

August 17, 2021

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, and Secretary Brenda Cressley. A list of others in attendance 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.

Approval of Minutes –

Barbara Beltz made a motion approving the minutes from the July 20, 2021 Township Meeting. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary's Report-

- \* Change in Garbage Collection for the Labor Day Holiday: Monday, Sept. 6th Pick-Up is changed to Tuesday, Sept. 7th
- \* The next E-Cycling Event will be held on Saturday, September 25, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. More information can be found on our website or call the Township Administrative Office
- \* Supervisor Robin Cressley, and Township Engineer Greg Haas met with the owner of Creekside Manor to discuss the Red Hill Road CBDG Project.
- \* Still looking for a full-time Road Crew/Garbage Crew Position
- \* The Franklin Township Office has tickets available for pick-up RE: FT Lions Sponsored event for Picnic in the Park for a complimentary free meal for Franklin Township Senior Citizens (65 and above) on September 19, 2021. Senior meals will be served from 12 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Non-Resident tickets are \$9.00 each.

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

Zoning Report – No Zoning Report Received

UCC Building Code Official - No Uniform Code Construction Received

Fire Chief's Report - Received the July, 2021 report for the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company, as well as for the Fire Police. Copies are on file.

Police Report- Received report(s) from OIC Frank Buonaiuto from July 11, 2021 – August 15, 2021

Central Carbon Municipal Authority – Received the Minutes from the July 19, 2021 meeting

Franklin Township Lions Club- August 2021 Newsletter

Barbara Beltz approved all reports as submitted. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Communications –

Girard Pension Services submitted for the second quarter investment report with Nationwide Financial as Plan Custodian ending June 30, 2021 regarding the Franklin Township Police Pension Fund; Attached to this report was also a copy of the quarter Girard Pension Services, LLC invoice which was paid by the Police Pension Plan (the Supervisors were each given a copy of the reports); Letter from Foster & Foster informing the Township that long time employee Larry Brisman from Beyer-Barber now Foster & Foster has accepted another position; Letter of request for annual contribution to the Lehigh Recreation Canal Commission in the amount of \$855.00; Audit Report from the District Court Magistrates 56-3-02 Office year ended December 31, 2020

Citizen Participation:

David Thor Straten-Mohr was present to give his response to the July's Township Meeting citizen request to increase the police force because of the new hospital opening in Franklin Township. He feels the Supervisors should revisit the idea of creating a Regional Police Department with the surrounding communities. Supervisors said they would think about asking the surrounding Boroughs and Townships if they would be interested in forming a Regional Police Force. They also noted there have been previous studies completed on this subject matter but everyone always agreed they did not want to follow through with creating a Regional Police Department.

On another matter Mr. Thor Straten-Mohr asked if there were any plans to upgrade Reber Street with the hospital opening. He said it definitely needs attention and the speeding is out of control.

Bret Buchman from St. Luke's was in attendance to inform the Board of Supervisors St. Luke's plans on constructing a Medical Office Building at the current Hospital location. He showed a sketch of what they will be proposing in the near future. Their plan is to present new land development plans in October or November 2021 to the Planning Commission.

Township resident Bruce Smith was present to ask the Township to do something about the drainage on Wagner Street along his property. He feels something needs to be before winter because the water lays on Wagner Street and will freeze causing a hazardous condition. The township agreed to blacktop near his driveway but Mr. Smith must keep the area open so the water runs down the hedge line.

Unfinished/Old Business -

CD was purchased through Plgit from the Western Alliance Bank, Phoenix, AZ at a rate of 0.05% in the amount of \$248,000.00. The matured amount will be \$248,496.00 and will have a maturity date of 7/22/2022.

New Business-

Barbara Beltz made a motion to approve a pay increase for Employee #74 to \$15.00 per hour retroactive to July 25, 2021. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to hire Robert Gable to fill the full-time Road Crew/Garbage Crew Position retroactive to August 2, 2021. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business Cont'd-

Barbara Beltz made a motion to have Chairman Frey sign the 2021 CDBG General Application Current anticipated amount is \$96,138.00 – (\$78,834.00 for project costs and \$17,304.00 in administrative costs)

Barbara Beltz made a motion to table their decision to approve or disapprove Officer Christopher Lekka's application for Heart & Lung Benefits beginning August 9, 2021 (Date of Injury) per Atty. Thomas Nanovic advice until Mr. Lekka gets the results from his follow up doctor's appointment on August 26, 2021. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve the request from Lehighon Borough to have the Franklin Township Fire Police assist with traffic control for their annual Halloween parade on Saturday, October 2, 2021. (Rain date is Sunday, October 3, 2021) Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to approve the request from Jim Thorpe Borough to have the Franklin Township Fire Police assist with traffic and pedestrian control for the Fall Festival weekends in October. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to approve the Franklin Township Lions Club's request to have The Franklin Township Fire Police assist with traffic control for their Picnic in the Park to be held on September 19, 2021 from 12:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve St. Luke's request to NOT place the wearing surface of bituminous paving (yellow highlighted area- attached map) subject to Franklin Township's Engineer Greg Haas's recommendation. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Comments Questions - None

Questions from the Press – None

Robin Cressley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully,  
Brenda Cressley, Secretary

