

February 3, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Foster Township Supervisors was held at the Municipal Building.

Members present were Sterling, Carr, Solicitor Brennan.

A copy of the previous meeting minutes was given to Supervisors there were no correction the minutes stand approved, with a motion by Carr second by Sterling.

Chairman Sterling states a list of the monthly bills were reviewed by the Supervisors. A motion by Carr second by Sterling to pay all bills for the month.

Chairman Sterling introduces Jason Kelso from Reading Anthracite. Solicitor Brennan states a lawsuit has been filed against Reading for ATV problems. Holds a discussion with the audience on the start times of trucks on Valley Road. Speed and mud issues on the road.

Mr. Kelso addresses the audience and will try to accommodate the residents on start times and speed issues due to the ATV lawsuit there will not be a discussion on that issue.

Mr. Brennan states in our June 2019 meeting through our Zoning ordinance the start time was established from 7am-5pm. Elaina Antonelli hold a discussion on the alternate route on the Cass Township side Chairman Sterling asks if there will be a problem with operation time for 6am-5p.m., no problem with the time reported, a motion to amend the zoning ordinance operation time to 6 a.m. - 5p.m. alternate route in Cass Township to be used before that time by Carr second by Sterling.

Elaina Antonelli also reports concerns with the mud and the street sweeper. Paint on her car has been chipped and her house get covered by mud. Chief Nettles has concerns with the mud in weather for vehicles driving on valley road. Dan Cook suggests rumble strips and water to knock mud off trucks before entrance to valley road. Erosion control needed. Kelso will look at problems in the morning with these issues. Mr. Harvey Frantz suggests using liners in the trucks.

Elaina Antonelli asks if Reading will do something about her car chipped paint, Mr. Kelso will contact Ms. Antonelli on this issue.

Supervisors recommend Dan Cook to follow up with Kelso on ideas to reduce the mud problem.

Mr. Kelso is thanked for attending and is dismissed from the meeting.

Mr. Brennan address topics from last month's meeting.

Mr. Eugene Maley questioned the Supervisors salary. Mr. Brennan explains the \$100 monthly is their compensation for supervisors pay it is not per meeting as stated by the Chairman. The \$250.00 month for assistant secretary and assistant treasurer was set by the auditors year ago.

Brennan addresses Health Insurance question by Joe Zula last month:

Brennan holds a quick discussion on history of the township health Insurance plan.

2007 Premiums were out of control before the affordable health care came into effect at the time in 2013 a memo was issued to have the cost reviewed yearly due to the high cost, explained how the insurance plan changed from the broker of Patrick Keane to shop Marketplace, Which all application was done on line and all employees were required to sign the wavier on line if insurance was not needed. A discussion continues with Rich and Joseph Zula on the original memo for discussion to be held in October. Mr. Brennan states all health Insurance invoices were read at the work session, Rich Zula disagrees, Chairman Sterling states they were read. Mr. Brennan states all cost were apparent through the budget process and Invoices approved at the monthly meeting. Joe Zula question the cost for part-time employees Solicitor Brennan states Mr. Richard Zula Sr. was also part-time and the insurance is offered to all employees and waiver signed if they do not need coverage.

Mr. Richard Karlaza thanks the police for help with his Uncle Mr. Michael Karlaza passing.

Officer Nettles requested an extra AED device so both Police vehicles have one at all times. Motion to purchase an AED by Carr second by Sterling.

#### ENGINEER REPORT

2019 Comprehensive Plan>>>>the Planning Committee reorganization meeting was held on January 15, 2020 at 6:30. The next scheduled meeting Plans for the Glovich /Sterling hall road subdivision have been received are under review.

2019 Upper Beechwood Road Line Painting and Signage>>>>DE Gemmel has installed the signs and LED warning light indicators on upper Beechwood Ave. The Contractor has submitted their application for payment #1. Motion to approve the application for DE Gemmel with a motion by Carr second by Sterling. The Township will need to pass an ordinance to allow the enforcement of the new stop sign and post a public notice of the new traffic pattern. Solicitor Brennan has prepared a draft for adoption. Once adopted and public notice has been posted, the sign wrap can be removed and place in operation.

2020 Road Program and Drainage Project>>>>A Proposal was prepared and submitted for the survey design, contract administration and construction administration of the 2020 Road program and Drainage Project. The work will include four roadways within the township.

2019 Foster Township Municipal Authority Chapter 94 Report>>>>Pa Dep requires Foster Township to complete a Chapter 94 Wasteload Management Report on an annual basis. The Deadline for submission is March 31, 2020 Benesch will complete the report.

## SOLICITOR REPORT

Mr. Brennan reviews the stop sign ordinance it will be advertised and adopted at the March meeting.

Mr. Richard Baumeister questions the appraisals for the properties of 1464 , 1466 Sunbury road and 1432 Sunbury Road and the requirements under Second class township code Solicitor Brennan explains the bidding process on the internet held by the banks which were the owners. The township was the successful bidder at the on line Auction, appraisal done by Holden then final settlement was made.

Solicitor Brennan hold a discussion the internet reports Cass Township interest. Hope for mid-March responses from providers.

Solicitor Brennan updates on the lawsuit filled against Reading Anthracite for unregulated ATV's.

County Demolition grant will be submitted for Demolition of 1464,1466,1432 Sunbury Road.

## ROADMASTER REPORT

2 street lights repaired, 2 Grinder pumps repaired.

## POLICE REPORT

Census Workers will be around be aware see ID before letting them in.

Discussion on the stop sign enforcement.

Discussion held on stray cats at Jim Hertz property, 20 cats were found Volunteers from Saving the stray Cats of Schuylkill County were called for removal. A Motion by Carr second Sterling to donation \$500.00 to the organization.

Nettles holds a discussion on the dog lease law. Reports on dogs running at large.

28 incidents reported

ATV arrest on 901 for riding on the road.

Camera will be installed in the Police Truck.

Supervisors authorize Chief Nettles to look into prices on drones.

Landfill host fee Check was received for \$216,598.64 placed in FNCB CD for 7 months @1.60%.

Motion to adjourn by Carr second by Sterling.

March 4, 2020

The regular Scheduled monthly meeting of the Foster Township Board of Supervisors was cancelled due to lack of Quorum.

April 1, 2020

The regular scheduled monthly meeting of the Foster Township Board of Supervisors was cancelled due to the Governors proclamation on the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Attest:

Janet Mitchell

Secretary

Foster Township

March 27, 2020

A special emergency meeting was held to adopt a formal declaration of disaster emergency due to the COVID 19 pandemic. AT 8:00 am the declaration of disaster emergency was signed; this allows Chris Rowlands Emergency Management Coordinator lee way when it comes to buying the necessary materials or hiring personnel. A formal declaration was needed when reimbursement is available for expenses incurred.

Motion to adjourn by Carr Second by Sterling all in favor.

Adjourned at 8:15 A.M. March 27, 2020

Attest Janet Mitchell

Secretary

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