

June 16, 2020

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, Secretary-Treasurer Brenda Cressley. A list of others in attendance at the meeting is attached to the Minute Book. Chairman Frey 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 to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2020 Township Meeting. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary's Report – The Secretary announced there will be a change for the July 4, 2020 garbage collection. Friday's July 3<sup>rd</sup> collection will be picked up on Thursday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Reminder we will be having an E-Cycling Day for Franklin Township Residents ONLY on Saturday, July 11, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. or until the truck is full.

The Franklin Township Administration Office is now opened to the public. Masks are still required upon entering the office until further notice. If you do not have a mask there will be masks and hand sanitizer available when you enter the building. We appreciate the public's cooperation.

Treasurer's Report – Barbara Beltz moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Zoning Report – Zoning Officer Tracy Herman submitted her report from 5/20/2020 through 6/15/2020. Revenue from Zoning Permits: \$690.23. No Variance Applications submitted.

UCC Building Code Official – Received report from Lehigh Valley Inspection Services from 5/20/2020 to 6/15/2020. Administrative fees turned in with report: \$250.00

Fire Chief's Report – Fire Chief Lynn Diehl submitted the May, 2020 report for the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Co. #1, as well as for the Fire Police. Copies are on file.

Police Reports – Acting Chief Jason Doll submitted reports from (5/17/2020-6/13/2020)

Road Crew Reports- Robin Cressley reported that he attended a Skype Meeting with PennDot regarding Rt. 248 and said the repair work will be beginning in the near future and will take approximately two years to complete. The project is estimated to cost 13 million dollars.

Central Carbon Municipal Authority – None Received, Meeting was cancelled until 6/18/2020.

Franklin Township Lions – None Received

Communications-

We received the final payment of \$14,028.20 for the Phase 1 of the Evergreen Road Low Volume Paving Road Project; We received the Compact Track Loader this week; Email reminding residents to complete the 2020 Census and its importance; NEPA, PSATS, DEP, LTAP.

Presentation- Chairman Jason Frey presented the annual contribution check of \$36,000.00 to Fire Chief Lynn Diehl representing the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company. 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.

Citizen Participation-

Township Resident Timothy Foster was present to voice his concerns he has regarding a home located on East Highpointe Drive that is being used as a vacation rental. Every weekend there are different people staying in this home and is being used as a party house. He noted even through the Covid 19 pandemic. Sometimes there are between 15-20 people shooting AR 15's, fireworks, and playing loud music sometimes until 3-4 in the morning. He said his wife and himself can't sit outdoors and enjoy their back yard because of the noise. He has tried talking to owner, the owner told him he has a permit for this. Mr. Foster checked with Tracy Herman, Franklin Township's Zoning Officer and she told him no permit was issued and that there is no zoning regulations regarding vacation homes. He also said he called the Franklin Township Police Department on three different occasions and each time no one responded, he then called the State Police and they would not come unless it was an emergency. He said this happens every week it begins on Thursdays and ends on Sundays. The Supervisors told him until the updated zoning ordinance is adopted we cannot do anything except try to have a police officer stop by the residence when they are too loud and they will also contact Scott Bieber, Franklin Township's sewer enforcement officer (SEO) to see if there is anything that can be done about the amount of people staying at the home because of the septic system.

Old Business-

1. 1<sup>st</sup> Public- Virtual Hearing-(Zoom) RE: CDBG Fiscal 2020 was held on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.; the meeting was conducted by the Carbon County Planning and Development Office (Jennifer Hunsicker & Jason Skrimcovsky).

Barbara Beltz made a motion to approve the minutes for this meeting. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Virtual Hearing (Zoom)- Re: CDBG Funding for the CARES ACT- Covid-19 Grant was held on June 10, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the funding and eligible activities available.

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve the minutes for this meeting. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business-

Barbara Beltz made a motion to approve the Junkyard Permit Application for Zaprazny (JME Land Inc.-DBA Lehighon Scrap Recycling. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (Copy is on file)

Robin Cressley made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-09 authorizing the submission of the RCAP Grant Application and Business Plan as well as execution of the Co-operation Agreement with St. Luke's Hospital. Barbara Beltz seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to approve the Pre-Application and Cost Estimate for the 2020 FY-Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) consisting of Phase 2 continuation of the reconstruction of Red Hill Road to alleviate the poor condition of the road. Retroactive (May 29, 2020 application deadline). Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to deny Officer Fedor's request to be compensated under the Pennsylvania Heart and Lung Act, Act 53 P.S. Section 637. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to table the appointment of the Zoning Hearing Board Member. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to grant Franklin Township's (Fast Pitch team) STORM permission to use Christman Ballfield from June 15, 2020 – August 26, 2020, practice schedule and Certificate of Liability is attached. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to extend the Declaration of Disaster – COVID-19 until the July 21, 2020 Township Meeting. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to have Chairman Jason Frey sign the Sewage Facility Module Component 3 regarding the Blocker/State Road Property contingent upon Chairman Frey is satisfied with Engineer Douglas Kopp's response to his questions. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Comments/Questions from Citizens-

Fire Chief Lynn Diehl informed the Supervisors that the roof project was started yesterday (6/15/2020). He said it is going to be a flat roof with a metal base.

The Block Party has been cancelled, and no Bingo to date. They are currently selling platters to go and having a pizza sale.

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Questions from the Press: None

Barbara Beltz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Brenda Cressley, Secretary-Treasurer