

July 20, 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; Secretary-Treasurer Brenda Cressley. A list of others in attendance 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.

Approval of Minutes –

Robin Cressley made a motion approving the minutes from the June 15, 2021 Township Meeting. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary's Report –

REMINDERS Residents- The Second Electronics Recycling Event will be held on Saturday, Sept. 25th from 9:00 a.m.-12 p.m. (Franklin Twp. Residents Only)

The Franklin Township Supervisors attended a meeting held at the Towamensing Township Office on July 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. RE:- Six (6) month review of the Towamensing Fire Company's Status.

The Franklin Township Supervisors met at the Beltzville State Park Office with Ben Monk, Park Rangers, & Rep. Heffley on July 15, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. regarding the parking issues

Interviews were held on July 16th for a full-time Road Crew position

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

Zoning Report- Zoning Officer Paul Jarrett submitted his report from 5/19/21 through 6/13/21. Revenue from Zoning Permits: \$1096.60. Variance Exception Request: \$0.00 He also submitted his report from 6/14/21- 7/18/21. Revenue from Zoning Permits: \$720.60 Variance Request: \$1,000.00 (Woody Frey) Copies on file.

UCC Building Code Official – Received report from Lehigh Valley Inspection Services from 5/19/21 through 6/13/21. Administrative fees turned in with report: \$827.00. He also submitted his report from 6/14/21-7/18/21. Administrative fees turned in with report: \$577.00 Copies on file.

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

Police Reports – Received report from 6/13/21-7/10/21

Road Crew Report - Report received from 6/13/2021-6/26/2021 & 6/27/2021-7/10/2021

Central Carbon Municipal Authority – Received minutes from the May 17, 2021 & June 21, 2021

Sewer Enforcement Officer- Received SEO report from 3/14/20- 7/17/20.

Communications -

Received the 2021 2nd Quarter reports from Nationwide – Police Pension – Aggregate Report for the Police Pension Plan from the period of 4/1/21- 6/30/21 (2nd Quarter 2021); Each Township Supervisor received a copy of 2021's second quarter reports; Received the MS4 Compliance Inspection Report from Scott Confer- DEP; Email from Waste Management announcing the merger with Advanced Disposal Services, noting this merger will not affect our current contract/ no changes; 2020 Central Carbon Municipal Authority Municipal Wasteload Management Annual Chapter 94 Report from Arro Consulting Inc.; We received one half of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds in the amount of \$218,653.98, Franklin Township will receive the other half next year around the same time and same amount; Emails from NEPA, PSATS, DEP, and LTAP, L3P State Contract Checklist

Citizen Participation-

Township resident Cara Serfass was present to ask the Supervisors why can't they enact a Firework Ordinance like other municipalities have done. She stated that most neighbors do not have the 150 feet distance that the state requires. She said until she calls the police and they get to her home the neighbors are back in the house and they can't catch them in the act. Chairman Frey stated that no matter if the Township has an ordinance or not the police still have to catch them lighting the fireworks in order to give them a citation. On another matter Cara said while walking her dog she was chased by a neighbor's dog from Main Rd. all the way to her home. She was unable to get a police response she called the dog warden from Carbon/Monroe and they are sending the neighbors a warning letter regarding this matter, and if it happens again they will receive a citation.

Stephen DeLello from Pine Cove Court was present to request the township budgets. He feels there is a serious need for additional police officers. He said he is willing to pay more taxes in order to hire more police. He added he would like to see two (2) speed limits signs on Jefferson Street. Supervisor Cressley said they cannot just put two speed limit signs, there has to be a traffic study and per law speed limit signs are required to be placed so many feet apart and on both sides of the roadway. Mrs. DeLello also present said there are speeders out every weekend and most are coming from the Beltzville State Park issues. The speeding and parking issues from Beltzville start at 5:30 a.m. every weekend morning. DeLello, Kevin Christman and Christopher Poplin were all in agreement that the township needs to have more police out to help with the traffic back-ups on Pohopoco Drive located in Franklin Township beginning at 5:30 a.m. Kevin Christman stated on Monday & Tuesday every week the park is really bad, there are no Rangers on duty to control all of the drinking and drug use being done inside the park. Supervisor Beltz stated the Board has been trying to help solve the issues by attending meetings and have been trying to be proactive. The Supervisors explained to them that our Police Department only has jurisdiction on Pohopoco Drive and anything outside of the park that is located within Franklin Township boundaries. The State Park Rangers should be handling the inside of the park illegal activities.

