Contests. He offered to put the signs up. Supervisors Cressley said to talk to either Barry Reed or Robert Correll, they will help him. .

Questions from the Press – None

Robin Cressley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m. Jason Frey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda Cressley, Secretary