

ORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 6, 2020

The Franklin Township Board of Supervisors met on the above date at the Franklin Township Administration Office. Present were Supervisors Jason Frey, Robin Cressley, Barbara Beltz; Secretary-Treasurer Brenda Neeb; The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m., by the Secretary. The meeting was opened by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

The Secretary called for appointment of a temporary Chairman to begin the meeting. Brenda Neeb moved to appoint Barbara Beltz as temporary Chairman. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz moved to nominate Jason Frey as Chairman of the Board. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Jason Frey moved to nominate Robin Cressley as Vice-Chairman of the Board. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz moved to reappoint Brenda Neeb as Secretary-Treasurer. (at no additional money over the secretarial union position salary) Jason Frey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Robin Cressley moved to appoint Attorney Thomas S. Nanovic as Township Solicitor. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley moved to reappoint Attorney Jenny Cheng as Solicitor for the Franklin Township Zoning Hearing Board. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz moved to reappoint Tracy Herman (LVIS) as Zoning Officer and BOCA Property Maintenance Code Enforcement Officer. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley moved to reappoint Paul Jarrett/LVIS and Bureau of Veritas North America Inc., as the Assistant BOCA Property Maintenance Code Enforcement Officers. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz moved to reappoint Paul Jarrett (LVIS), and Bureau of Veritas North America Inc., as the Uniform Construction Code Officers. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz moved to reappoint Scott Bieber – Lehigh Soils and Wetlands as the Township Sewage Enforcement Officer. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Perc Test will increase \$50.00. (Current-\$500.00 will be increased to \$550.00).

Robin Cressley moved to reappoint Steve Gitch & Charyn Ayoub as Alternate Sewage Enforcement Officers. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz moved to reappoint ARRO Consulting, Inc. as the Township's engineer for central sewage related matters. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley moved to reappoint Carbon Engineering, Inc. as our Township Engineer (Greg Haas and Michael Tirpak) for general purposes. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz moved to appoint Keystone Consulting Engineers as the Township's Alternate Engineer for general purposes. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley moved to reappoint Larry Diehl as Franklin Township Emergency Management Coordinator. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz moved to appoint Howard Boehringer as a Vacancy Board Member. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley moved to reappoint Michael Quinn as a Planning Commission Member for a five (5) year term. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz moved to appoint Kim Hunsicker as a Planning Commission Member to fulfill the vacancy left by the resignation of Planning Commission Member, Matthew Neeb, term due to expire on 12/31/2023. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley and Barbara Beltz moved to table the appointment of a new member for the Franklin Township Zoning Hearing Board (three (3) year term), left by the resignation of Kim DePue. Motion carried unanimously.

