

October 19, 2021

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 Brenda Cressley. A list of others in attendance is attached to the Minute Book. Chairman, Jason 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 –

Having received no additions or corrections from the September 21, 2021 Township Meeting minutes, Barbara Beltz made a motion approving the minutes as submitted. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary's Report-

Announced:

The Carbon County Planning & Development Office held their 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Hearing (Virtue Hearing Meeting) on September 28, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. for the CDBG FY2021. Jennifer Hunsicker announced the CDBG FY 2021 money will be used for the drainage improvements to Red Hill Road Phase 2 in the amount of \$78,834.00.

Reminder Trick or Treat night is on October 27, 2021 from 6:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m.

Treasurer's Report – Barbara Beltz 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 9/7/21- 10/4/21. Revenue from Zoning Permits: \$1,255.50; Variance application fees - \$2,000.00. Copies are on file.

UCC Building Code Official - Received report from Paul Jarrett, Building Code Officer from 9/7/21- 10/4/21. Administrative fees turned in with report: \$531.50. Copies are on file.

Fire Chief's Report - Received the October 2021 report for the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company, as well as for the Fire Police. Copies are on file.

Police Report- Received the police report from 9/19/21-10/16/21

Road Foreman Report- Time sheets were provided

Central Carbon Municipal Authority – Meeting minutes from September 20, 2021.

Franklin Township Lions Club Report - October 2021 Newsletter

Barbara Beltz made a motion to approve all reports as submitted. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Communications –

Received the allocated State Aid Money in the amount of \$76,756.32 (2020- \$83,901.33- \$7,144.81 less this year) which helps to defray the costs of the Police Pension and Non-Uniformed Pension Plan. Portion of the State Aid used to help pay \$55,590.00 for the Non-Uniformed Pension Plan (8 members) and \$38,413.00 for the Police Pension Plan (4 members) for the year of 2021; Received the Commonwealth's 2021 state aid check from the Volunteer Fire Relief Association in the amount of \$20,889.18 (2020- \$23,543.27): difference of \$2,654.09 less to aid the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company; We received the 2021 the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Aggregate Report for the period of 7/1/21 thru 9/30/21 from Nationwide/Girard Pension Services; Received notice of the ESTIMATED Liquid Fuels allocation for 2022 is \$215,143.74 (2021- \$217,942.74: difference is \$2,799.00 less); Received an email from Dan Horsfield regarding rate changes and supplies with an overview of what his business has to offer when it comes to IT services; Received PMRS 2019 Financial Information (Schedules, GASB 68 Reports, Member Statements); the annual PURTA (Public Utility Realty Tax) check for the year 2020- (\$1,394.52); Emails: NEPA, PSATS, LTAP, & PennDot

Citizen Participation:

Fred Kemmerer Jr was present to ask if the Township has a safety rules that the employees follow. He gave his suggestions of what he thinks would be a benefit for the employees to follow.

Township Resident Jason Eidem agreed with Mr. Kemmerer he feels safety measures are very important, just discussing the topic with the employees gets them thinking and will make them more aware of their surroundings.

New Business-

Robin Cressley made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-03 amending Ordinance 2021-01 (Franklin Township Stormwater Management Ordinance), Establishing a new Section 807 that shall be added to provide for a section on enforcement. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to approve the Medical Loss Rebate that Franklin Township received in the amount of \$10,232.21 to be applied towards the 2021 Highmark Monthly Premiums. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to waive the request for payment of Recreation Fees regarding the Daniel Shoenberger's Lot Line Revision. Currently three (3) lots that will be made into four (4) lots therefore creating a new lot however no new dwellings are being proposed. The \$500.00 Recreation Fee would be mandated to be paid if ever the lot was built on. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Jason Frey opposed the motion. Motion was carried.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to approve the Daniel L. & Ann L. Shoenberger & Philip E., Debra M. & Marc Edward Cinamella Final Lot Line Revision & 4 Lot Subdivision Plan. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to table a waiver request from Scott Bieber on behalf of the property owner of 777 Interchange Road to grant a well distance exemption and to waive a groundwater study needed to obtain a sewage permit to replace a malfunctioning cesspool that currently serves this property. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to approve the request from Surveyor Ron Neher with Keystone Consulting Engineers to have Franklin Township waive the review of the reverse Schneider subdivision. The property owners would like to join their three (3) lots; a small portion of one of the lots is located in Franklin Township and the rest is located in Towamensing Township, as long as Franklin Township is presented with a final recorded plan and engineering comments. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Copy of Map is on file.

Robin Cressley made a motion to table the motion to continue to pursue the Christman Ballfield denial claim with Atty. Tamulonis until more information is given for the costs that may be involved. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to approve the request from Palmerton Borough to have the Franklin Township Fire Police assist with traffic control on Thursday, November 25, 2021 for the Bo Tkach Turkey Trot 5K Race. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Questions-

David Bradley asked to have courtesy of the floor. He also questioned what kind of safety measures that the Township has in place, and asked if they complete near miss forms. Supervisor Cressley said no he was not aware of any such forms. He thanked them for his input and said he will think about all of their suggestions.

Township Resident Jason Eidem was present to ask the Board of Supervisors for help with stopping PennDot from taking six feet of land from his property to widen Long Run Road. He said he met with PennDot representatives (Corey Reph & Al Libinsky) and said they are receiving too many complaints about the truck traffic traveling on Long Run Road. They would like to widen Long Run Rd to avoid future traffic accidents. Mr. Eidem is requesting that the Board of Supervisors write a letter supporting Mr. Eidem and his family's request to not take his land away from him. He said this is his home and where he wants to spend his life raising his family. He was told by PennDot that they need a letter from the Supervisors to stop this from happening. He would like to get together with the Supervisors to come up with a solution to save this intersection.

Questions from the Press - None

Barbara Beltz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:30 p.m. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Brenda Cressley  
Secretary-Treasurer