

February 16, 2021

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, Township Solicitor Thomas Nanovic, and Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Christine Green; 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.

Barbara Beltz made a motion approving the minutes from the January 4, 2021 Township Re-Organization Meeting. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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Secretary's Report- the Secretary announced that the garbage bills were mailed out the end of January, and if anyone did not receive a bill they should contact the Township Office. The Secretary also announced that there will be an E-cycling Event held on May 15, 2021 (9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.). The township residents were reminded that they should not plow/shovel snow onto the Township Roadways. The elected Auditors met on January 5, 2021 to reorganize and approved the Roadmaster's wage increase of 3%. A letter was sent to PennDot requesting a Sign for Rt. 209 & Elm Street (No Truck turn around). Due to the weather conditions the Turnpike Commission emailed to inform the Township that they will be extending the work needed to be completed in the area Jefferson Street from February 17- February 19.

Treasurer's Report – Robin Cressley made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Zoning Officer- Zoning Officer Tracy Herman submitted the Zoning Permits from (1/1/2021-2/15/2021). Amount of Zoning Permits issued were \$381.80. Copy on file.

UCC Building Code Official – Paul Jarrett, Building Code Officer submitted the UCC Permits from (1/1/2021- 2/15/2021). Amount of UCC Permits issued were \$150.00. Copy on file.

Fire Chief's Report – Fire Chief Lynn Diehl submitted the January 2021 monthly report for the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Co. (Copy on file)

Fire Police Reports – The Franklin Township Fire Police submitted their monthly report for January 2021. (Copy on file).

Police Reports – Chief Jason Doll submitted the police department's Criminal Activity Report from 1/10/21-2/6/2021. (Copy on file)

Road Crew Reports – Reports were submitted from (12/27/20-1/9/21), (1/10/21-1/23/21), (1/24/21- 2/6/21) Copies on file.

Central Carbon Municipal Authority – The minutes from the December 21, 2020 meeting were submitted. Also received was the Financial Statements from December 31, 2019 and 2018). Copies on file.

Franklin Township Lions Club – January 2021 and February 2021 reports were submitted. Copies on file.

SEO Report- SEO Officer Scott Bieber submitted his report from December 14, 2020 – January 19, 2021. Copies on file.

Pohopoco Rod and Gun Club submitted their annual report from 2020

Robin Cressley and Barbara Beltz moved to approve and accept all reports submitted.

Communications -

Received the 2020 fourth quarter (October-December) and the 2020 annual (January-December) account statement report(s) for the Franklin Township Police Pension Plan(s) from Girard Municipal Pension Services, LLC Investment Advisory Agreement for Municipalities with Nationwide Financial as Plan Custodian. Included with this report was the Scope of Services document and the revenues paid by the Plan (s) to Girard as of December 31, 2020; and a copy of the quarterly Girard Pension Services, LLC effective January 1, 2020) invoice that was paid by our plan; Copies were given to each Supervisor; PSATS Trustees Pension Disclosure Statement for 2020 that is required by Chapter 7-A of Act 44 of 2009; Notification letter from Pa One Call that our refund from 2020 will be \$33.16; Emails from PSATS, PENNDOT, NEPA, LTAP, and PIRMA

Citizen Participation –

Brandon Bell a military veteran was present to ask the Board of Supervisors for their support in his endeavor to adopt the Second Amendment Sanctuary Ordinance in Franklin Township and to allow him to leave a petition in our office for signatures in support of this Ordinance. His goal is to have all twenty three municipalities in Carbon County pass this Ordinance. He went on to say he has visited a few Townships and Boroughs in the area including the Carbon County Commissioners and feels they all seem interested in supporting his goals. They currently have eight hundred online supporters. Mr. Bell said as gun owners they just want to protect their rights. He requested to leave a copy of the ordinance and the survey/petition for signatures. The board said they would review and think about his request.

Unfinished Business –

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve the reinvestment of the matured Jim Thorpe Neighborhood Bank CD which matured on 1/21/2021. Reinvested back into Jim Thorpe Neighborhood Bank at the interest rate of .30% with the new Maturity Date of 7/23/2022 in the amount of \$207,285.89. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to approve the reinvestment of the matured Plgit CD with Landmark Community Bank which matured on 2/9/2021. Reinvested in to PLGIT CD with First Capital Bank, Germantown, TN at the interest rate of .25% in the amount of \$248,000.00. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to table appointing a Franklin Township Voting Delegate to attend the PSATS 2021 Convention to be held in Hershey, Pa between April 18<sup>th</sup> and April 21<sup>st</sup> 2021. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business-

Robin Cressley made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-06, establishing a fee for the Storage/Impoundment of Vehicles. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously,

Opening of Bids for 10,000 Gal Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel & 6,000 Gal. Heating Oil – A bid was received from George’s Plumbing & Heating. Robin Cressley made a motion to accept the bid on the condition that all the paperwork was in order for the 10,000 Gal Low Sulfur & 6,000 Gal. Heating Oil Escalator Clause in effect; bid prices quoted were in effect on February 12, 2021. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Opening of Bids for 10,000 Gal 87 Octane No/Lead Gasoline At-the-Pump – No bid proposals were received. Robin Cressley made a motion to re-advertise bids for 10,000 Gal 87 No/Lead Gasoline (At the pump prices in effect for March 12, 2021; Escalator Clause in effect, bids to be opened at the March 16, 2021 Township Meeting. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to approve the suspension of Employee No. 82 retroactive from December 22, 2020. Robin Cressley seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve the request from Employee No. 78 to received Heart & Lung Benefits/Act 17 retroactive from December 10, 2020. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to approve the request from Employee No. 29 to received Heart & Lung Benefits/Act 17 retroactive from February 2, 2021. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business Cont.

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve the request from Employee No. 5 to received Heart & Lung Benefits/Act 17 retroactive from January 12, 2021. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to have Franklin Township's Zoning Officer file citations with the District Magistrates Office regarding two properties that received zoning violation notices. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

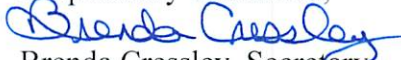
Barbara Beltz made a motion to advertise to bid the sale of the 1967 W7 Case Payloader. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Participation- No questions or comments

Questions from the Press – None

Barbara Beltz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Brenda Cressley, Secretary