

April 18, 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 Jr., and Robin Cressley, Jason Frey was absent; Secretary-Treasurer Brenda Cressley; A list of others in attendance at the meeting 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.

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2023 Township Meeting. Fred Kemmerer Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Fred Kemmerer Jr. made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2023 Public Meeting Beltzville Traffic Issue. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report –

**REMINDER:** The Stocked pond located at the Phifer's Ice Dam Park will be closed to anyone older than fifteen years beginning May 6, 2023 at 12:00 a.m. and remain closed until June 4, 2023 at 12:00 a.m.

National Federation of Turkey – May 7, 2023

Lions Fishing Contest- May 13, 2023

Pohopoco Rod & Gun Club – May 14, 2023

Beaver Run Rod & Gun Club – May 27, 2023

The Recreation Advisory and Parks Board met on April 4, 2023 to discuss moving forward with short term repairs. They also announced pending approval from the Board of Supervisors they are changing the Movie Night from Sunday, May 21, 2023 to Friday, May 19, 2023 and will be showing the movie "FINDING NEMO". Lions' Club member, Robert Correll mentioned the garage located at the Main Road entrance needs a new roof.

Treasurer's Report – Robin Cressley moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and was seconded by Fred Kemmerer Jr. Motion carried.

Zoning Report - Zoning Officer Paul Jarrett submitted his report from 4/3/23 - 4/17/23. Revenue from Zoning Permits: \$3,111.52. Variance Application fee - \$0.00

UCC Building Code Official – Received report from Paul Jarrett, Building Code Officer from 4/3/23 to 4/17/23. Administrative fees turned in with report: \$1,058.50.

Fire Chief's Report – Fire Chief Lynn Diehl submitted the March, 2023 reports from the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company, as well as for the Fire Police. Copies are on file.

Police Report – Chief of Police Jason Doll submitted the Police reports from 3/5/23- 4/1/23. Copy is on file.

Road Crew Report- Time sheets were submitted showing the worked performed by the Road Crew. (3/5/23-3/18/23, 3/19/23-4/1/23, and 4/2/23-4/15/23).

Reports Cont'd-

Central Carbon Municipal Authority – Minutes from the March 20, 2023 meeting was submitted by Ronald Solt, Franklin Township's Representative to CCMA. Copy on file. It was noted on the CCMA report the pump stations located on Main Road needed to have rags removed.

All reports were approved by Robin Cressley and seconded by Fred Kemmerer Jr.

Communications –

Letter from Pa Turnpike Commission asking the township to inform them of any site development applications, zoning actions, and receipts of plans for all properties adjacent to the Turnpike and also all landowners must abide by the Storm Water Management Act and SALDO that are adjacent property owners. Received the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter reports from Nationwide including the aggregate report for the period: 1/1/2023- 3/31/2023; Received the 2022 Municipal Annual Audit and Financial Report- there were no findings; Received quotes for salt sheds from three (3) businesses; EMAILS-Newsletters: COSTARS, DEP, PSATS, LTAP, and NEPA

Citizen Participation –

Resident David Thomas was present to suggest to the board while they are updating the Zoning Ordinance would they consider changing the setbacks in the agricultural area of the Zoning Ordinance from fifty (50') for a front yard and twenty (20') for a side and back yard to twenty-five (25') setback for the front yard and a ten (10') for the side and rear yard setback. As a member of the Franklin Township Zoning Hearing Board he feels by allowing these changes it will lessen the need for the property owners to go through the variance process and save everyone the extra costs of filing a variance. Chairman Kemmerer stated the updated Zoning Ordinance is already approved by the Franklin Township Planning Commission and the Carbon County Planning Commission, however it is a live document and can be changed as we go and will consider the request as the process continues.

Joseph Szwajkowski a Towamensing Township resident and member of Friends of Beltzville was present to express his concerns about the Sewage Sludge that is being applied along Pohopoco Drive and the Grange. The Sawmill Creek which is a Class A wild trout stream is located in the vicinity and he is concerned when there is a lot of rain the water runoff will cause the sewer sludge to flow into the Sawmill Creek.

Roy and Linda Christman were also present to ask the Board again to pass a Resolution that will revise the laws concerning the land application of sewage sludge and impose stricter regulations and give the townships and boroughs more control over the use. If they receive enough support they will take their concerns to the treatment plants located in Allentown and Bethlehem. They want them to stop using Carbon County as their dumping ground. They will go to Harrisburg to fight if needed. Fred Kemmerer Jr. will be attending the PSATS conference in the near future and said he knows this topic will be brought up at the conference and will inform the board what he learns.

Old Business-

Fred Kemmerer Jr. made a motion to discuss the payment of the overage fee of \$7,000.00 for the extra work completed during the demolition of the Hobby Shop Building. The owner of A & R Popple TKG & Exc. LLC was present to explain some of the reasons for the extra charges. One of the main reasons was they found an additional sub floor, they had to remove the linoleum before they could discard it also causing extra trips to the landfill., needed more fill than anticipated leading to extra time to grade the property. Chairman Kemmerer then made a motion to go into executive session to discuss further. Seconded by Robin Cressley. Motion carried.

