

October 15, 2019

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; and Secretary Brenda Neeb. A list of others in attendance is attached to the Minute Book. Chairman, Jason Frey 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 2019-

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 2019 CDBG funds for Franklin Township. She also stated per DCED Guidelines, a public notice was placed in the Times News on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 listing the selected projects for 2019. She announced that the total allocation that will be given to Franklin Township is \$92,905.00. Carbon County will receive \$16,722.00 for administering the grant program for the Township, leaving a balance of \$76,183.00.

Ms. Hunsicker stated that Franklin Township has selected for FY 2019, the monies will be used for Water/Drainage Improvements to Red Hill Road (Phase II). 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.

Ms. Hunsicker provided the Board of Supervisors a list of all the past CDBG Funding projects that were implemented from 2009- 2019.

Ms. Hunsicker informed the Supervisors that the CDBG application is due on or before November 22, 2019.

The public hearing ended at approximately 6:45 p.m.

Approval of Minutes –

Barbara Beltz made a motion approving the minutes from the September 25, 2019 Township Meeting as submitted. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report-

Announced:

- 1). Change in Garbage Collection for Veteran's Day – Monday, November 11, 2019 pick-up will be changed to Tuesday, November 12, 2019.
- 4). Reminder- Electronic Recycling Day will be held on October 26, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
This Event is for Franklin Township Residents Only!
(when truck is full they will leave)
- 5). Reminder: Trick or Treat night will be 10/30/19 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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

Zoning Report - Zoning Officer Tracy Herman submitted her report from 9/16/19 through 10/15/19. Revenue from Zoning Permits: \$223.20; Variance application fees - \$0.00. Copies are on file.

UCC Building Code Official - Received report from Paul Jarrett, Building Code Officer from 9/16/19 through 10/15/19. Administrative fees turned in with report: \$350.00. Copies are on file.

Fire Chief's Report - Received the September 2019 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 9/8/19 -10/5/19

Central Carbon Municipal Authority – None

Franklin Township Lions Club Report - October 2019 Newsletter

SEO Report- Sewer Enforcement Officer submitted his report from 7/1/19-8/31/19.

Communications –

Received the allocated State Aid Money which helps to defray the costs of the Police Pension and Non-Uniformed pension Plan. Portion of the State Aid used to help pay \$42,517.00 for the Non-Uniformed Pension Plan (8 members) and \$43,275.00 for the Police Pension Plan (4 members) for the year of 2019.; the annual PURTA (Public Utility Realty Tax) check for the year 2019- (\$1,310.20); Received the 3rd Quarter Aggregate Report for the period of 1/7/19 thru 9/30/19 from Nationwide/Girard Pension Services; Received a refund from CCMA for the 2018 year end billing adjustments in accordance with their audit and a copy of the DCED Annual report of Municipal Authorities; Act 44 disclosure form from Nationwide/Girard Pension Services regarding the police pension; The Carbon County Assessment Recap Report as of 10/3/19; 2018 Year-end Financial Activity Report (PMRS); Emails from the NEPA, PSATS- News Bulletin, Week in Review), & LTAP

Citizen Participation:

Township Resident Glenn Whiteman was present he stated that he lives in the Tall Oaks Subdivision. He said part of Innsbruck Drive was blacktopped a few years ago and the rest of the road where he lives was never blacktopped. He wanted to know if this part of Innsbruck Drive would be paved this year. Roadmaster Robin Cressley said his plan is to have the rest of Innsbruck Drive paved and completed this year pending the weather.

Mr. Whiteman's second question was on behalf of his neighbor Kenneth Meyer. He said Kenneth wanted to know if there have been police cuts and if Franklin Township has 24-7 police coverage. Mr. Meyer did come later in the meeting and said he wanted to know because he never sees the police patrolling. He stated he was a police officer and knows how hard it is to get part-time police officers to fill in empty shifts and suggested to raise the hourly rate. The Supervisors informed him that the Township does have 24-7 coverage except for one empty shift unless the police officer calls off sick or takes a personal day. They told him that there are currently five part-time officers and they try their best to have them fill-in the empty shifts.

New Business-

Barbara Beltz made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-03 Franklin Township's Peddler's Ordinance (establishing policies & procedures for any individual seeking to conduct business within the township via door-to-door solicitation). Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to proceed with the next step in obtaining easements from three property owners regarding the Red Hill Road Culvert Project. Barbara Beltz seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business-

Barbara Beltz made a motion to approve the waiver request from the Cora Ann Carpenter-Leggett MJ, LLC Boundary Line Adjustment Plans as follows Franklin Township's Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance Section 702 K & L – the applicant requests the waiver to the requirement for 5 foot contours and the datum to which the contour elevation refer. Since there is no proposed development of construction proposed as part of this plan. The purpose of the plan is to consolidate Cora Ann's holdings while creating new lot (Lot 1) for an existing dwelling and annexing another parcel (Lot 3) to the adjacent property of Michael Leggett. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve the waiver request from the Cora Ann Carpenter-Leggett MJ, LLC Boundary Line Adjustment Plans from Franklin Township's Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance Section 702 K & L as follows the applicant requests a waiver to the requirement of providing a PNDI search for the property. There is no construction, earthmoving or development proposed as part of this plan. The Supervisors requested this requirement be subject to future construction and be noted as such on the plan. Barbara Beltz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve the waiver request from the Cora Ann Carpenter-Leggett MJ, LLC Boundary Line Adjustment Plans from Franklin Township's Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance Section 702 K & L as follows the applicant requests a waiver to the requirement of identifying Pennsylvania Historic Museum Commission Archeologically sensitive sites and historic sites. Again, no construction, earthmoving or development is proposed as part of this plan. The Supervisors requested this requirement be subject to future construction and be noted on as such on the plan. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to give conditional approval to the Final Boundary Line adjustment for Cora Ann Carpenter & Leggett MJ, LLC Plans, pending the waiver approvals, date approved, and notes for future construction regarding the waiver request are all placed on the plan; all invoices are paid in full. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to grant approval of the Final Lot Line Adjustment for Marion L. Jr. & Sandra G. Walker pending all invoices are paid in full and a copy of the access easement agreement is provided to the Township. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to advertise for Request for Proposal's (RFP's) for Township Solicitor for the year of 2020. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business-

Barbara Beltz made a motion to approve the appointment of Attorney Joseph Sileo to be the arbitrator for the Franklin Township Supervisors regarding the Police Contract retroactive from October 4, 2019. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve the appointment of Attorney Joseph Sileo to handle legal matters regarding other police/personnel matters. Jason Frey seconded the motion. Barbara Beltz abstained due to a conflict of interest.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to approve the General Application for the Funding Year of 2019 for Street Improvements- Phase III Red Hill Road Water/Drainage and Road Improvements. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens Comments/Questions – None

Questions from the Press - None

Barbara Beltz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:10 p.m. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Brenda Neeb
Secretary-Treasurer