

August 5, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Foster Township Board of Supervisors was held at the Mt. Pleasant pavilion due to the COVID Pandemic and social distancing.

Members present: Chairman Rob Sterling, Vice Chairman: Chris Rowlands, John Carr.

Copy of the minutes from the previous meeting were given to the supervisors there were no corrections the minutes stand approved with a motion by Rowlands second by Carr

Motion to pay the monthly bills by Rowlands second Carr all in favor.

Chairman reports Jones and Co has completed the audit and will be submitted to DCED. All was in order.

Chairman Sterling reports the landfill host fee check was received in the amount of \$139,690.98 which was added to a CD that was due for .50 % at FNCB bank Hazelton.

No new update on the internet.

Discussion on Demolition project Rob Knoble was awarded the project. Gene Malley questions the building to be demolished, Sterling reports Haney and Hosmer property.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Richard Burmeister holds discussion on the Sewer fees for 2020, total of possible \$18,00.00 fees projected to collect for the year. the board has agreed to have July – Sept added for free sewer leaving the last three months for discussion in September. Mr. Bumeister feels since the sewer never makes money; the whole year should be free. Rowlands confirms that the board will look again in September. Janet Mitchell reports that 25 people have paid in full for 2020 and at least 10-12 more are paid ahead and will be credited accordingly.

Mr. Burmesiter reviews problems not handled by the board from Internet; water problem not handled after Mansion fire and paying a salary to the roadmaster. He feels there has been no changes with the board they do not do enough for the residents.

Mr. Burmesiter holds discussion on Keith Hill and getting to the finish line of May 2019.

Mr. John Barrett question Mr. Burmeister on his statement on Mr. Keith Hill finish line and the internet, Mr. Barrett reviews the companies contacted and where the internet stands to date with these companies. Mr. Barrett confirms no companies responded in 2019., took till 2020 to get companies to show interest. Brennan was to get in touch with companies to see what the township needs to do to support this endeavor. Rowlands reports J.B. Cable is not interested. The problem is to get companies here to pick-up 30-40 homes. Burmelster asks if anyone contacted the company which ran lines up 901. Rowlands reports they were contacted.

Mr. Rich Zula states Mr. Hill never came back with a report.

Mr. Gene Maley holds a discussion on interest income budgeted for 2020 and \$18,000 for the community in Sewer to be collected.

Gene Maley asks the board again to publicly announce a formal report the Supervisors increase in pay. Sterling reports there are no current increases and No increase has been made for many years. The reorganization Meeting is where increases are announced and the Supervisors pay will be discussed at that meeting. also, questions Roadmaster getting additional salary. A motion was made by Rowlands second by Carr all in favor to review supervisor salary at the reorganization meeting.

Mr. Rich Zula asks if the minutes can be put on the Web earlier, Mitchell reports they are current and the last month's meeting minutes must be approved at the current meeting to be official they are posted the next day.

Mr. Richard Zula discusses traffic speed on Upper Beechwood and stop sign.

ENGINEER REPORT

2020 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN>>>>AT the July 15, 2020 Meeting Sewer and water capacity was discussed. The next scheduled meeting is August 19, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

2020 Road Program and Drainage Project>>>>Final design package is complete and will be submitted to PENNDOT for review. Discussion was held on having adequate time for penndot review, bid the project and complete before October, several stormwater inlets and pipping will need to be installed and can be done by the township in house to reduce the cost. Recommend to hold off until next year road program.

BBZ Subdivision and Lot Annexation Phase II>>>>Mr. Joe post met with Benesch to appraise the property. We will be forwarding a separate letter to the township regarding the pricing for the lots.

2020 DEMOLITION GRANTS>>>>Schuylkill County has awarded the demolition contractor for the two properties. It should be started by the End of August.

FOSTER SEWER ALLOCATION>>>> Benesch has reviewed the 2002 Sewer agreement between FOSTER and SCMA. After a discussion on average daily flow potential is for about 66 more customers.

ROADMASTER REPORT

Carr reports the completion of the sewer lateral for Bosack property Lower Beechwood Ave., two street light repaired, trees were cut.

POLICE REPORT

No problems reported on Porker Run

Nettles holds a discussion on Ordinances and ATV and camping issues. Fines were issued on the current ordinance This will be reviewed with Mr. Brennan.

A discussion was held on International code books. Discussion on complaints to police for property maintenance. Complaints will be given to Benesch no name attached.

Mr. Burmeister thanks the board for the three months free sewer.

Motion to adjourn by Rowlands second by Carr.

Attest: Janet Mitchell Secretary Foster Township