After the executive session Fred Kemmerer Jr. made a motion to approve the payment of the overage for \$7,000.00 in addition to the \$27,500.00 contract costs. Robin Cressley seconded motion. Motion carried.

Resident Eric Christman was present to ask if the board reviewed the current Burning Ordinance 2006-02. His biggest concern is the current Ordinance does not state what you are allowed and not allowed to burn. Chairman Kemmerer responded by saying they are looking into possibly updating the Ordinance by adding a list of materials to address his concern. Atty. Nanovic is helping to look into this matter.

New Business -

Fred Kemmerer Jr. made a motion to discuss the Salt Shed with a representative from Greystone Construction - Anthony Ziglear was present to explain how their salt shed is constructed along with the scope of work and pricing.

Robin Cressley made a motion to table the appointment of the company who would install the Salt Storage Building. Fred Kemmerer Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley moved to advertise and receive bids on the following items, with bids to be opened at the May 16, 2023 Township Meeting. Fred Kemmerer Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

1. Seal Coating on various roads within Franklin Twp. - SY Single Bituminous Seal Coat.
2. Superpave 9.5 mm, Wearing Course, 0.0 to 0.03 million ESAL's SRL-L - FOB Plant and FOB Delivered to Township Paver
3. Superpave 9.5 mm, Wearing Course any ESAL, SRL-ANY FOB Plant and FOB Delivered to Township Paver
4. Superpave 19.0 mm, Wearing Course FOB Plant and FOB delivered to Township Paver
5. AASHTO#1 - FOB Plant and FOB Delivered to the Township
6. PennDot Anti-Skid AS-2, AS-3, or AS-4, FOB Plant and FOB Delivered to Township Garage
7. AASHTO #57 with 1% Wash, FOB Plant and FOB Delivered to Township Garage
8. 2A Aggregate, FOB Plant and FOB Delivered as directed to the Township Garage or Alternate Site
9. AASHTO #8 with 2% Wash, FOB Plant and FOB Delivered as directed to the Township Garage or Alternate Site.

New Business Cont'd-

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve the requests from the Borough of Lehighton to have Franklin Township's Fire Police assist with traffic control for the following events. Fred Kemmerer Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

1. The annual Wine on the River event on Saturday, May 6, 2023 at Baer Memorial Park from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Rain date- May 7th)
2. LASD Class of 2023 Graduation parade to be held on Wednesday, June 7th at 6:00 p.m.
3. LASD Class of 2023 Commencement Program scheduled for Friday, June 9th at 7:00 p.m.

Fred Kemmerer Jr. made a motion to end Employee #105's probationary period per the letter of recommendation received from Road Foreman, Kim Hunsicker to continue as a full-time employee for Franklin Township. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Robin Cressley made a motion to extend Employee #106 probationary period for an additional sixty (60) days (from May 14, 2023 to July 13, 2023) to give him extra time to complete the necessary requirement upon his hiring. Fred Kemmerer Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fred Kemmerer Jr. made a motion to apply for the Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful Grant to receive surveillance cameras. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fred Kemmerer Jr. made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-08, in accordance with the Retention and Disposition of Township Records adopted in 2008. Per the list attached. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried. Fred noted he took photos of the files that need to be discarded due to the poor condition of the files.

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve the Agreement with Blockers, Franklin Township, and Parryville. Fred Kemmerer Jr. seconded motion. Motion carried. Note: Atty. Nanovic will now take to Blocker for signatures.

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve the State Road Pipe/Conveyance to Franklin Township. Fred Kemmerer Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fred Kemmerer Jr. made a motion to approve the St Luke's/Basket Trap Agreement. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Robin Cressley made a motion to accept part-time clerk, Nancy Koch's retirement/resignation letter. Fred Kemmerer Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried. Both Supervisors commented they were sorry to see Nancy leave and stated she was definitely an asset and a valuable employee that will be missed.

Robin Cressley made a motion to change Movie Night from Sunday, May 21, 2023 to Friday, May 19, 2023. Fred Kemmerer Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fred Kemmerer Jr. made a motion to move forward with the next step to construct a new Administration and Police Office Building included in his motion was to begin searching for an architect and create a building committee. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve Fire Chief, Lynn Diehl's request for the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company to participate at the following events. Fred Kemmerer Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Carbon County Community Safety Day, Mauch Chunk Lake Park, May 6, 2023

Weissport Community Parade, May 20, 2023

First Responders Expo of Carbon County, Mahoning Valley Drive-in, June 22, 2023

Fred Kemmerer Jr. made a motion to amend the agenda, to add the additional motions. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fred Kemmerer Jr. made a motion to approve the following:

Motion to approve and support the Franklin Township Athletic League's efforts to apply for grants to make improvements to the Christman Ballfield.

Motion to obtain estimates for a new roof for the shed/garage building located at the entrance on Main Rd.

Motion to advertise for a part-time clerk.

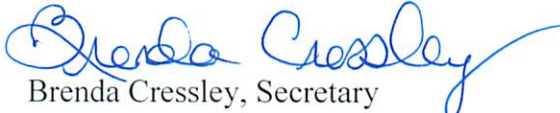
Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Questions from Citizens: None

Questions from the Press: None

Fred Kemmerer Jr. made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Brenda Cressley, Secretary