

February 18, 2020

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, Barbara Beltz, Township Solicitor Thomas Nanovic, and Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Christine Green ; a list of others in attendance at the meeting 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.

Robin Cressley made a motion approving the minutes from the January 6, 2020 Township Re-Organization Meeting. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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Secretary's Report- the Secretary announced that the garbage bills were mailed out the end of January, and if anyone did not receive a bill they should contact the Township Office. The Secretary also announced that there will be an E-cycling Event held on April 4, 2020 (9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.). The township residents were reminded that they should not plow/shovel snow onto the Township Roadways. The secretary announced that the Supervisors held an executive session on January 21, 2020 from 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. regarding the Franklin Township Police Department's work schedule. The secretary announced that the recycling is still being contaminated with plastic bags and some garbage. The recycling must have proper symbols and recycling is for Franklin Township residents only.

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

Zoning Officer- No Report Received

UCC Building Code Official - No Report Received

Police Reports – Chief Jason Doll submitted the police department's January Criminal Activity Report from 12/29/19-1/25/2020. (Copy on file)

Fire Chief's Report – Fire Chief Lynn Diehl submitted the January 2020 monthly report for the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Co. (Copy on file)

Fire Police Reports – The Franklin Township Fire Police submitted their monthly report for January 2020. (Copy on file).

Central Carbon Municipal Authority – No Report Received.

Franklin Township Lions Club – No Report Received.

Communications -

Received a letter from the Pohopoco Rod and Gun Club mentioned that the Fishing Contest last year was a success. Mr. Reed was present and talked about the planned events for the Lion's Club event on May 9, 2020 and the 10th annual youth fishing day on May 17, 2020. Received the 2019 fourth quarter (October-December) and the 2019 annual (January-December) investment report(s) for the Franklin Township Police Pension Plan(s) from Girard (Univest Municipal Pension Services), included with this report was the Scope of Services document and the revenues paid by the Plan (s) to Univest as of December 31, 2019; and a copy of the quarterly Girard Pension Services, LLC effective January 1, 2020) invoice that was paid by our plan; Copies were given to each Supervisor; Pennsylvania One Call 2019 rate structure; Approval letter from DEP granting the township the ability to hold an electronic recycling collection day on April 4, 2020 and October 17, 2020; Received letter from Local Share Account Grant Program (LSA) informing Franklin Township that our request for the grant was NOT awarded; Received emails from, PSATS, LTAP, NEPA, Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor, and PennDot

Citizen Participation –

Barry Reed representing the Pohopoco Rod and Gun Club was present to ask the Board of Supervisors for permission to hold their (10th) annual youth fishing day on Sunday, May 17, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm. at the Phifer's Ice Dams Park. The Pohopoco Rod and Gun Club along with the Franklin Township Lions Club are requesting to have the largest dam located at the Phifer's Ice Dam (the stocked pond only) be restricted to only have youth ages fifteen (15) and younger allowed to fish at the pond. They are requesting that the "stocked only" pond be closed for thirty (30) days from May 9, 2020 – June 8, 2020. He said as in the past Scott Christman, Waterways Conservation Officer of the PFBC has volunteered to help enforce the restriction and will obtain the proper approval forms from the PFBC. Mr. Reed said with the combined effort, of the Pohopoco Rod and Gun Club and the Franklin Township Lions' Club they will post the signage around the pond indicating to the public the restrictions. He also reported that the grass carp stocked in the dam have done a great job in the past eating the underwater vegetation and has made the water more "fishable". Mr. Reed also asked for approval to get more grass carp since there are only a few left, as they get older they do not eat as much and the grass is starting to come back. Their goals are to encourage the youth and their families to participate in outdoor activities like fishing and also to give back to the Franklin Township Community. He thanked the Supervisors for allowing them to hold this event and for the use of the administrative office to hold their monthly meetings. The Supervisor Frey thanked Mr. Reed for everything they do for the community.

