

August 15, 2023

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 Fred Kemmerer, Robin Cressley, Jason Frey, and Secretary Brenda Cressley. A list of others in attendance is attached to the Minute Book. Chairman Kemmerer 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 –

Having received no additions or corrections to the July 18, 2023 Township Meeting minutes, Robin Cressley made a motion to approve the minutes. Jason Frey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary's Report-

- \* Change in Garbage Collection for the Labor Day Holiday: Monday, Sept. 4th pick-up is changed to Tuesday, Sept. 5th
- \* The next E-Cycling Event will be held on Saturday, October 21, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. More information can be found on our website or call the Township Administrative Office. For FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS ONLY.
- \* Secretary Cressley met with Andrew Diprospero from PIRMA Insurance Co. to review all properties and vehicles etc. on record. Interim Road Foreman Kim Hunsicker was present as well.

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

Zoning Report - Zoning Officer Paul Jarrett submitted his report from 7/18/23 -8/14/23. Revenue from Zoning Permits: \$798.40. Variance Exception Request: \$0.00. Copies on file.

UCC Building Code Official – Received report from Lehigh Valley Inspection Services from 7/18/23-8/14/23. Administrative fees turned in with report: \$418.00. Copies on file.

Fire Chief's Report - Received the July 2023 report for the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company. Copies are on file.

Fire Police Report – None Received

Police Reports – Received report from 6/25/23 – 7/2/23

Road Crew Report - Report received from – (7/9/23-7/22/23) & (7/23/23- 8/5/23)

Central Carbon Municipal Authority – None Received

SEO Reports - Ian Farrell submitted his report for July 2023

Jason Frey 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, 2023 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); Received two copies of our Actuarial Valuation Report as of 1/1/23 from Foster & Foster regarding the Police Pension Plan; Audit Report from the District Court Magistrates 56-3-02 Office year ended December 31, 2022; Boroughs of Lehighton and Palmerton sent letters granting approval for their Fire Police to assist with traffic control/parking for Franklin Township Fire Company's Block Party on July 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>; Emails: NEPA, PSATS, PennDot, LTAP

Citizen Participation: - No comments regarding agenda items

Unfinished/Old Business -

Jason Frey made a motion to accept the "24" month time extension request for the St. Luke's Hospital Medical Office Building's- "Carbon Campus" Letter of Credit" subject to the conditions Attorney Thomas Nanovic suggested as follows:

1. The amount of security be increased by 10% each year of the extension
2. Letter of Credit will have to be extended per year
3. Pursuant to section 7.2 (C) of the Development Agreement the Township will need proof that the insurance will remain in effect through the completion.

Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business-

Robin Cressley made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-01 – Burning Ordinance. Jason Frey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (Updating Ordinance 2006- 02)

Robin Cressley made a motion to have Chairman Kemmerer sign the 2023 (CDBG) General Application on behalf of Franklin Township. Jason Frey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Jason Frey made a motion to approve the Encroachment Permit from Blue Ridge Cable to bore under Tatra Drive to replace a bad television cable. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Jason Frey made a motion to approve setting a date to advertise for the Public Hearings regarding the Zoning and SALDO Ordinance amendments upon receipt of any comments/approval letters from the Franklin Township and Carbon County Planning Commissions. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Fred Kemmerer made a motion to appoint Attorney Thomas Nanovic to notify the property owners whose property is being rezoned. Jason Frey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business Cont'd -

Jason Frey made a motion to approve the request from the Borough of Lehigh for the Franklin Township Fire Police to assist with traffic control for their Halloween parade to be held on Saturday, October 21, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. (Rain date is Sunday, October 22, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.) Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to accept the extension of time request for an additional sixty (60) days for the Township to approve the Cora Ann Carpenter Minor Subdivision Plan. Jason Frey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Additional subjects matters - Supervisors Comments:

Discussion was held regarding the need to have a feasibility study completed regarding expanding the sewer line in Franklin Township. Chairman Kemmerer spoke to Doug Kopp from Arro Engineering on what it would cost for having study done. The quote was around \$4,500.00. Fred feels a feasibility study should be done so the township can weigh out its options on where expanding the sewer line would make more sense and prioritize those areas in need. He would also like to know the approximate cost of expanding the sewer. Supervisor Cressley made a motion to table the feasibility study until we know how much capacity Franklin Township has left at the sewer plant. Jason Frey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Supervisor Frey wanted to note the Board of Supervisors gave no one permission to have fireworks on Saturday, August 12, 2023.