Citizen Participation Cont'd -

Fred Kemmerer Jr. also asked if there is an officer in our department that strictly handles all investigations. Supervisor Frey stated that each officer handles their own cases. Mr. Kemmerer feels if there was an investigative officer this would alleviate the Patrolman's case load and then they could be out more to do traffic, speed, etc.

Old Business-

Supervisors reopened the subject matter from the May Township Board of Supervisors Meeting regarding the installation of Stop Signs at Acorn Drive, Mill Run Drive, and Pine Cone Drive to control the speeding problem. The township has received emails from other residents that live in the area that are against the placement of Stop Signs. The Supervisors held a discussion and decided to hold off with the traffic study and the ordering of the signs at the present time. Supervisor Cressley recently ordered a Solar Feedback Sign (which was budgeted) to be placed on different Township roads. When the Mobile sign is delivered he will place it out in the Sawmill Development and see if it helps the situation.

New Business-

Barbara Beltz made a motion to reinvest maturing CD (Pacific Western Bank, CA) in the amount of \$249,240.00) which matures on July 22, 2021. Motion seconded by Robin Cressley. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve the Chairman of the Franklin Township Board of Supervisors to sign the Intermunicipal Agreement with Parryville contingent upon payment of all outstanding invoices. Per Atty. Nanovic everyone participating with this agreement has signed with exception of the Weissport Sewer Authority which will sign the Agreement at their next meeting on August 12, 2021. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to disapprove the DeLong Stormwater Plans per Greg Haas's review comments received from June 16, 2021. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-02- Prohibiting parking along certain roads within the Township (Fresh Meadow Drive, Portion of Green Street, and a portion of Pohopoco Drive. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve the purchase of a 60W Solar Feedback Sign per the budget. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-09- Disposition of Records following the schedules and procedures set forth in the municipal records manual that was Twp.

New Business Cont'd –

approved on December 16, 2008; the disposition of records will be the tax collectors reports from 1990 – 2017 (Jean L. Smith). Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to approve the request from the Half Time Bar & Grill LLC for Franklin Township Fire Police's assistance with traffic control on August 8, 2021 (raindate, August 14, 2021), for the 2nd annual "Back the Blue Ride." Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve the signing of the new IDC Web Services Agreement, this agreement enables the Township to switch from Evalon to Heartland to be the credit card processors. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to hire the law firm Lieberman, Tamulonis, & Hobbs to represent Franklin Township regarding the insurance claim denial for the water damage at the Christman Ballfield's Concession Stand. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve Officer David Roberts request to attend the Municipal Police Rifle Instructor Course from August 16-18, 2021 at the Northeast Training Facility at the cost of \$300.00. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to participate in the CCOG Auction on Saturday, September 18, 2021 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; Raindate will be on Sunday, September 19, 2021 same time. Supervisor Frey suggested to set a reserve on the items listed at the auction. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

On behalf of the Township Supervisors, Chairman Frey commended the Franklin Township Athletic Association and the coaches, kids, etc. who participated in the 2021 Baseball Season.

"As the season comes to a close we would like to recognize the 9-10 years old for winning the District 18 Championship. Unfortunately they went on to Sectionals and lost. Still Great Job!!!

The 7-8 years old are currently in the Tri-County Tournament

The 11 & 12 years old participated in the Panther Valley Tournament and are currently undefeated.

The Connie Mack teams comprised of 13 & 14 years old finished 2nd out of 6 teams

The Connie Mack team ages of 15 & 16 years old finished 4th out of 25 teams giving them an

automatic entry in States this Thursday.

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We wish all of the teams still playing the Best of Luck!!!

On behalf of The Franklin Township Supervisors would like to congratulate the Boys and Girls who participated in softball and baseball for another great year.”

Citizens Questions/Comments –

Resident Larry Williams questioned why Ordinance 2021- 02 Prohibiting Parking is only for portions of Green St. and Pohopoco Drive. Supervisor Cressley explained that the signs are where residents were complaining about parking on their properties. On Green Street from Pohopoco to Jefferson St. and on Green St. /Pohopoco to the Franklin Township Line.

Jill Refrew a resident living on Pohopoco Drive before Grange Road asked if the signs could be placed in the area where she lives on Pohopoco. Supervisors agreed to place signs where she requested.

Questions from the Press - None

Barbara Beltz made a motion to adjourn the meeting 7:40 p.m. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brenda Cressley, Secretary-Treasurer