Jason Buchta, a representative from Ott Consulting was present to discuss UGI utilities proposed relocation at Fairview St. Located at the intersection of Fairview St. and State Rd. He talked about the new PUC Service facility. Their plan is to have parcels combined for a future utility site. They would like to put up a 10,000 square foot building which would be used as a garage for vehicles, it would include an office building for approximately six office staff and ten personnel in the field. He stated they would not store an abundance of material, they would only bring in materials for a

job that they currently have. Supervisor Cressley expressed concern of what the property would look like and what would be stored there. Mr. Buchta stated a fence could be erected to cover anything unsightly. Supervisor Cressley was also concerned with losing liquid fuel money for the township roads. Supervisor Frey told Mr. Buchta that he has to take the proper steps to proceed. He would first speak with Zoning Department and Planning Commission. He stated they will need a special exception in front of the Zoning Hearing Board. The Supervisors decided they would like to set up a meeting with Mr. Buchta, UGI Utilities, and CCMA in the future to discuss in more detail.

Roy Christman was present to re-visit the gerrymandering. He was at the December 2019 Township Meeting to discuss the issue. Mr. Christman stated numerous municipalities were passing the resolution in support of Fair Legislative Districts in Pennsylvania. He said with the Census going on now, if it doesn't happen, it won't happen for another ten years. He would like to see it on the agenda for March 2020 in hopes that the Board of Supervisors will approve a motion to pass the resolution.

Unfinished Business – Supervisors are looking to fill a vacancy on the Zoning Hearing Board if anyone is interested.

New Business-

Barbara Beltz made a motion to advertise for part-time Officers. Retroactive January 2020. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to appoint Christine Green as Assistant Secretary/Treasurer. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve the Pohopoco Rod and Gun Club's tenth annual Youth Fishing Day on Sunday, May 17, 2020 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to approve the Pohopoco Rod and Gun Club request to close/restrict the fishing at the upper dam be limited to any youth fifteen (15) years of age and under for thirty (30) days beginning May 9, 2020 and commencing on June 8, 2020 and allow for signs to be posted along the dam to inform the public. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion for Franklin Township Police Department to enforce the restriction of fishing at Phifer Ice Dam (upper dam) beginning May 9, 2020 and commencing on June 8, 2020. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Opening of Bids for 10,000 Gal Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel & 6,000 Gal. Heating Oil – A bid was received from George's Plumbing & Heating. Robin Cressley made a motion to accept the bid on the condition that all the paperwork was in order for the 10,000 Gal Low Sulfur & 6,000 Gal.

New Business Cont.

Heating Oil Escalator Clause in effect. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Opening of Bids for 10,000 Gal 87 Octane No/Lead Gasoline At-the-Pump – No bid proposals were received. Robin Cressley made a motion to re-advertise bids for 10,000 Gal 87 No/Lead Gasoline (At the pump prices in effect, Escalator Clause in effect, bids to be opened at the March 24, 2020 Township Meeting. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to seek companies for quotes for online payments. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion setting of Travel Allowance according to the IRS standard business mileage at .57 ½ cents per mile for 2020. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to authorize Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Christine Green to endorse checks in the absence of the Secretary/Treasurer. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to purchase a Certificate of Deposit for 12 months @ 1.65% from PLGIT and Landmark Community Bank, Collierville, TN retroactive from purchase 2/10/2020. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve the purchase of 2020 Responder WIP Police Vehicle and to fund the overage amount of \$125.34 to be taken out of the Police Office Supply Fund. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to set new rates of pay for Part-Time Police Officers. The new rates are retroactive from January 1, 2017. Pay increments are as follows:

1. Part-Time Officers that are beginning their employment and current Part-Time Officers with a maximum of 499 work hours will receive \$19.00 per hour.
2. Part-Time Officers that have a total of 500 work hours to 999 work hours will receive \$20.18 per hour.
3. Part-Time Officers that have a total equaling and/or in excess of 1,000 work hours will receive \$21.27 per hour.

Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to conditionally approve St. Luke's subdivision plan. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to approve the waiver for St. Luke's as per plan shown at a scale that exceeds 1"= 100' scale per the Applicant's Engineer request. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Participation-

Township resident Larry Williams was present and asked about the police coverage. He stated ever since the detour in Jim Thorpe, he has seen more speeding and no one is seeing any police. He sees speeding on Long Run Road and trucks traveling on Long Run Road which are not local delivery. He also saw garbage that was dumped along Long Run Road. The Supervisors told Mr. Williams they would speak to the Chief of Police regarding the issues and told Mr. Williams that they are changing the police schedule to 12 hour shifts in hopes this could help resolve some of the speeding issues and make improvements. Mr. Williams said he would let the Board of Supervisors know if he sees any changes with the new police schedule.

Questions from the Press – None.

Robin Cressley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Green, Assistant Secretary