

ORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 4, 2021

The Franklin Township Board of Supervisors met on the above date at the Franklin Township Administration Office. Present were Supervisors Jason Frey, Robin Cressley, Barbara Beltz; Secretary-Treasurer Brenda Cressley; The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m., by the Secretary. The meeting was opened by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

The Secretary called for appointment of a temporary Chairman to begin the meeting. Brenda Cressley moved to appoint Barbara Beltz as temporary Chairman. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz moved to nominate Jason Frey as Chairman of the Board. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Jason Frey moved to nominate Robin Cressley as Vice-Chairman of the Board. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz moved to reappoint Brenda Cressley as Secretary-Treasurer. (at no additional money over the secretarial union position salary) Jason Frey seconded the motion. Motion carried. (Supervisor Cressley abstained due to personal relationship)

Citizen Participation - None

Robin Cressley moved to appoint Attorney Thomas S. Nanovic as Township Solicitor. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz moved to reappoint Attorney Jenny Cheng as Solicitor for the Franklin Township Zoning Hearing Board. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley moved to reappoint Tracy Herman (LVIS) as Zoning Officer and BOCA Property Maintenance Code Enforcement Officer. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz moved to reappoint Paul Jarrett/LVIS and Bureau of Veritas North America Inc., as the Assistant BOCA Property Maintenance Code Enforcement Officers. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz moved to reappoint Paul Jarrett (LVIS), and Bureau of Veritas North America Inc., as Uniform Construction Code Officers along with Barry Isett & Associates Inc. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz moved to reappoint Scott Bieber – Lehigh Soils and Wetlands as the Township Sewage Enforcement Officer. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Soil Probe fees will increase \$50.00. (Current-\$250.00 will be increased to \$300.00).

Robin Cressley moved to reappoint Steve Gitch & Charyn Ayoub as Alternate Sewage Enforcement Officers. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz moved to reappoint ARRO Consulting, Inc. as the Township's engineer for central sewage related matters. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz moved to reappoint Carbon Engineering, Inc. as our Township Engineer (Greg Haas and Michael Tirpak) for general purposes. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Fee Schedule is attached

Robin Cressley moved to appoint Keystone Consulting Engineers as the Township's Alternate Engineer for general purposes. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz moved to reappoint Larry Diehl as Franklin Township Emergency Management Coordinator. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley moved to appoint Howard Boehringer as a Vacancy Board Member. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz moved to reappoint Stephen Everett as a Planning Commission Member for a five (5) year term. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley moved to reappoint Fred Bresswein as a Zoning Hearing Board Member for a three (3) year term. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley moved to appoint David Thomas as a new Zoning Hearing Board Member for a two (2) year term), left by the resignation of Kim DePue. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Jason Frey moved to reappoint Robin Cressley as a representative to the Carbon County Council of Government (COG). Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Robin Cressley moved to reappoint Barbara Beltz as the Alternate representative to the Carbon County Council of Government (COG). Jason Frey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Barbara Beltz moved to reappoint Jason Doll as the Open Records Officer for the Franklin Township Police Department. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz moved to reappoint Brenda Cressley as the Open Records Officer for the Franklin Township Administration Office. Jason Frey seconded the motion. Motion carried. (Supervisor Cressley abstained due to personal relationship)

Robin Cressley moved to reappoint Christine Green as Alternate Open Records Officer for the Administrative Office. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz moved to reappoint Brenda Cressley as the Township's representative to the Carbon County Tax Committee for a one (1) year term. Jason Frey seconded the motion. Motion carried. (Supervisor Cressley abstained due to personal relationship)

