

ORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 2, 2018

The Franklin Township Board of Supervisors met on the above date at the Franklin Township Administration Office. Present were Supervisors Robin Cressley, Barbara Beltz; and newly elected Supervisor Jason Frey; Secretary-Treasurer Brenda Neeb; and Times News Reporter Terry Ahner. The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m., by the Secretary. The meeting was opened by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

The Secretary called for appointment of a temporary Chairman to begin the meeting. Brenda Neeb moved to appoint Barbara Beltz as temporary Chairman. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz moved to nominate Jason Frey as Chairman of the Board. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Jason Frey moved to nominate Robin Cressley as Vice-Chairman of the Board. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz moved to reappoint Brenda Neeb as Secretary-Treasurer. (at no additional money over the secretarial union position salary) Jason Frey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Barbara Beltz moved to reappoint William Schwab of William G. Schwab and Associates as Township Solicitor. (with the intent of accepting letters of interest) Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Jason Frey opposed. Motion carried.

Barbara Beltz moved to reappoint Attorney Jenny Cheng as Solicitor for the Franklin Township Zoning Hearing Board. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz and Robin Cressley moved to appoint Carl Faust as Acting Zoning Officer and Acting BOCA Property Maintenance Code Enforcement Officer. (with the intent to accept letters of interest) Jason Frey opposed. Motion carried.

Jason Frey and Robin Cressley moved to appoint Blue Mountain Inspection Service (Carl Faust) as the Acting Uniform Construction Code Building Officer. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley and Barbara Beltz moved to reappoint Scott Bieber – Lehigh Soils and Wetlands as the Township Sewage Enforcement Officer. Motion carried unanimously. Rates will remain the same.

Barbara Beltz and Robin Cressley moved to reappoint Steve Gitch as Alternate Sewage Enforcement Officer. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley and Barbara Beltz moved to reappoint ARRO Consulting, Inc. as the Township's engineer for central sewage related matters. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz and Robin Cressley moved to reappoint Carbon Engineering, Inc. as our Township Engineer (Greg Haas and Michael Tirpak) for general purposes. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley and Barbara Beltz moved to appoint Keystone Consulting Engineers as the Township's Alternate Engineer for general purposes. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley and Barbara Beltz moved to reappoint Larry Diehl as Franklin Township Emergency Management Coordinator. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz and Jason Frey moved to appoint Paul Kocher as a Vacancy Board Member. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz and Robin Cressley moved to reappoint Rod Mann as a Planning Commission Member for a five (5) year term. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley and Barbara Beltz moved to reappoint Frederick Bresswein as a member of the Franklin Township Zoning Hearing Board for a three (3) year term. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz and Robin Cressley moved to reappoint Kevin Strunk as Franklin Township's representative to the Joint UCC Board of Appeals pursuant to the UCC code for a five (5) year term. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley and Barbara Beltz moved to reappoint Lonnie Kresge as Franklin Township's Alternate representative to the Joint Board of Appeals pursuant to the UCC code for a five (5) year term. Motion carried unanimously.

Jason Frey and Barbara Beltz moved to appoint Robin Cressley as a representative to the Carbon County Council of Government (COG). Motion carried.

Jason Frey and Robin Cressley moved to appoint Barbara Beltz as the Alternate representative to the Carbon County Council of Government (COG). Motion carried.

Robin Cressley and Barbara Beltz moved to appoint Jason Doll as the Open Records Officer for the Franklin Township Police Department. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz and Jason Frey moved to reappoint Brenda Neeb as the Open Records Officer for the Franklin Township Administration Office. Motion carried.

Robin Cressley and Barbara Beltz moved to reappoint Christine Green as Alternate Open Records Officer for the Administrative Office. Motion carried unanimously.

Jason Frey and Barbara Beltz moved reappoint Brenda Neeb as the Township's representative to the Carbon County Tax Committee for a one (1) year term. Motion carried.

Robin Cressley and Barbara Beltz moved to reappoint Christine Green as the alternate representative to the Carbon County Tax Committee for a one (1) year term. Motion carried.

Barbara Beltz and Robin Cressley moved to reappoint Willard Ahner as a member on the Municipal Authority Member for a five (5) year term. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz and Robin Cressley moved to reappoint Dr. John DeMatte, Eric Markell, Gail Maholick, Willard Ahner, and Paul Kocher to the Municipal Authority for a two (2) year term. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley and Barbara Beltz moved to appoint Jason Frey as Franklin Township's Representative to the Carbon County Solid Waste Advisory Committee. Motion carried.

Barbara Beltz and Robin Cressley moved to appoint Anthony Fristick as a member of the Franklin Township Advisory Recreation and Parks Board for a five (5) year term. Motion carried.

Barbara Beltz and Robin Cressley moved to reappoint Dennis Bauchspies as the Township's Representative to the Lehigh Canal Recreation Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz and Robin Cressley moved to reappoint Jason Doll as Police Chief of the Franklin Township Police Department. Motion carried unanimously.

