

November 19, 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 Brenda Neeb. An attendance sheet listing all others present is attached to the Minute Book. Chairman Jason Frey called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Robin Cressley made a motion approving the minutes from the October 15, 2019 Township Meeting. Included in the minutes were the 2nd Public Hearing minutes regarding the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the fiscal year of 2019. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion approving the minutes from the November 12, 2019 Budget Workshop Meeting. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary's Report - None

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

Zoning Report - Zoning Officer Tracy Herman submitted her report from 10/16/19 through 11/15/19. Revenue from Zoning Permits: \$6,194.40. Variance application fees- \$0.00 (Copies are on file)

UCC Building Code Official - Received report from Tracy Herman, Building Code Officer from 10/16/19 through 11/15/19. Administrative fees turned in with report: \$300.00 (Copies are on file)

Fire Chief's Report - Fire Chief Lynn Diehl submitted the October, 2019 report for the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Co. and Francis Kresge submitted the October 2019 report for the Fire Police. Copies are on file.

Police Report- Chief Jason Doll submitted the Police report from 10/6/19-11/2/19.

Central Carbon Municipal Authority – September 16, 2019 Meeting Minutes, along with a copy of the preliminary budget for 2020.

Franklin Township Lions Club Report- Franklin Township Lions Newsletter for November/December 2019 was submitted.

Communications –

Girard Pension Services submitted the third quarter investment reports from July 1, 2019 to September 30, 2019 for the Franklin Township Police Pension Plan; A copy of the paid invoice received from Girard for services rendered regarding the Police Pension Plan; (Supervisors each received copies of the third quarter reports); Completed Act 44 Disclosure Forms received from Beyer Barber Company regarding the Police Pension Fund; Received 5 copies of the Investment Performance Report for the Franklin Township Police Pension Plan for the period ending June 30, 2019. Emails from PSATS News Bulletin, DEP, and LTAP.

Citizen Participation – No one was present

Unfinished Business -

Supervisor Cressley noted the company (PSI Pumping Solutions) that was awarded the bid for the repair of the State Road Pump Station will not begin the repairs until the beginning of December due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

New Business:

Robin Cressley made a motion to tentatively adopt the 2020 budget for all funds (General Fund, State (Liquid Fuels) Fund, Sewer Operating Fund, Recreation Fund, Fire Hydrant Fund, Road Equipment Fund, Capital Project Garbage Collection Equipment Fund, Capital Reserve Police Vehicle and Equipment Fund; Capital Reserve Building Fund; and Capital Reserve Employee Benefit Fund). Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Frey stated there will be a \$10.00 per year increase in the garbage collection fee for year of 2020 but there will be no tax increase.

Barbara Beltz made a motion authorizing the Secretary to advertise the Boards' intent to appoint Independent Auditors to Audit all Township 2019's Accounts. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to rescind Resolution 2019-09 (Requesting a Local Share Grant (LSA) in the amount of \$92,492.39) due to a change in the amount. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-10- Requesting a Local Share Account Grant (LSA) from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the purchase of a 2020 Responder WIP, 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. (Amount requested \$94,009.54). Resolution 2019-10 replaces the previous Resolution 2019-09 due to the change in the amount requested for the grant. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-03 –“Franklin Township's Peddlers Ordinance” establishing policies and procedures for individuals seeking to conduct business within the township via door-to-door solicitation. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to advertise Ordinance 2019-04 “Requiring certain structures to have a key lock box installed on the exterior of the structure to aid the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company in gaining access to the structure when responding to emergency calls.” Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to terminate Officer Michael Fedor's probationary period per the recommendation letter received from Franklin Township's Police Chief Jason Doll retroactive to October 8, 2019. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to ratify the Agreement 2019-02 between the Township of Franklin and the Fraternal Order of Police representing the Franklin Township Police Department for the time period of January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2024. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business-

Robin Cressley made a motion to authorize Girard Pension Services as Trustee to adjust retired police officer Thomas Beltz's COLA at a rate of 1.6% effective January 1, 2020. Jason Frey seconded the motion. Motion carried. Barbara Beltz abstained due to conflict of interest.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to approve the Palmerton Borough's request for the Franklin Township Fire Police to assist with traffic control for the Bo Tkach Turkey Trot on November 28, 2019. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to grant PSI Pumping Solutions a time extension to complete the State Road Pump Station Repair Project until December 31, 2019. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Questions/Comments - No one present

Questions from the Press:

Robin Cressley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Brenda Neeb,
Secretary-Treasurer