Fred Kemmerer made a motion to use Penn Bid to advertise bid proposals for a Salt Shed and Cameras. Noting these items were already approved budget items from the ARPA Funds. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Franklin Township Community Parks & Recreation Board recommended the approval of Dean Ahner's quote of \$4,750.00 to replace the garage roof located at the Main Road entrance to the Phifer's Ice Dam Park. Robin Cressley made a motion to approve Dean Ahner to replace the garage roof. Jason Frey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Fred Kemmerer submitted two quotes for cameras etc. to enable the township to livestream the public meetings. Fred Kemmerer made a motion to approve the quote of \$3,411.72 from DHTCS, LLC. Jason Frey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Noting this was an approved ARPA Budget item.

Citizen Comments Questions -

Resident Sara Keiser was present to ask what are the Supervisors thoughts on the proposed Indian Hill Rd. Development Project. Supervisor Frey said as of right now nothing has been submitted and they will have a long way to go, that is one of the reasons why they would like to do a feasibility study.

Chairman Kemmerer said there is a process to follow and believes in our Zoning and Planning Ordinances to see to it that the development is properly completed. Supervisor Cressley stated he noticed on drawing supplied last month there were seventy-two (72) homes proposed to be built, noting not all of the lots were the required one acre per building lot in an agricultural zoned area, he also noted on a positive side there were proposed three (3) retention ponds to be installed which would help to maintain any water runoff issues. And they would have to abide by the stormwater ordinance as well.

Township resident Kenny Eck Jr. was present to ask if it will be mandatory for all residents living along Indian Hill Road to connect to the sewer line if the Indian Hill Development Project happens. He was informed that per our Sewer Ordinance if you are within 150' feet of the road it will be mandatory to connect to the central sewer.

Resident Karen Kuhn was present to ask what does it cost a resident to connect to the central sewer line. Response was \$3,000.00 for the tapping fee and \$60.00 per month user fees, along with an additional unknown cost for an excavator/plumber to connect the home to the lateral on Indian Hill Rd.

Residents David & Dianna Ahner were present to inquire where would the water from this proposed development be coming from. Response per the drawing shown it would be connected from the Leighton Borough's water line located on Long Run Rd. He also wanted to know where is the Township at as far as recycling is concerned. Chairman Kemmerer explained this is a slow process a lot of things have to come into play to get recycling back. For example his thoughts are by building a salt shed it will empty out two bays which could possibly be used as an area for dry products. He said he is making an effort to bring recycling back.

Towamensing Township resident Kevin Christman was present to ask if there is a plan in place for the upcoming holiday (Labor Day weekend) for traffic control along Pohopoco Drive and Beltzville Dam. Chairman Kemmerer said they will be providing the same service they did for the previous holiday weekends this summer. It seemed to work out well. Mr. Christman's concern was there was a time recently when the traffic was so backed up there was no way emergency personnel could get through to help during an emergency. Chairman Kemmerer remarked that Franklin Township has devoted time and had public meetings regarding the traffic problem with Beltzville Park and will continue to monitor the issue.

Mr. Christman also asked if the Chief of Police could start at 6:00 a.m. instead of 7:00 a.m. to help Mr. Monk with traffic control upon entering the park.

Towamensing Township Resident Bill Simpson asked if Franklin Township received any help from Representative Doyle Heffley's office and if any one approached the Army Corp of Engineer for their office to get involved. Response was the state has given DCNR - (Beltzville State Park Office) additional staffing. Army Corp rents the property from the State Park they do not own the property.

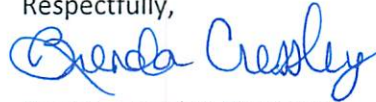
Citizen Comments Questions Cont'd -

Randall Kuhns was present to express his concerns regarding a water run off problem he is having on his property located on Elm Street. He would like the road crew to install a swale to alleviate the water problem. The Supervisors will relay the message to the Road Foreman.

Questions from the Press – None received

Jason Frey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully,



Brenda Cressley, Secretary