

September 19, 2017

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 Rod Green, Robin Cressley, and Barbara Beltz; Zoning & Building Code Officer- Carl Faust; Secretary-Treasurer Brenda Neeb. A list of others in attendance is attached to the Minute Book. Chairman Green called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

2nd Public Hearing Re: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for Fiscal Year 2017-

Ms. Hunsicker had an attendance sheet available for anyone present to sign.

Jennifer Hunsicker was present to explain the purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive any input and comments from citizens for the use of the 2017 CDBG funds for Franklin Township. She also stated per DCED Guidelines, a public notice was placed in the Times News on Friday, September 8, 2017 listing the selected projects for 2017. She announced that the total allocation that will be given to Franklin Township is \$84,211.00. Carbon County will receive \$15,157.00 for administering the grant program for the Township, leaving a balance of \$69,054.00.

Ms. Hunsicker stated that Franklin Township has selected for FY 2017, a Street Improvement Project. Red Hill Road Phase 1. A survey was conducted along the project area and was determined to be accepted as a project that will benefit low-to-moderate income people. She noted that over the next three years, Franklin Township intends to use CDBG funds to continue with drainage and street improvement to Red Hill Road.

The second part of the public hearing was to provide the public an opportunity to comment on the use of CDBG Funds for Franklin Township FY 2015. The Carbon County Office of Planning and Development will be moving the remaining CDBG FY2015 funds in the amount of \$38,097.65 from the State Road –Street Improvement Project to the Red Hill Road Water Improvement project (Drainage). She reminded the public a survey was conducted in this area to qualify this project. This project will benefit Low-to-Moderate income residents. Per DCED guidelines, a public notice was also placed in the Times News on September 8, 2017 announcing the modification.

Ms. Hunsicker provided the Board of Supervisors a list of all the past CDBG Funding projects that were implemented from 2009- 2016.

Ms. Hunsicker informed the Supervisors that the CDBG application is due on or before November 3, 2017.

The public hearing ended at approximately 6:40 p.m.

Approval of Minutes –

Having received no additions or corrections from the August 15, 2017 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 change in Garbage Collection for the Columbus Day Holiday:
Monday, October 9th pick-up is changed to Tuesday, October 10th**

Penndot has begun the construction work on Rt. 248, State Road and Union Hill Rd. This construction project will take approximately two weeks and will permanently remove any left turn movements from Route 248 eastbound onto Union Hill Road or State Road.

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

Zoning Report – Zoning Officer, Carl Faust, submitted his report from August 16, 2017 through September 19, 2017. Revenue from the Zoning Permits: \$134.00 Variance application fee: \$0.00 Copies are on file.

Zoning Officer, Carl Faust said he issued five (5) violations and three (3) violation letters regarding weeds/high grass.

UCC Building Code Official - Received report from Carl Faust, Building Code Officer from August 16, 2017 through September 19, 2017. Administrative fees turned in with report: \$18.50. Copies are on file.

Fire Chief's Report - Received the August 2017 report for the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company #1, as well as for the Fire Police. Copies are on file.

Police Reports - Received the police report from July 16, 2017- August 12, 2017 and August 13, 2017- September 9, 2017. Copies are on file.

Central Carbon Municipal Authority – Received minutes and reports from the July 17, 2017 and the August 21, 2017 meetings.

Franklin Township Lions Club- August 2017 Newsletter

Communications –Received an email from Rosalie Hutchison RE: 2017 General Municipal Pension System State Aid Unit Value will be \$4,588.2534; 2016 Annual Pa One Call Report; Received our refund check from CCMA for the 2016 Year-end billing adjustments amount of check was \$7,681.60. A three year community development plan for the Funding years of 2017, 2018, and 2019 for the Community Development Block Grant Program, from the Carbon County Planning & Development Office. Email from the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission stating there will be a detour for the weekend closure scheduled to occur between 9:00 a.m. Friday, September 29, 2017 and 4:00 pm. Monday- October 2, 2017, between the Lehigh Valley Interchange (Exit 56) and Mahoning Valley Interchange (Exit 74) and map showing the detour was also enclosed. G.O.A.L.S. (Gibbons Outdoor Adventure Leadership School) will be having an adventure race on Friday, September 22, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 pm. They will begin paddling at the Beltzville Lake and then biking through Franklin Township then accessing the D & L Trail; Emails from LTAP, PSATS, and NEPA.