Jason Frey moved to reappoint Robin Cressley as a representative to the Carbon County Council of Government (COG). Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Robin Cressley moved to reappoint Barbara Beltz as the Alternate representative to the Carbon County Council of Government (COG). Jason Frey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Barbara Beltz moved to reappoint Jason Doll as the Open Records Officer for the Franklin Township Police Department. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz moved to reappoint Brenda Neeb as the Open Records Officer for the Franklin Township Administration Office. Jason Frey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Robin Cressley moved to reappoint Christine Green as Alternate Open Records Officer for the Administrative Office. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz moved to reappoint Brenda Neeb as the Township's representative to the Carbon County Tax Committee for a one (1) year term. Jason Frey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Robin Cressley moved to reappoint Christine Green as the alternate representative to the Carbon County Tax Committee for a one (1) year term. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz moved to reappoint Robert Maholick as a member on the Municipal Authority Board for a five (5) year term. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley moved to reappoint the following names as members of the Property Maintenance Appeals Board for a two (2) year term: (Willard Ahner, Dr. John DeMatte Sr., Eric Markell, Gail Maholick, and Rod Green. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz moved to reappoint Jason Frey as Franklin Township's Representative to the Carbon County Solid Waste Advisory Committee. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Robin Cressley moved to reappoint Joseph Connaughton as a member of the Franklin Township Advisory Recreation and Parks Board for a five (5) year term. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz moved to appoint Travis Hunsicker (Franklin Township Athletic Association representative) as a member of the Franklin Township Advisory Recreation and Parks Board to fulfill the unexpired term of prior board member, Anthony Fristick. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley moved to reappoint Dennis Bauchspics as the Township's Representative to the Lehigh Canal Recreation Commission. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz moved to reappoint Jason Doll as Police Chief of the Franklin Township Police Department. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz moved to reappoint Robin Cressley as Franklin Township's Roadmaster/Road Foreman. Jason Frey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Barbara Beltz moved to appoint Robin Cressley as the Franklin Township Voting Delegate for this year's PSATS Annual Educational Conference, May 3-6, 2020, at Hershey, Pa. Jason Frey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Robin Cressley moved to adopt Resolution No. 2020-01 which appoints Jason Frey as Chief Administrative Official of the Franklin Township Non-Uniformed Pension Plan. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Barbara Beltz moved to adopt Resolution No. 2020-02 which appoints Jason Frey as Chief Administrative Official of the Franklin Township Police Pension Plan. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Robin Cressley moved to reappoint Jim Thorpe Neighborhood Bank and Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT) as depositories for various checking and savings accounts. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz moved to set the Treasurer's Bond at \$500,000.00 for fiscal year 2020. Jason Frey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Robin Cressley moved to set the bond for Board of Supervisors as Trustees of the Police Pension Plan at \$500,000.00 for fiscal year 2020. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
(Renews 8/1/2020)

Barbara Beltz moved to schedule the year 2020 Township Meetings for the third (3rd) Tuesday of each month beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Franklin Township Administration Office. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz moved to grant permission to the Board of Supervisors and the Secretary-Treasurer to prepay bills prior to the Township Meetings. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley moved to retain all present Township employees including employees in Union contracts. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz moved to increase wages of Non-Union and Non-Uniformed Township Full & Part-Time employees by approximately 3% for 2020. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley and Barbara Beltz moved keep the same hourly rates as previously set for equipment rentals as follows: Motion carried unanimously.

Grader	\$125.00	Truck- (33, 00 gvw) -	\$85.00
Paver -	\$400.00	One Ton Dump Truck -	\$55.00
Roller -	\$200.00	Pick-Up Truck -	\$45.00 + \$20.00 extra for Plow
Loader-	\$125.00	Broom (tag-a-long) -	\$60.00
Backhoe-	\$200.00	Tractor w/Mower-	\$100.00
Hotbox -	\$100.00		

Cinders - \$25.00 per bucket load – Komatsu

Barbara Beltz moved to set the daily fees for storage at \$40.00 per day. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley moved to approve the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company’s 2020 planned activity list (list attached); along with weekly training drills held every Monday evenings; regular monthly meetings held the second Tuesday each month, unscheduled work details that will be held from time to time, and all boot drives throughout the year of 2020. (all meetings/events will be held at the Franklin Township Fire Company with the exception of the Boot Drives. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz moved to approve The Pohopoco Rod and Gun Club’s 2020 monthly meeting dates (meetings are held at the Township Administrative Office). Dates are as follows: January 15th, February 19th, March 18th, April 15th, May 20th, June 17th, July 15th, August 16th, September 18th, October 21st, November 18th and December (TBD). Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve the letter of request from the Lehighon Men’s Softball League to use Bunker Hill Ballfield for the 2020 season from April through September. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Participation – None

Unfinished Business - None

New Business:

Robin Cressley made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-03 which appoints Buckno Lisicky & Co., PC-CPA in place of the elected auditors to examine all Township accounts for 2019. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-04 – Use of Escalator Clause for all Bituminous Materials and Petroleum Product purchase contracts either bid or entered into from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to approve the Per Capita Tax Exoneration List submitted by Sara Keiser, Tax Collector re: tax duplicate year 2019. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to have Franklin Township's 2020 tax duplicates computed by Touchpoint. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments: None

Questions from the Press: None

Robin Cressley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 p.m. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brenda Neeb, Secretary-Treasurer