

June 19, 2018

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 and Barbara Beltz, Secretary-Treasurer Brenda Neeb. 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 to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2018 Township Meeting. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 21, 2018 – Special Meeting regarding Zoning Amendments and a Healthcare Facilities Overlay District. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve the June 5, 2018 Special Public Meeting Minutes—regarding the Franklin Elementary Properties. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary's Report – The Secretary announced there will be a change for the July 4, 2018 garbage collection. It will be as follows: Wednesday, July 4th's collection day will be changed to Tuesday, July 3rd.

There were two executive meetings held on Wednesday, June 13, 2018 and Monday, June 18, 2018 for part-time police interviews.

Treasurer's Report –Barbara Beltz 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 5/17/17 through 6/20/17. Revenue from Zoning Permits: \$635.50. No Variance Applications submitted.

UCC Building Code Official – Received report from Paul Jarrett, Building Code Officer from 5/17/17 to 6/20/17. Administrative fees turned in with report: \$84.50

Fire Chief's Report – Fire Chief Lynn Diehl submitted the May, 2018 report for the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Co. #1, as well as for the Fire Police. Copies are on file.

Police Reports – Acting Chief Jason Doll submitted April/May/June Reports from (4/22/18-5/19/18) & (5/20/18-6/16/18)

Central Carbon Municipal Authority – Received minutes from the April 16, 2018 and May 21, 2018 CCMA meeting minutes. Copies are on file.

Franklin Township Lions – Received June 2018 report/newsletter. Copy is on file.

Communications-

Notice that Governor Wolf proclaimed June 2018 as Workplace Safety Awareness Month in Pennsylvania and to encourage all citizens to promote a safe and healthy workplace; Copy of the Redline Shopping Center's highway occupancy permit; Emails – NEPA, PSATS, DEP, LTAP.

Presentation- Chairman Jason Frey presented the annual contribution check of \$36,000.00 to Fire Chief Lynn Diehl representing the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company. The Board of Supervisors thanked Fire Chief Lynn Diehl and the Volunteer Fire Company for the excellent service they provide to our township and its residents.

Citizen Participation-

Township resident Cara Serfass was present to ask if a traffic study was ever completed for Wagner Street on the truck traffic. She said she is still having issues with trucks knocking over signs on her property, also the rocks on the property have been moved significantly. She said she has reported this problem to the police department. She also mentioned that people are speeding on the road that goes through the Phifer's Ice Dams. She suggested placing speed bumps on the roadway. Road Foreman, Robin Cressley said they just purchased Children at Play signs to place in that area and will be installing them this week. He said he will think about making speed bumps. His concern with the speed bumps are plowing in the winter.

New Business-

Barbara Beltz made a motion to approve the Junkyard Permit Application for Zaprazny (JME Land Inc.-DBA Leighton Scrap Recycling. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (Copy is on file)

Robin Cressley made a motion to apply to the Carbon County Conservation District's Dirt and Gravel/Low Volume Road Grant for improvements on Evergreen Road. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion pending approval/awarding of the Carbon County Conservation District's Dirt and Gravel/Low Volume Road Grant to request per regulations allowance of fifty percent (\$24,760.00) in advance to begin the Phase II Evergreen Road Project. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion naming Red Hill Road Drainage Improvement Project Phase 2 for the Community Development Block Grant fund year 2018, total of \$69,054.00. (Retroactive May 18, 2018- Application Deadline). Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to accept the request for a ninety (90) day time extension for review/approval of the Lisa Gabory Subdivision. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to hire two (2) part-time police officers as of June 19, 2018. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (Note the officers will be sworn in and given their loyalty oaths before their first shift)

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve the Cara Serfass and Russell & Sandra Miller's Subdivision and Lot Consolidation Plans- pending the DEP approval letter for exemption for planning modules is received and all fees are paid in full. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to release the remaining balance of funds in the Klecha escrow account to the developer's Mieczyslaw and Ewa Klecha based on the recommendation of the Township's engineer Greg Haas. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to appoint/hire John Mathews to provide monthly maintenance services to the Franklin Township's Website beginning 7/1/18-12/31/18. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (Note appointment will be on a yearly basis)

Barbara Beltz made a motion to approve the request from the Franklin Township Lions Club to have the Franklin Township Fire Police assist with parking and traffic control on June 24, 2018, for the Cramer Brothers concert. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion approving the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company's request to assist/standby at the Sunny Rest Resort for their annual Fireworks display to be held on July 7, 2018. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve the secretaries' attendance to the COG's Right-to-Know Workshop, on Monday, June 25, 2018 from 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to hire an attorney regarding the Franklin Elementary School's property pending the outcome of the Lehigh Area School Board's meeting on June 25, 2018. Jason Frey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The motion to approve the repository sale of Parcel #39B-13-B16A was tabled.


Public Comment:

Cara Serfass wanted to know what is going on with the Franklin Elementary School and what came out of the public meeting that was held regarding the school property. The board explained to Ms. Serfass there was a lot of support in favor of the Township acquiring the fields.

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Their goal was to pay for the fields to be subdivided off of the Elementary School and have an intermunicipal agreement with the Lehigh School District transferring the fields over to Franklin at no cost. The Supervisors do not want to stand by and watch it slip away. Ms. Serfass went on to say who will buy the school when it is in such disrepair.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.


Brenda Neeb,
Secretary-Treasurer