

February 3, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Foster Township Board of Supervisors was held by telecommunication due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Members present: Chairman Rob Sterling, Vice-Chairman John Barrett, Roadmaster John Carr, Secretary Janet Mitchell, Engineer Dan Cook.

A copy of the previous meeting minutes was given to Supervisors, there were no corrections or additions the minutes stand approved with a motion by Barrett second by Carr all in favor.

Minutes from January 14, 2021 special meeting were read by supervisors no corrections or additions the minutes stand approved with a motion by Barrett second by Carr all in favor.

Chairman Sterling asks for a motion to pay all monthly bills, motion by Barrett second by Carr all in favor.

Public Comment requested to be received by e-mail or USPS none received.

ENGINEER REPORT

Property Maintenance >>>>Benesch has purchased the 2021 International Property Maintenance Code (IMPC) Attorney Brennan requested to review the new code and provide feedback to the township for adoption.

2020 Comprehensive Plan>>>>No meeting is scheduled for this month.

2021 Floodplain Ordinance>>>>.A copy of the Foster Township Floodplain Ordinance from the PA Municipal League was received. The ordinance is required to be adopted by May 21, 2021. Attorney Brennan should review the ordinance and advertise for adoption at the April 7, 2021 meeting.

BBZ Subdivision and Lot Annexation Phase I Phase II >>>>The process to finalize the plans for the BBZ Phase II subdivision it will then be forwarded to the township for review. The township will need a third-party engineer to review the plans: in the past the township has utilized Brinkash Engineering.

2020 Foster Township Municipal Authority Chapter 94 Report>>>> PA DEP requires that Foster Township complete a Chapter 94 waste load Management Report on an annual basis. The deadline for submission is March 31, 2021.

2021 Road Program>>>> Copies of all draft contracts were submitted to Penndot on November 11, 2020. There was been no correspondence back after reaching out to Penndot several times. Contracts for bids for Spring 2021. Lewis and Oakill easement work will be completed.

Neal Mansion Inspection>>>>Benesch met with a demolition contractor to look at the property and to provide a budgetary demolition price, the contractor provided an estimate between \$50,000.00 and \$75,000.00 to selective demolish the property. Mr. Ronald Zimmerman from the County was contacted about a potential of obtaining a demolition grant to complete either a portion or all the work. A narrative and package to be submitted for review. Job Bid estimate From Dudash for \$77,000.00 was received. Township must own the property. Mr. Roberto has a buyer in mind for property, want the

township to make an offer. An appraisal is needed for 3.12 Acres of property. Motion to get appraisal motion Sterling second by Barrett all in favor.

Schuylkill Airport Comprehensive Plan>>> Benesch attended an individual stakeholder call with the Airport Planning Official and attended progress meeting II where the planners presented four layouts for discussion at the proposed airport industrial Park.

Keystone Historic Preservation Construction Grants>>> This grant closed on March 1, 2021. The grant allows for projects ranging from \$10,000.00 to \$200,000.00 with a 50/50 cash match. (Applications that do not include appropriate documentation from the PA State Historic Preservation office will not be eligible for funding.)

2021 DCNR Playground Grant>>> applications are open and due on April 14, 2021. If the township would be interested in applying for this grant a resolution would be needed to be passed by the April 2021 meeting.

2021 CFA Act 13 Grants>>>the 2021 Commonwealth Financing Authority Grants application including the greenways Trails and Recreation Grants, as well as sin other funding opportunities opened on February 1, 2021 are due May 31, 2021.

ACTION ITEMS: 1. Authorize Alfred Benesch & Company to complete and submit the 2020 Chapter 94 Report.

2. Authorize Attorney Brennan to obtain easement from 2021 Road Program for Lewis and Oakill property.

3. Authorize Attorney Brennan to review and prepare an ordinance to adopt the IMPC 2021.

4. Authorize Attorney Brennan to review and prepare an ordinance to adopt the 2021 Floodplain Ordinance.

5. Authorize any appraisals for easements for eminent domain proceeding.

A Motion was made to authorize all action items #1-#5 by Sterling second by Barrett all in favor.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Internet proposals>>>>Opinion of Counsel lays out facts given to the board, Wraithtek Inc. withdraws its submission.

Wire televiews lowest responsible bidder. Tentatively award subject to the final documents with a motion by Barrett second Carr all in favor.

A discussion was held on a dedicated room needed, for the internet details will have to be decided on a later date.

A discussion was held Municipal Authority vs Redevelopment Authority. Internet lines can be finance by the redevelopment Authority, Solicitor Brennan will create a MEMO on this Municipals Authority vs Redevelopment Authority.

Deeds are being worked on for BBZ annexations, discussion to give the Municipal Authority nooks and Crannies and keep the large piece for the township motion by Barrett second by Carr all in favor.

ROADMASTER REPORT

Snow plowing went well. Both generators worked on for Sewer pumps.

Police Report

42 incidents.

No Incidents with snow storms.

New officers working on weekend

Keys found before storm at police office.

Discussion on police recording for video and audio on the Right to Know Law. Nettles discusses State Police guidelines for right to know. Brennan to research.

OLD Business

Chairman Sterling reports New Dump truck has been ordered.

The board goes into Executive session to discuss personnel matters.

Motion to adjourn executive session at 7:45 p.m. by Barrett second by Carr all in favor.

Attest: Janet Mitchell

Secretary

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