

February 20, 2018

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 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 January 2, 2018 Organization Meeting. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion approving the minutes from the January 2, 2018 Township Meeting. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion approving the minutes from January 29, 2018 Special Meeting Interviews Zoning, BCO, UCC Inspectors. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion approving the minutes from the January 30, 2018 Special Meeting Interviews Zoning, BCO, UCC Inspectors, and any other business brought forth to the Board of Supervisors. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion approving the minutes from January 31, 2018 Special Meeting Appointment of Zoning, BOCA, and Building Code Official, and UCC Inspectors; and any other business brought forth to the Board of Supervisors. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary's Report- The Secretary announced that the garbage bills were mailed out, 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 March 24, 2018 (9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.). The Recycling bins have arrived and are to be utilized by Franklin Township residents only. The township residents were reminded that they should not plow/shovel snow onto the Township Roadways.

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

Zoning Officer- Former Zoning Officer Carl Faust submitted his year end report from (1/1/17-12/31/17). Revenue from 2017 Zoning Permits: \$4,544.75. (Copy on file).

UCC Building Code Official - Former Building Code Officer, Carl Faust submitted his year end report from (1/1/17-12/31/17). Revenue from 2017 Building Permits: \$805.80. (Copy on file).

Police Reports – Chief Jason Doll submitted the police department's January Criminal Activity Report from 12/31/17-1/27/17. (Copy on file)

Fire Chief's Report – Fire Chief Lynn Diehl submitted the January 2018 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 2018. (Copy on file).

Central Carbon Municipal Authority – Received minutes from the December 18, 2017 meeting. (Copy on file).

Franklin Township Lions Club – Received the January 2018 Newsletter.

Communications -

Received a letter from the Pohopoco Rod and Gun Club listing the projects they completed during the year of 2017. Received the 2017 fourth quarter (October-December) and the 2017 annual (January-December) investment report(s) for the Franklin Township Police Pension Plan from Univest Municipal Pension Services, included with this report was the Scope of Services document and a copy of the quarterly TCG Investment Advisory invoice that was paid by our plan, we also received a Contract Transaction History report from Allied Benefits Group, LLC for the 4th Quarter of 2017 (10/1/17-12/31/17). Copies were given to each Supervisor; Pennsylvania One Call 2018 rate structure; Letter from the Carbon County Commissioners inviting the Supervisors to join in the commemoration of the 175th Anniversary of Carbon County on March 15, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in Court Room #1; Correspondence from Scott Miles confirming his visit and provided recommendations for controlling liability and property loss exposures; Letter from DCNR announcing the recreation and conservation grants will be accepting applications from January 22 to April 11th; Approval letter from DEP granting the township the ability to hold an electronic recycling collection day Received emails from the Governor's Center, PSATS, LTAP, NEPA, Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor, and DEP newsletters.

Citizen Participation –

Barry Reed representing the Pohopoco Rod and Gun Club was present to ask the Board of Supervisors for permission to hold their (8th) annual youth fishing day on May 13, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm. at the Phifer's Ice Dams Park. Mr. Reed said if granted the permission to hold their annual youth fishing day they are also requesting that the pond they stock and hold the fishing contest at be closed to the public to anyone above the age of sixteen (16), so that the youth can utilize the Phifer's Ice Dam without competition from the adults that also fish there. Mr. Reed said this will be the eighth year they have been holding this event and has received positive feedback. Their goal is to teach and encourage the youth to enjoy fishing and continue throughout their lives. He also thanked the Supervisors for allowing their club to use our facilities. Chairman Frey thanked Mr. Reed and the Pohopoco Rod and Gun Club and wished him continued success.

Marguerite Graver was present to express her concerns about the approval for future Bike Nights located at the Biker's Resort. She said the noise was horrendous, the music did not stop until 12:30 a.m., and is concerned that this type of event will bring more drug use to our community. Gary Elbert, manager of Biker's Resort was present and disputed some of Mrs. Graver concerns. Ty Poole was present and also disputed Mrs. Graver's concerns. Both Mr. Elbert and Mr. Poole felt insulted regarding the comment Mrs. Graver made about bringing more drug use into our township. Both said they do not or will not permit drug use or drinking and driving. They promote staying at the campground. Mr. Elbert said he can reposition the loud speakers and end the music at 11:00 p.m.

Mrs. Graver also complained about all of the tires behind Stan Graver's Auto Sales and Service and the trash being dumped down the bank along Reber Street. The Supervisors said they would have the police patrol the area more frequently.

Unfinished Business-

CD was purchased from First National Bank- Paragold, AR on 2/8/18 in the amount of \$238,000.00 AT 2.26% Net Weight Avg. (732 days-2 years). Previous CD from BB & T matured at \$208,259.79. 06,000.00 with a maturity date of 1/19/18.

