

September 18, 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, Barbara Beltz and; Secretary-Treasurer Brenda Neeb. 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.

2<sup>nd</sup> Public Hearing Re: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for Fiscal Year 2018-

Ms. Hunsicker had an attendance sheet available for anyone present to sign.

Jennifer Hunsicker was present to explain the purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive any input and comments from citizens for the use of the 2018 CDBG funds for Franklin Township. She also stated per DCED Guidelines, a public notice was placed in the Times News on Tuesday, September 4, 2018 listing the selected projects for 2018. She announced that the total allocation that will be given to Franklin Township is \$90,997.00. Carbon County will receive \$16,379.00 for administering the grant program for the Township, leaving a balance of \$74,618.00.

Ms. Hunsicker stated that Franklin Township has selected for FY 2018, the monies will be used for Water/Drainage Improvements to Red Hill Road (Phase II). A survey was conducted along the project area and was determined to be accepted as a project that will benefit low-to-moderate income people. She noted that over the next three years, Franklin Township intends to use CDBG funds to continue with drainage and street improvement to Red Hill Road.

Ms. Hunsicker provided the Board of Supervisors a list of all the past CDBG Funding projects that were implemented from 2009- 2017.

Ms. Hunsicker informed the Supervisors that the CDBG application is due on or before November 2, 2018.

The public hearing ended at approximately 6:40 p.m.

Approval of Minutes –

Having received no additions or corrections from the August 21, 2018 Township Meeting minutes, Barbara Beltz made a motion approving the minutes as submitted. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary's Report-

Interviews were conducted for a Part-time Sanitation Crew position on September 10, 2018

Announced change in Garbage Collection for the Columbus Day Holiday:

Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup> pick-up is changed to Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>

Electronic Recycling Event will be held Saturday, November 3, 2018 from 9:00 am -12p.m.)

**(THIS EVENT IS FOR FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS ONLY)**

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

Zoning Report – Zoning Officer, Paul Jarrett, submitted two reports:  
July 11, 2018 - August 2018 - Revenue from the Zoning Permits: \$3,415.80 Variance application fee: \$0.00. Copy on file.

August 15, 2018- September 15, 2018 - Revenue from the Zoning Permits: \$1,383.35 Variance application fees: \$0.00 Copy on file.

One letter was sent for high grass/weed ordinance violation. Copy on file.

UCC Building Code Official – Building Code Officer, Paul Jarrett submitted two reports.  
July 11, 2018 –August, 2018 – Revenue from the UCC Permits: \$150.00. Copy on file.

August 15, 2018 - September 15, 2018. Revenue from the UCC Permits: \$700.00. Copies are on file.

Fire Chief's Report - Received the August 2018 report for the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company, as well as for the Fire Police. Copies are on file.

Police Reports - Received the police report from August 12, 2018 to September 8, 2018. Copies are on file.

Road Crew Report: - Crack Sealer was rented for the week of September 17th

Central Carbon Municipal Authority – Received minutes and reports from the August 20, 2018 meeting. Copy is on file.

Franklin Township Lions Club- August 2018 Newsletter. Copy is on file.

Communications –Received a letter from the Lehigh Canal Commission informing the Township of the projects that were completed this year and requested an increase from ten (10) cents to twenty (20) cents per capita for our annual contribution to the Lehigh Canal Commission; Received our refund check from CCMA for the 2017 Year-end billing adjustments amount of check was \$7,024.54; Letter from DCNR (Department of Conservation and Natural Resources) informing the Township that they recently did an inspection of the Phifer's Ice Dam Park as a result of utilizing grant funds from the LWCF (Land and Water Conservation Fund) in 1989. (Federal Funding of \$2,500.00 was received in assisting the Township for a 1.3 acre addition to the Park). The site inspection showed no issues and said "You should be very proud of your accomplishments"; Received an invitation from Jean Ortiz from the Audubon Organization to attend a free workshop regarding managing municipal stormwater on October 18, 2018; Emails from LTAP, PSATS, and NEPA.

Citizen Participation:

Township resident Francis Kresge was present to ask what right does the current Zoning Officer have to throw his wife out of his office. His wife came in to speak to the zoning officer during his regular business hours to inform him of what is going on with their neighbor. He said the Zoning Officer told her to leave and get out. He said no other residents were there waiting to see him. He said he had no right to throw her out. The supervisors asked how long the issue with the neighbor has been going on. Mr. Kresge told the board the dispute has been going on well over a year. The Zoning Officer has been in contact with the neighbor and has issued a fence permit and citation to clean up the property. Mr. Kresge said the Zoning Officer will stop to see the progress and after his visit then the neighbor stops working. Supervisor Cressley said they will talk to the Zoning Officer regarding this matter.

Ronnie Steigerwalt, President of the Franklin Township Athletic Association was present and gave a report of what the league has done this year including the accomplishments of the Boys and Girls baseball teams. Copy is on file.

Unfinished Business-

Robin Cressley made a motion to purchase a Security Camera System with accessories for the Police Department Office in the amount of \$1,854.70. The amount includes the camera security system, LED Monitor, computer consulting services, installation, configuration, and setup. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business –

Barbara Beltz made a motion to approve the Cooperation Agreement between Franklin Township and the County of Carbon for the Funding Year 2018 CDBG Program. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve the General Application for the Funding Year 2018 for Street Improvements- Water/Drainage Improvements - Red Hill Road Phase II. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Jason Frey, Chief Administrative Officer of the Franklin Township Police Pension Plan, presented the Plan's Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the year of 2019 as \$43,275.00. Barbara Beltz made a motion to accept the 2019 MMO for the Franklin Township Police Pension Plan as presented. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Jason Frey, Chief Administrative Officer of the Franklin Township Non-Uniformed Pension Plan, presented the Plan's Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the year 2019 as \$42,517.00. Barbara Beltz made a motion to accept the 2019 MMO for the Franklin Township Non-Uniformed Pension Plan as presented. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve the Michael & Lisa Gabory Minor Subdivision Plan pending DEP's approval of the Planning Modules. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2018-15 which requests a Local Share Account (LSA) Grant in the amount of \$133,898.00 on behalf of the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company to be used to purchase a Utility Truck, Trailer, and Fire/ Rescue UTV; and designating the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors and the Secretary-Treasurer to execute all documents pertaining to the grant. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. NOTE: Letter of support was also requested.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to hire a part-time employee for the Sanitation Crew. Start date will be October 1, 2018. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to accept the settlement regarding the Klotz lawsuit (8/2016 car accident) by way of Joint Tortfeasor Release. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to schedule Trick or Treat night on October 31, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:05 p.m. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Brenda Neeb,  
Secretary-Treasurer