

October 17, 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 Robin Cressley, and Barbara Beltz; Secretary-Treasurer Brenda Neeb. A list of others in attendance is attached to the Minute Book. Chairman, Rod Green was absent. Vice Chairman Robin Cressley 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 –

Barbara Beltz made a motion approving the minutes from the September 19, 2017 Township Meeting as submitted. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report-

Announced: Change in Garbage Collection for Veteran's Day – Friday, November 10, 2017 pick-up will be changed to Thursday, November 9, 2017.

Reminder- Electronic Recycling Day will be held on November 4, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Reminder: Trick or Treat night will be 10/25/17 from 6:00 pm. -8:00 p.m.

The Board of Supervisors is not giving up on the collection of recyclable materials. They are currently and actively looking into retaining another company to collect our recyclables.

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

Zoning Report - Zoning Officer Carl Faust submitted his report from 9/20/17 through 10/17/17. Revenue from Zoning Permits: \$262.00; Variance application fees - \$0.00; Two violations letter were sent. Copies are on file.

UCC Building Code Official - Received report from Carl Faust, Building Code Officer from 9/20/17 through 10/17/17. Administrative fees turned in with report: \$80.00. Copies are on file.

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

Police Report- Received the police report from 9/10/17 -10/07/17

Central Carbon Municipal Authority – None given

Franklin Township Lions Club Report - Franklin Township Lions Newsletter from October 2017.

Communications –

Received the allocated State Aid money which helps to defray the costs of the Police, and Non-Uniformed Pension Plans. Portion of the State Aid was used to help pay \$47,223.00 for the Non-

Communications – Cont'd:

Uniformed Pension Plan (8 Members) and \$46,504.00 for the Police Pension Plan (3 members) for the year of 2017. Also received the State Aid check in the amount of \$23,939.71 to aid in supporting the Volunteer Fire Relief Association of the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company; Annual Purta (Public Utility Realty Tax) check for the tax year 2016 – (\$1,392.10); Received the third quarter 2017 Police Pension reports from Nationwide, attached was Allied Benefit Group, LLC's contract transaction history report from 7/1/17-9/30/17 and the aggregate reports from 7/1/17-9/30/17; The Act 44 Disclosure Form was received from Univest/Nationwide and Beyer-Barber regarding the Police Pension; Emails from NEPA, PSATS, DEP, and LTAP.

Citizen Participation:

Township resident Ty Poole was present to express his concerns with the new part-time police officers. He felt they are too aggressive. Vice-Chairman Robin Cressley suggested a meeting with Acting Chief Jason Doll to resolve any issues.

Township Resident Larry Williams was present to ask what was the reason the recycling company removed their recycling bins that were in place. Vice-Chairman Robin Cressley said that they (Solomon Container Services Co.) did not give a specific reason why, they just called the township office and said unfortunately they will longer be able to continue collecting Franklin Township's recyclable materials and they will be removing the bins on September 29, 2017.

New Business-

Barbara Beltz made a motion to hire/appoint Keystone Consulting Engineering as Franklin Township's Alternate Engineer beginning immediately. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to accept Rockland Energy's Land Development offer to extend the review time for Franklin Township to one hundred twenty (120) days. (Rockland Energy's current plan review of ninety days will expire on November 8, 2017).

Barbara Beltz made a motion to clarify that the Township recognizes it has two secretarial positions in the Township, Christine Green serves as a secretarial clerk in the Township and Brenda Neeb serves as a Lead Secretary for the township, while also serving as Township Secretary and Treasurer for no additional remuneration. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to authorize the Township Solicitor to represent the township before the Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board concerning the secretarial positions in the township; authorizing the Solicitor to enter into any stipulations to ask and extend the bargaining unit to said secretarial positions consistent with the above motion. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to approve the Borough of Lehighton's request to have Franklin Township's Volunteer Fire Police assist with traffic control for the third annual Snowflake 5K walk/run to be held on December 9, 2017 registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. with a start time of 9:00 a.m. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to hire McNees Wallace & Nurick LLC for labor matters including arbitration and terminations as set forth in their retention agreement. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:00 p.m. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried.



Brenda Neeb
Secretary-Treasurer