

March3, 2021

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

Members present remotely; Chairman Sterling, Vice Chairman John Barrett, Roadmaster John Carr, Secretary, Janet Mitchell Solicitor Brennan, Engineer Dan Cook, Chief, James Nettles.

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.

Supervisors received a copy of bills motion to pay all monthly bills by Barrett second by Carr all in favor.

Public Comments was advertised to be received by Email or USPS mail. Secretary Mitchell reports none received.

ENGINEER REPORT

Website Update>>>>The Ordinances and permits will be reviewed so all permits are cohesive and are current on the Website. Current copies of the ordinances that engineering has will be provided for the web.

Property Maintenance>>>>A copy of the 2021 International Maintenance Code (IMPC) has been forwarded to Attorney Brennan for review. If the township wishes to adopt the manual will need to be codified.

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

2021 Floodplain Ordinance>>>>A draft copy of the Foster Township Floodplain Ordinance has been received from PA Municipal League. The ordinance is required to be adopted by May 21, 2021. The ordinance is currently being reviewed, Mr. Brennan will also need to review the ordinance and advertise for adoption at the township April 7, 2021 meeting.

BBZ Subdivision and Lot Annexation Phase I and Phase II>>>>The process of finalizing the plans for the BBZ Phase II subdivision. The township will need to have a third party-engineer, Brinkash Engineering has been utilized in the past.

2020 Foster Township Municipal Authority Chapter 94 report>>>>The draft copy of the Chapter 94 Waste load Management Report for the Township review and signature has been provided. Submission to PADEP is required by March 31, 2021.

2021 Road Program>>>>A walkthrough was completed with the Supervisors for the proposed project. The Supervisors had a few additional requests which will be updated in the bid package. The one request will require a Highway Occupancy Permit. Benesch will provide location stakeout for the proposed inlets to be installed by the township. A discussion was held on inlet for water run off on Sunbury road causing icy conditions on Lower Beechwood Ave. Mr. Barrett agrees to speak to the homeowners.

The Township will authorize Benesch to advertise and receive for four (4) contracts for the Road project which include the Material Supply Contracts (pipe, inlets/grates, and stone) and the paving and associated work contract. The project will be advertised and bids accepted for the April 2021 meeting. Mr. Brennan will be working to obtain easements from two property owners on Hill Road for the stormwater piping. A Motion was made By Carr second by Barrett all in favor to authorize Alfred Benesch to bid the 2021 Road Program.

Neal Mansion Inspection>>>>Attorney Brennan will contact Holden Realty for an Appraisal of the property. We anticipate the appraisal to occur after the snow has melted for safety purposes. If moving forward with the property acquisition the grant narrative will be finalized and the package submitted for the county demolition grant program.

Foster Zoning and Map Changes>>>>>due to several potential projects in the near future, it is recommended the Township look to start monthly zoning meetings to review the potential changes to the ordinance and map.

SOLICITOR REPORET

Solicitor Brennan contacted Holden waiting on appraisals for Easements for drainage and Mansion Property.

BBZ Lot annexations Update waiting on maps then letters will go out to home owners.

Discussion on Heart and Lung and the Workers compensation case. No activity will happen till after Compensation doctor's review.

Mt. Pleasant Hose Co. Update>>> A Meeting will be set up with Eric Eichenberg on the financial stipend with the Hose Co. Barret question if the merger is complete. Solicitor Brennan reports the merger has been completed.

Mr. Barrett question on codification the of Foster Township Ordinances. Mr. Brennan states will be completed after the Internet agreements are in order.

A Zoom meeting will be held with Wire tele-view on the internet. Mr. Keith Hill will also be contacted.

Mr. Barrett asks if residents receive ambulance cards. The Ambulance list of residents is completed every January and given to Good Will ambulance Association along with the check to pay all subscriptions. This info can be added to the newsletter.

ROADMASTER REPORT

Carr reports some complaints with residents getting out early to shovel and the problems till the plowing is complete.

More salt Delivered. Vice Chairman Barrett asks if some fly ash can be added to the salt next year. Carr reports it will be added next year.

New Business

Chairman Sterling holds a discussion on the purchase of a new Police Vehicle to replace the police SUV. The quote received from Kovatch Ford was for \$50,320.91. Motion to purchase the New Police Vehicle with as motion by Barrett second by Carr all in favor.

Barrett asks that Spring-clean up be set for April 10, 2021 and Fall Clean-up for October 9, 2021. Motion to set the cleanup be Carr second by Sterling all in favor.

Update on a Township News letter possible by the end of March.

A discussion was held on an evidence room for the police. Barrett suggests using one of the bathrooms for an evidence room and keeping only one restroom, Dan Cook will check on the code to see if one bathroom follows the code.

POLICE REPORT

Nettles reports more ATV problems.

A discussion was held on the Red Light reports the light is changing quickly in the fog problems with the light sensors.

Nettles question who is the contact for the Fire Company. Solicitor Brennan reports Eric Eichenburg should be contacted at Minersville Fire Rescue.

Nettles reports large holes in the road by Mrs. Donna Truscott property. Roadmaster Carr will take care of the problem.

Nettles reports on Workers Comp Case the police vehicle was repaired by Weavers auto Body.

Nettles reports resident's frustration with plowing. It is difficult for some resident to shovel due to health and age when they just get their vehicle open to go the plow blocks it again. Nettles requests more snow shovel so the police can assist the residents.

A discussion was held on a speed study for traffic on 901 and 81 ramps. Dan Cook states it would need to be done by PENNDOT. Follow-up with Mike Hummel at Benesch on a traffic study.

Nettles requests the RING Door Bell be purchased for the front door of the building so communication can be done without opening the door. Motion by Sterling second by Carr all in favor to purchase the RING Door bell System.

Motion to adjourn by Barrett second by Carr all in favor.