

February 21, 2023

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 17, 2023 Township Re-Organization Meeting. Jason Frey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Jason Frey made a motion approving the minutes from the January 31, 2023 the ARPA Budget Workshop Meeting. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary's Report- the Secretary announced 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 1, 2023 (9:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m.)- It was noted: For Franklin Township Residents Only

An interview was held on February 7, 2023; On Friday, February 3, 2023 the Supervisors, personnel from CCMA and St. Luke's met to discuss how to correct the rag issue that is happening at the Main Road Pump Station.

Rep. Doyle Heffley requested a meeting be held on Friday, February 10th at 1:00 p.m. at the Beltzville State Park to discuss the traffic problems entering the State park present were the Franklin Township Supervisors, Chief Doll, State Park Rangers and himself.

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 February monthly Zoning Permits from (1/17/2023- 2/20/2023), amount of Zoning Permits issued were \$1,616.50. Copies on file.

UCC Building Code Official – Paul Jarrett, Building Code Officer submitted the February UCC Permits from (1/17/2023- 2/20/23), amount of UCC Permits issued were \$477.00. Copies on file.

Fire Chief's Report – Fire Chief Lynn Diehl submitted the January 2023 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 2023. (Copy on file).

Police Reports – Chief Jason Doll submitted the police department’s Criminal Activity Report from 1/8/23-2/4/23. (Copy on file)

Road Crew Reports – Reports were submitted from (1/8/23-1/21/23), (1/22/23-2/4/23). Copies on file.

SEO Report- SEO Officer Scott Bieber submitted his report from 12/1/22- 1/31/23

Central Carbon Municipal Authority – No Report Submitted.

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

Communications -

Received the 2022 fourth quarter (October-December) and the 2022 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; and a copy of the quarterly Girard Pension Services, LLC invoice that was paid by our plan; Copies of both reports were given to each Supervisor; Received a letter of approval from DEP for the two electronic E-Cycling Events we are holding on April 1, 2023 and October 21, 2023; Copies of both reports were given to each Supervisor; Received a letter from Chief Joseph Schatz from the Jim Thorpe Police Department stating that Chief Jason Doll did an outstanding job which helped lead to the arrest of the person responsible for the crime; Sara Keiser, Tax Collector submitted her final settlement report for 2022; Received emails PSATS, PENNDOT, NEPA, LTAP, and PIRMA

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 twelfth annual Youth Fishing Day at the Phifer’s Ice Dam Park on Sunday, May 14, 2023 beginning at 8:00 a.m. and ending at 12:00 p.m. On behalf of the Franklin Township Lions Club and the National Wild Turkey Federation Youth Fishing Rodeo Mr. Reed requested exclusive use to hold their fishing contests on May 7<sup>th</sup> and May 13<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Reed stated that last year they had over eighty (80) kids participating and therefore all three groups are asking for exclusive use of Dams 1 & 2 and asked that the fishing be limited to youngsters fifteen (15) and younger for a thirty (30) day period beginning May 6, 2023 at noon and ending Sunday, June 5, 2023 at 12:00 a.m.

Citizen Participation Cont'd:

Mr. Reed also said the Pohopoco Rod and Gun Club will stock the trout early in the morning of May 14, 2023, the Turkey Federation Group stocking date will be on May 6<sup>th</sup> for their event and the Lions Club stocking date was undetermined at this time. Mr. Reed said they will post the signage for this event and will be policing and supervising this event, along with Scott Christman the Waterways Conservation Officer of the PFBC. When they notify Mr. Christman of the Township's approval he will then complete the paperwork needed from his office. Mr. Reed ended with asking the township if they would please provide a few garbage cans for their events as they did in the past. He also thanked the Board of Supervisors for all of their continued support.

Township Resident Stephen Delello was present to ask what happened with the meeting that Representative Heffley held regarding the Beltzville State Park. Chairman, Kemmerer said it was just a meeting asking for suggestions or ideas that could help the traffic problem regarding Beltzville State Park. He suggested to hold another public meeting in the very near future with township residents etc. to discuss the traffic problem.

Mr. Delello asked why our signs do not have on them that a fine will be issued, he said legally they need to be posted that way. Township Solicitor will look into this matter.

Old/Unfinished Business –

The CD in the amount of \$249,984.00 that matured on 2/9/23 was cashed in and placed in the Capital Reserve Building's Fund Plgit account on 2/9/23.

New Business -

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 permission for exclusive use of the Phifer's Ice Dam Ponds one & two 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 Ponds/Dams One & Two at the Phifer's Ice Dam to any youth less than fifteen years of age for thirty (30) days beginning Saturday, May 6, 2023 until Sunday, June 5, 2023 at 12:00 a.m. 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. Robin Cressley made a motion to accept the bid on the condition that all the paperwork was in order for the 10,000 Gallons Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel - (\$3.37 per gallon) & 6,000 Gallons of Heating Oil - (\$3.18 per gallon); Escalator Clause in effect; bid prices quoted were in effect on February 17, 2023. Jason Frey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business Cont'd-

Opening of Bids for 10,000 Gal 87 Octane No/Lead Gasoline At-the-Pump – No bid proposals were received. Jason Frey made a motion to re-advertise bids for 10,000 Gal 87 No/Lead Gasoline (At the pump prices in effect for March 17, 2023; Escalator Clause in effect, bids to be opened at the March 21, 2023 Township Meeting. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Jason Frey made a motion to appoint Sherry Rabenold as the 2023 Custodian for the Phifer's Ice Dams Pavilion.

Robin Cressley made a motion to advertise to receive bids for Landfill Services (Bids to be opened at our March 21, 2023 Township Meeting), Note: Waste Management Agreement will end 4/30/2023. Jason Frey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Jason Frey made a motion to have Chairman Fred Kemmerer Jr. sign the Demolition Contract from A R Popple Tkg. & Exc. LLC to demolish the Hobby Shop Building located at 903 Fairyland Rd. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

It was also noted that the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company will have another opportunity to hold a practice drill at the Hobby Shop before the demolition will begin.

Jason Frey made a motion to approve the revision of the CDBG funds and pre-app for FY 2023. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (Red Hill Road Drainage)

Jason Frey made a motion to approve the ARPA Budget according to the ARPA Workshop Meeting held on January 31, 2023. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Participation- None

Questions from the Press – None

Robin Cressley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Jason Frey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Brenda Cressley, Secretary