New Business-

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve the Pohopoco Rod and Gun Club's annual Youth Fishing Day on Sunday, May 13, 2018 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

One (1) bid proposal was received. The proposal submitted by Superior Plus Energy Services The bid was opened and read as follows:

6,000 Gal. No. 2 Heating Oil, Unit price per Gal. – 1.948 + .2300 Scranton daily average

10,000 Gal. Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel, Unit Price per Gal. – 1.9906 + .2300 Scranton daily average

Robin Cressley made a motion to award the bid for No. 2 Heating Oil and Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel to the lone bidder, Superior Plus Energy Services. 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. Barbara Beltz made a motion to re-advertise bids for 10,000 Gal 87 No/Lead Gasoline (At-the-Pump prices in effect on March 16th), Escalator Clause in effect, bids to be opened at the March 20, 2018 Township Meeting. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to give conditional approval to the Redline Land Development Plan pending on PennDot's Highway Occupancy Permit (HOP), the Developer's Agreement is complete, and any outstanding invoices must be paid in full. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to grant the waiver requested from the Redline Shopping Center Land Development regarding the SALDO Section 609 requirement to plant Shade Trees. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to give conditional approval to the Rockland Energy Land Development Plan pending PennDot's Highway Occupancy Permit (HOP) is received, the Developer's Agreement is complete, and any outstanding invoices must be paid in full. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Chairman, Jason Frey opposed. He stated his reasons were because he is concerned for the safety of the Franklin Township residents and wanted additional conditions placed on the developer as follows:

Traffic study completed

Proof extinguishment of Hartman Right of Way/ Proof of ownership

Robin Cressley made a motion that the Franklin Township Board of Supervisors approves the Settlement Agreement with Susan and Donald Dorward Sr. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to re-appoint Ronald W. Solt as Franklin Township's representative to the Central Carbon Municipal Authority for a five year term. (Retroactive to 1/1/18). Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to appoint Lehigh Valley Inspection Service/Paul Jarrett as Franklin Township's Floodplain Administrator Official. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to approve the request for the Franklin Township Fire Police to assist with traffic control from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 14, 2018, May 5, 2018, May 26, 2018, and Wednesday evening June 6, 2018 from 6:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. for the Farewell Celebrations of the Franklin Township Elementary School. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to authorize Chairman Jason Frey to sign the commitment letter and contract for the Local Share Account (LSA) grant received in the amount of \$150,000.00 on behalf of the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company. Barbara Beltz seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to accept the Cara Serfass's ninety (90) time extension for review /approval of the Cara Serfass/Russel and Sandra Miller Subdivision/Lot Consolidation Plans. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion for the Franklin Township Supervisors to apply for the 2018 Spring Cycle Community Connector Grant Program for Police equipment. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Participation-

Franklin Township Lions Club- Robert Correll was present to ask for approval of the Lions Club Annual Trout Fishing Contest to be held May 5, 2018. Both the Franklin Township Lions Club and Pohopoco Rod and Gun Club (Robert Correll and Barry Reed) requested to have the largest dam located at the Phifer's Ice Dam Pond be restricted to only allow youth less than sixteen (16) years of age be allowed to fish at the pond. They also requested that the "stocked only" pond be closed for thirty (30) days beginning May 5, 2018 commencing with their event until Sunday June 3, 2018. Mr. Correll noted they will asked Scott Christman from the Pennsylvania Fish and Game Commission to obtain the special permit that is required.

Township Resident Lucille Andrews was present to ask what she can do to stop all of the traffic from going up and down her road all day and night. Mrs. Andrews understands that Union Hill Road is not a Township Road and she along with the other residents living along the road are responsible to maintain the road. The Supervisors said they will speak to the police department.

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve the Franklin Township Lions' Club Annual Trout Fishing Day Contest to be held on May 5, 2018.

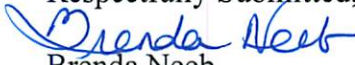
Robin Cressley made a motion to close/restrict the fishing at the upper dam be limited to any youth less than sixteen (16) years of age for thirty (30) days beginning May 5, 2018 and commencing on Monday, June 4, 2018 at 12:00 a.m.; and allow for signs to be posted along the dam to inform the public. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

David Bradley was present and asked the Board of Supervisors with the new revenue coming into the Township from the businesses approved at tonight's meeting, what are they going to do with the money, will it be given back to the citizens of Franklin Township or spend it?

The Supervisors told Mr. Bradley they will have to see how the year progresses financially before making any decisions.

Questions from the Press-

Barbara Beltz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda Neeb
Secretary- Treasurer