

January 17, 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 Jr, Robin Cressley, Jason Frey.; and Secretary –Treasurer Brenda Cressley. An attendance sheet listing all others present 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.

Jason Frey made a motion approving the minutes from the December 20, 2022 Township Meeting. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion approving the minutes from the January 3, 2023 Reorganization Township Meeting. Jason Frey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary's Report - The Secretary announced the following:

- 1). Reminder Christmas Trees can be disposed of at the Phifer's Ice Dam Park until January 31, 2023 (Penn Street Entrance)
- 2). Garbage Collection Day Change: Monday, February 20, 2023 (President's Day) will be picked up on Tuesday, February 21, 2023.
- 3). Next Township Meeting – February 21, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.
- 4). We are currently looking for a person to open, close, and clean the Phifer's Ice Dam Pavilion for the 2023 rentals

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

Zoning Report - Zoning Officer Paul Jarrett submitted his report from 12/12/22- 12/20/22 Revenue from Zoning Permits: \$514.20. Variance application fees. Copy is on file.

UCC Building Code Official – UCC Building Code Official – Received report from Paul Jarrett, Building Code Officer from 12/12/22/-12/20/22. Total fees turned in: \$486.00. Copy is on file.

Fire Chief's Report - December 2022 Monthly report, and the 2022 Yearly report was submitted. Copies are on file.

Fire Police Report – December 2022 monthly report was submitted. Copy is on file.

Police Reports- Chief of Police, Jason Doll submitted a police report from (12/11/22-1/7/23) Copy is on file.

Road Crew - Report submitted from (12/25/22 -1/7/23). Copy is on file.

Central Carbon Municipal Authority – Ronald Solt submitted the Central Carbon Municipal Authority's minutes from their December 19, 2022 meeting.

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

Communications –

Received the year end December 31, 2022 report from Nationwide included in the report was the Aggregate Report for the period of 10/1/22- 12/31/22 and also received a Contract Transaction History report from Allied Benefits Group, LLC for the 4th quarter of 2022 (10/1/22-12/31/22) for the Franklin Township Police Pension Plan . Copies were given to each Supervisor; Received a reimbursement check in the amount \$315.87 for the 2021 year-end billing adjustments from CCMA, the 2021 DCED Annual Report of the Municipal Authorities along with the 2021 Financial Statements all pertaining to CCMA; Tax Collector's Sara Keiser's Final Settlement 2022 and the return of uncollected real estate taxes for the year of 2022; Pipe Data View Services will begin to start the procedure of Cleaning and televising approximately 4900' of 8" /12" Sanitary Lines **Emails from PSATS, LTAP**

Citizen Participation -

Township resident, Tim Wagner was present to ask a few questions on how a township meeting works, what are all the reports on the agenda approved for. He asked where the township is at in the process of building a new Township Building, he said he would like to be included in the meetings regarding a new building. He asked he who enforces are local ordinances and if the police enforce the zoning violations. He also asked how is the public to know when township meeting are held. The Supervisors explained to Mr. Wagner how the township meeting process works and told him how the zoning officer is able to enforce the zoning ordinances by sending violation letters (Certified) and then if results are found he will then go through the District Magistrates Office to hold a hearing and the judge will issue a fine.

Unfinished Business-

New Business –

Robin Cressley made a motion to bid on 10,000 Gallons (more or less) Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel and 6,000 gals (more or less) No. 2 Heating Oil; Escalator Clause in effect: bid prices quoted are to be those in effect on February 17, 2023; bids to be opened at the February 21, 2023 Township Meeting. Jason Frey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Fred Kemmerer Jr. made a motion to advertise bids for 10,000 Gallons 87 Octane No/Lead Gasoline (more or less); At-the-Pump pick up; Escalator Clause in effect; bid prices quoted are to be at-the-pump prices in effect on February 17, 2023; bids to be opened at the February 21, 2023 Township Meeting. Jason Frey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Jason Frey made a motion to cash out the maturing PLGIT CD (First Capital Bank, Germantown, TN) which will mature on February 9, 2023. (Purchased 2/9/2021) (Maturity value- \$249,984.00). Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to accept Edward Zink's resignation from the Road/Garbage Crew effective 1/4/23. Jason Frey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business Cont'd-

Jason Frey made a motion to approve the request for a \$1.00 per hour increase for employee #106 (Road/Garbage employee). Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Kemmerer noted the employee is still on probation and is still obligated to fulfill the requirements upon hiring.

Fred Kemmerer Jr. made a motion to approve the request from the Lehighon Men's Softball League for use of the Bunker Hill Ballfield for the 2023 season from April through September. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. It was noted that the league will sign Resolution 2022-15

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve the Franklin Township Athletic Association's (FTAA) request to hold their 2023 monthly meetings at the Township Administration Office on the following dates: Third Sunday of each month.

(2/19, 3/19, 4/16, 5/21, 6/18, 7/16, 8/20, 9/17, 10/15, 11/19, 12/17)

Jason Frey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments/Questions –

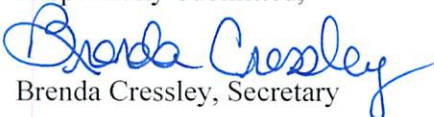
Larry Williams asked how the police coverage was going and how the gas card was working. Chairman Kemmerer stated he feels the new schedule is going really well and that having 24/7 coverage is closer than it has ever been. He also said the new Fleet Gas Cards that were put in place in 2022 have worked great.

Tim Wagner had question about how mutual aid works with the police and if it is beneficial to Franklin Township. The supervisors all responded that it works well for each community, also with the Fire Companies having mutual aid as well.

Questions from the Press - None

Fred Kemmerer Jr. made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Jason Frey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,


Brenda Cressley, Secretary