

September 25, 2019

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.

Approval of Minutes –

Having received no additions or corrections from the August 20, 2019 Township Meeting minutes, Barbara Beltz made a motion approving the minutes as submitted. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary's Report-

Announced change in Garbage Collection for the Columbus Day Holiday:
Monday, October 14th pick-up is changed to Tuesday, October 15th
Electronic Recycling Event will be held Saturday, October 26, 2019 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, Tracy Herman, submitted zoning report:

August 16, 2019 – September 15, 2019 - Revenue from the Zoning Permits: \$2,338.00. Variance application fee: \$0.00. Copy on file.

UCC Building Code Official – Building Code Officer, Paul Jarrett submitted UCC report.

August 16, 2019 – September 15, 2019 – Revenue from the UCC Permits: \$550.00. Copy on file.

Fire Chief's Report - Received the August 2019 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 11, 2019 to September 7, 2019. Copies are on file.

Road Crew Report: - Crack Sealer was rented for the week of September 9th

Central Carbon Municipal Authority – Received minutes and reports from the August 19, 2019 meeting. Copy is on file.

Franklin Township Lions Club- August 2019 Newsletter. Copy is on file.

Carbon County Tax Collection Committee Report - September 18, 2019 Copy is on file.

Barbara Beltz moved to approve all reports as submitted. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Communications:

Notification that we were awarded \$347.20 in grant money under the FY2019 Bulletproof Vest Partnership, this a matching grant; Received the Commonwealth's 2019 state aid check in the amount of \$23,411.28 (2018- \$21,568.56: difference of \$1,842.72; to aid in supporting the Volunteer Fire Relief Association of the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company; Received notice of the ESTIMATED Liquid Fuels allocation for 2020 is \$230,656.95 (2019- \$241,427.32: difference is \$10,770.37); Pennsylvania Hardwoods Development Council regarding a sample Timber Ordinance to use if the Supervisors determine that this type of Ordinance is necessary to adopt; Emails from LTAP, PSATS, NEPA

Citizen Participation:

Township Resident Jackie Kaspersn was present to ask the Supervisors if anything can be done about her neighbor having two white ducks in a pen located near her property line. She said the neighbor feeds them at night and she has to put up with the noise they make while eating vegetables. Ms. Kaspersn noted that there is a child's plastic swimming pool in the yard and is concerned about where the filthy water is going and if it could contaminate her well. She would at least like if the neighbor could move the pen on the other side of their yard and away from her property line. Chairman Frey said he would consider it a permanent structure. Supervisor Beltz said they would have the zoning officer, Tracy Herman look into the matter.

Township resident Bart Cannariato was present to ask the Supervisors what can be done regarding his neighbors home which has been used as a weekly rental property for the last four years. He said the latest renter played the music too loud and eventually he called the police regarding the noise. Another neighbor Ellen Dietrich was present and agreed with Mr. Cannariato. She said she has been a resident for forty-five years and has never been to a Township meeting to complain until this current matter. She said she is fed up with the loud music, trash placed out all week long and feels it is very unfair. Chairman Frey said they will have Paul Jarrett (UCC officer) look into the matter.

Unfinished Business-

Supervisors update on MS4: As Supervisors of Franklin Township we are required to comply with the best management practices. One being to inform and help educate the public on the MS4 progress in our Township. Pennsylvania began to implement the state regulations of the MS4 permit in 2003. The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) require municipalities such as Franklin Township to obtain a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), for our stormwater discharge and to develop a stormwater management program to keep pollutants out of stormwater.

The Supervisors noted the progress on complying with the MS4 requirements are as follows:

The 2019 annual MS4 permit was completed and sent to Paul Grella at Department of Environment Protection

Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Plan is complete and it will be customized next year.

Public Education and Outreach Program (PEOP)

Public Involvement and Participation Program (PIPP)

Special complaint form is now available to the public for the stormwater related issues.

All of the above mentioned items will be added to the Franklin Township Supervisor's Website and copies of same will be available at the Township Administrative Office.

New Business –

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 2020 as \$42,362.00. Barbara Beltz made a motion to accept the 2020 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 2020 as \$40,315.00. Robin Cressley made a motion to accept the 2020 MMO for the Franklin Township Non-Uniformed Pension Plan as presented. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve an Eagle Scout Project to create a "Reading Station" at the Phifer's Ice Dam Park. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The request was submitted by Luke Wilusz a Life Scout in Boy Scout Troop 187. His goal is to create a reading station where users "take a book and leave a book". There will be an adult section and kids section.

Robin Cressley made a motion to have the Solicitor begin the process to remove the occupants who reside at 327 Held Street, Lehigh, Pa 18235. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2019-09 which requests a Local Share Account (LSA) Grant from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the purchase of a 2020 Responder W1P, License Plate Reader, and Panasonic Toughbook CF-54 with all accessories needed and installation fees; and designating the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors and the Secretary-Treasurer to execute all documents and agreements. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (LSA) Grant in the amount of \$94,009.54

Barbara Beltz made a motion to schedule Trick or Treat night on October 30, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:40 p.m. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Brenda Neeb,
Secretary-Treasurer