Jason Frey and Barbara Beltz moved to reappoint Robin Cressley as Franklin Township's Roadmaster/Road Foreman. Motion carried.

Robin Cressley and Barbara Beltz moved to appoint Jason Frey as Franklin Township's Voting Delegate to the PSATS Annual Educational Conference, April 22-25, 2018, at Hershey, Pa. Motion carried.

Jason Frey and Barbara Beltz moved to adopt Resolution No. 2018-01 which appoints Robin Cressley as Chief Administrative Official of the Franklin Township Non-Uniformed Police Pension Plan. Motion carried.

Barbara Beltz and Jason Frey moved to adopt Resolution No. 2018-02 which appoints Robin Cressley as Chief Administrative Official of the Franklin Township Police Pension Plan. Motion carried.

Robin Cressley and Barbara Beltz moved to appoint Jim Thorpe National Bank and Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT) as depositories for various checking and savings accounts. Motion carried unanimously.

Jason Frey and Barbara Beltz moved to set the Treasurer's Bond at \$500,000.00 for fiscal year 2018. Motion carried.

Robin Cressley and Barbara Beltz moved to set the bond for Board of Supervisors as Trustees of the Police Pension Plan at \$500,000.00 for fiscal year 2017. Motion carried unanimously. (Renews 8/1/18)

Barbara Beltz and Robin Cressley moved to schedule the year 2018 Township Meetings for the third (3rd) Tuesday of each month beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Franklin Township Administration Office, with the exception of January's meeting is to be held on January 2, 2018 instead of January 16, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley and Barbara Beltz moved to grant permission to the Board of Supervisors and the Secretary-Treasurer to prepay bills prior to the Township Meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley and Barbara Beltz moved to retain all present Township employees including employees in Union contracts. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz and Robin Cressley moved to approve the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company's 2018 planned activity list (list attached); weekly training drills held on every Monday evenings; regular monthly meetings held the second Tuesday each month, unscheduled work details that will be held from time to time. (all meetings/events will be held at the Franklin Township Fire Company. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley and Barbara Beltz moved to approve the Franklin Township Fire Company's 2018 list of scheduled Boot Drives as follows; May 26th, 27th, 28th; July 4th; and September 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz and Robin Cressley moved to approve The Pohopoco Rod and Gun Club's 2018 monthly meeting dates (meetings are held at the Township Administrative Office). Dates are as follows: January 17th, February 21st, March 21st, April 18th, May 16th, June 20th, July 18th, August 15th, September 19th, October 17th, and November 21st. Motion carried unanimously.

Jason Frey and Barbara Beltz moved to increase wages of Township employees by approximately 3% for 2018. Motion carried.

Robin Cressley and Barbara Beltz moved to set the following hourly rates for equipment rentals for 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

Grader	\$125.00	Truck- (33, 00 gvw) -	\$85.00
Paver -	\$400.00	One Ton Dump Truck -	\$55.00
Roller -	\$200.00	Pick-Up Truck -	\$45.00 + \$20.00 extra for Plow
Loader-	\$125.00	Broom (tag-a-long) -	\$60.00
Backhoe-	\$200.00	Tractor w/Mower-	\$100.00
Hotbox -	\$100.00		

Cinders - \$25.00 per bucket load – Komatsu

Barbara Beltz and Robin Cressley moved to set the daily fees for storage at \$40.00 per day. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley and Barbara Beltz moved to set travel allowance (mileage) for 2018 at .54.5 cts. per mile. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Participation- None
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Unfinished Business - None

New Business:

Barbara Beltz made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2018-03 which appoints Buckno Lisicky & Co., PC-CPA to replace elected auditors to examine all Township accounts for 2017. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Jason Frey opposed. Motion carried.

Robin Cressley made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2018-04 – Use of Escalator Clause for all Bituminous Materials and Petroleum Product purchase contracts either bid or entered into from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018. Jason Frey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to adopt Resolutions No. 2018-05 – 2018-12 (General, Payroll, Sewer, Recreation, Franklin Township Community Parks Fund, Act 93 Fire Escrow, Developer's Escrow, and Klecha Escrow Accounts) changing Signatures on all Accounts at the Jim Thorpe Neighborhood Bank. (Removing the name of Rod E. Green, Supervisor and adding the name of Jason M. Frey, effective January 2, 2018). Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to approve the Revised Checkwriting Authorization Forms on all Franklin Township PLGIT Accounts, (Removing the name of Rod E. Green as Supervisor and adding the name of Jason M. Frey, effective January 2, 2018). Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve the Per Capita Tax Exoneration List submitted by Sara Keiser, Tax Collector re: tax duplicate year 2017. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to have Franklin Township's 2018 tax duplicates computed by Touchpoint. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Questions from the Press: None

Jason Frey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:10 p.m. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Brenda Neeb
Secretary-Treasurer