

July 16, 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, and Barbara Beltz; 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 –

Barbara Beltz made a motion approving the minutes from the June 18, 2019 Township Meeting. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary's Report –

Interviews to hire a full-time Road Crew employee were held on June 13, 2019 beginning at 5:00 p.m.; The recycling issue is getting better, there have been less bags being disposed of, and people who were caught disposing plastic bags etc. have been issued citations/fines. The township is still emphasizing no plastic bags are allowed and the recycling center is for Franklin Township Residents only. The Leighton Band will hold a free summer concert at the Phifer's Ice Dam Park on August 15, 2019.

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

Zoning Report- Zoning Officer Tracy Herman submitted her report from 6/16/19 through 7/15/19. Revenue from Zoning Permits: \$226.04. Special Exception Request: \$1,000.00.

Tracy noted violation letters were sent to residents. Copies of the letters are attached to her report. Copies on file.

UCC Building Code Official – Received report from Lehigh Valley Inspection Services from 6/16/19 through 7/15/19. Administrative fees turned in with report: \$50.00 Copy on file.

Fire Chief's Report - Received the June, 2019 report for the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company, as well as for the Fire Police. Copies are on file.

Police Reports – None received

Road Crew Report - Report received from 6/16/2019- 6/29/2019

Central Carbon Municipal Authority – Received minutes from the June 17, 2019 meeting. Copies on file.

Franklin Township Lions- Received July 2019 report/newsletter. Copy is on file.

Sewer Enforcement Officer- Received SEO report from 3/19/19- 6/30/19.

Communications -

Received the Certificate of Recycling that a total of 9,111 tons of electronic waste collected from the June 8, 2019 Electronic Pick-up; Allied Benefit Group, LLC – Aggregate Report for the Police Pension Plan from the period of 4/1/19- 6/30/19 (2nd Quarter 2019); Each Township Supervisor received a copy of 2019's second quarter reports; Received the Actuarial Valuation Report as of January 1, 2019; DEP approval exemption letter- St. Luke's Blue Mountain Hospital; Emails from NEPA, PSATS, DEP, and LTAP.

Citizen Participation-

Township Resident James Washburn was present to ask if the Supervisors plan on adopting an Ordinance regarding the use of Fireworks. He complained that people were shooting fireworks three weeks before the 4th of July and shooting them off after 10:00 p.m. when he and other residents have to get up early for work the next day. Supervisor Cressley said it is going to be hard to enforce our Police department may be able to use our Nuisance Ordinance to site residents. Mr. Washburn still felt the Supervisors should look into adopting an Ordinance. The Board said they would look into the matter and have Attorney Schwab see what he knows of any Ordinance that would curtail the use of Fireworks.

Unfinished Business –

Barbara Beltz made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-07 (St. Luke's Hospital's Application for Traffic Signal approval for Rt. 209 and Harrity Road) retroactive from the June 18, 2019 Board of Supervisors meeting- pending approval comments from Carbon Engineering. We received Township Engineer Greg Haas's comments stating he had no issues with the traffic signal application requested. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business-

Robin Cressley made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-02- (Allowing Emergency Access on Right-of-Ways located within the Township). Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to approve the Treatment Release Authorization Form regarding the Spotted Lantern Fly which would allow spraying to be applied on Township properties if needed. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve Agreement No. 2019-01 – PennDot Winter Maintenance Agreement for a five year term (2019-2024). Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-08 – Signature Authorization for Signing of PennDot Winter Maintenance Agreement. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business Cont'd –

Barbara Beltz made a motion to reinvest maturing CD (Farmers & Merchant Union Bank, WI) which matures on 7/22/19. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens Questions/Comments –

James Washburn asked how the Red Hill Project is coming along. Supervisor Cressley said that as far as he knows the replacement of the culvert located on Red Hill Road is getting ready to go out for bid.

Questions from the Press - None

Barbara Beltz made a motion to adjourn the meeting 6:50 p.m. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Brenda Neeb
Secretary-Treasurer