Robin Cressley moved to reappoint Christine Green as the alternate representative to the Carbon County Tax Committee for a one (1) year term. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley moved to reappoint Lynn Diehl as a member on the Municipal Authority Board for a five (5) year term. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley moved to reappoint Jason Frey as Franklin Township's Representative to the Carbon County Solid Waste Advisory Committee. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Robin Cressley moved to reappoint Robert Correll as a member of the Franklin Township Advisory Recreation and Parks Board for a five (5) year term. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz moved to reappoint Dennis Bauchspies as the Township's Representative to the Lehigh Canal Recreation Commission. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley moved to reappoint Jason Doll as Police Chief of the Franklin Township Police Department. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz moved to reappoint Robin Cressley as Franklin Township's Roadmaster/Road Foreman. Jason Frey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Barbara Beltz moved to table the appointment of a Voting Delegate for this year's PSATS Annual Educational Conference, April 18th -21st, 2021, at Hershey, Pa. until the February 16, 2021 Township Meeting. Jason Frey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Robin Cressley moved to adopt Resolution No. 2021-01 appointing Jason Frey as Chief Administrative Official of the Franklin Township Non-Uniformed Pension Plan. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Barbara Beltz moved to adopt Resolution No. 2021-02 appointing Jason Frey as Chief Administrative Official of the Franklin Township Police Pension Plan. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Robin Cressley moved to reappoint Jim Thorpe Neighborhood Bank and Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT) as depositories for various checking and savings accounts. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz moved to set the Treasurer's Bond at \$500,000.00 for fiscal year 2021. Jason Frey seconded the motion. Motion carried. (Supervisor Cressley abstained due to personal relationship)

Robin Cressley moved to set the bond for Board of Supervisors as Trustees of the Police Pension Plan at \$500,000.00 for fiscal year 2021. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (Renews 8/1/2021)

Barbara Beltz moved to schedule the year 2021 Township Meetings for the third (3rd) Tuesday of each month beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Franklin Township Administration Office. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz moved to grant permission to the Board of Supervisors and the Secretary-Treasurer to prepay bills prior to the Township Meetings. Jason Frey seconded the motion. Motion carried. (Supervisor Cressley abstained due to personal relationship)

Barbara Beltz moved to retain all present Township employees including employees in Union contracts. Jason Frey seconded the motion. Motion carried. (Supervisor Cressley abstained due to his own employment with the Township)

Barbara Beltz moved to increase wages of Non-Union and Non-Uniformed Township Full & Part-Time employees by approximately 3% for 2021. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley moved to approve the travel allowance set by the IRS to .56 cts per mile. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Noting the decrease from 2020 - .57.5 cts per mile.

Barbara Beltz moved keep the same hourly rates as previously set for equipment rentals as follows:
Robin Cressley seconded the motion Motion carried unanimously.

Grader	\$125.00	Truck- (33, 00 gvw) -	\$85.00
Paver -	\$400.00	One Ton Dump Truck -	\$55.00
Roller -	\$200.00	Pick-Up Truck -	\$45.00 + \$20.00 extra for Plow
Loader-	\$125.00	Broom (tag-a-long) -	\$60.00
Backhoe-	\$200.00	Tractor w/Mower-	\$100.00
Hotbox -	\$100.00		

Cinders - \$25.00 per bucket load – Komatsu

Robin Cressley moved to table the setting of daily fees for storage at \$40.00 per day until they speak to Attorney Nanovic. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley moved to approve The Pohopoco Rod and Gun Club's 2021 monthly meeting dates (meetings are held at the Township Administrative Office). Dates are as follows: January 20th, February 17th, March 17th, April 21st, May 19th, June 16th, July 21st, August 18th, September 15th, October 20th, November 17th and December 15th. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to approve the letter of request from the Lehighon Men's Softball League to use Bunker Hill Ballfield for the 2021 season from April through September. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Participation – None

Unfinished Business - None

New Business:

Robin Cressley made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-03 which appoints Buckno Lisicky & Co., PC-CPA in place of the elected auditors to examine all Township accounts for 2020. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-04 – Use of Escalator Clause for all Bituminous Materials and Petroleum Product purchase contracts either bid or entered into from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-05 – Approving operational support activities for participating members of the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company for the year of 2021.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to approve the Per Capita Tax Exoneration List submitted by Sara Keiser, Tax Collector re: tax duplicate year 2020. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to have Franklin Township's 2021 tax duplicates computed by Touchpoint. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments: None

Questions from the Press: None

Barbara Beltz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brenda Cressley, Secretary-Treasurer