Citizen Participation:

David Bradley was present to give a speech to replace Carl Faust. He explained that he feels that abuse of power is counterproductive. He said by Carl Faust issuing violations notices etc. It leads to litigation at the taxpayers' expense and feels it is unfair for the taxpayers to carry the burden of paying for legal services and court costs. He feels the property owners are being provoked and causing distrust. He used the example of what happened in Ross Township and Rocky Newell. He stated he had facts about Carl but did not present any facts when asked by the Board of Supervisors during his presentation. He highly suggested that the Board of Supervisors make a motion to hire multiple inspectors and divide the powers of Carl Faust, which will create a division of power and authority. He went on to ask each Board Member if they are willing make this motion. They each answered no, not at this time. Chairman Green thanked him for his opinion.

Unfinished Business- None

New Business –

Barbara Beltz made a motion to approve the Modification to apply Franklin Township's 2015 remaining CDBG funds from State Road- Street Improvements of \$68,097.65 to the Water Improvements on Red Hill Road. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Green noted the reason for this modification was the project costs came in under budget to complete State Road, therefore the balance leftover can be applied to the next CDBG Funding Year (2016) - Water/Drainage Improvements to Red Hill Road. He also noted that the Franklin Township Road Crew did some of the work themselves and it saved money. Per Jennifer Hunsicker from the Carbon County Planning & Development Office.

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve the Cooperation Agreement between Franklin Township and the County of Carbon for the Funding Year 2017 CDBG Program. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to approve the General Application for the Funding Year 2017 for Street Improvements- Reconstruct Red Hill Road Phase 1. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Rod Green, Chief Administrative Officer of the Franklin Township Police Pension Plan, presented the Plan's Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the year of 2018 as \$47,614.00. Robin Cressley made a motion to accept the 2018 MMO for the Franklin Township Police Pension Plan as presented. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Rod Green, Chief Administrative Officer of the Franklin Township Non-Uniformed Pension Plan, presented the Plan's Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the year 2018 as \$48,420.00. Robin Cressley made a motion to accept the 2018 MMO for the Franklin Township Non-Uniformed Pension Plan as presented. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2017-08 which requests a Local Share Account (LSA) Grant in the amount of \$150,000.00 on behalf of the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company to be used for building renovations and designating the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors and the Secretary-Treasurer to execute all documents pertaining to the grant. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to approve the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company's request to attend the Franklin Township Elementary PTO's Annual back to school kick off using the brush truck for lighting and fire protection while the bonfire is going. It will be on Friday, September 22, 2017 from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. at the Franklin Elementary upper field. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to schedule Trick or Treat night on October 25, 2017 from 6:00 p.m - 8:00 p.m. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to authorize the solicitor to withdraw the petition for a preliminary injunction concerning Bike Night (referred to as Festival) at Rider's Resort under the following conditions:

1. The owner of the property shall provide for a minimum of six security guards at all times during the Festival on Saturday (or Sunday if due to rain it is moved to that date) and two security guards at all times on Friday night.
2. Any open flames shall be contained in fire rings with fire suppression equipment nearby
3. Owner will provide for a first aid station at all times during the Festival with ambulance available if possible
4. Owner will provide a minimum of 11 Portable Restrooms during the Festival
5. Owner shall pay to the Township the actual cost of two patrolmen on the day of the Festival for two-8 hour shifts
6. Owner shall provide staff to direct traffic
7. Owner shall provide for a dumpster for all trash
8. Owner agrees there shall be no use of any of the buildings by festival goers (existing use of the buildings by other campers shall not be abated)
9. Noise shall be abated by 11 PM both days

Barbara Beltz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:50 p.m. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Brenda Neeb,
Secretary-Treasurer