

April 7, 2021

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

Members present: Chairman Robert Sterling, Vice Chairman John Barrett, Roadmaster John Carr, Secretary Janet Mitchell, Solicitor Ed Brennan, Engineer Dan Cook, Chief Jim Nettles.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None received by e-mail or USPS.

ENGINEER REPORT

Building and Zoning Permits>>>>Active work on two large timber permits under the zoning ordinance in process with Solicitor Brennan on outstanding matters with regards to permits. Inquiry was received on a third timber permit. Solicitor holds discussion on timbering permits and on a stop work order for Mr. Frank Krammes. Dan Cook suggests Fee Schedule needs to be reviewed to update.

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

Utilities>>>>>Work with the township and road crew was completed to identify the location of several manhole/cleanouts due to a sanitary sewer inquiry. Troubleshooting of two grinder pump issues and a generator at the pump station. Recommendation to purchase and install a green post delineator on the critical and off-road locations.

Website Update>>>> The repository of various Township ordinances has been provided to the township and the solicitor to review before submission to the Webmaster, also updating the Township forms and applications are in the process before submission to the Webmaster. Motion to purchase the Delineators by Sterling second by Carr all in favor.

2020 Comprehensive Plan>>>>The township hopes to hold the April 21, 2021 Comprehensive plan meeting at a location to be determined. Barrett to set up at pavilion.

Schuylkill County Municipal Authority Act 537 Plan Updates>>>.Correspondence from SCMA regarding the updating of the Township Act 537 Plan required by PADEP. SCMA will be spearheading the updates to the Municipal Act 537 plans for those municipalizes affected by the Gordon Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade. They are requesting a map to be provided to SCMA with the designated or desired growth area of the Township.

2021 Floodplain Ordinance>>>>>The Foster Township Floodplain Ordinance has been reviewed from the PA Municipal League. The ordinance is required to be adopted by May 21, 2021. A copy has been provided to Attorney Brennan to review the ordinance and advertise for adoption at the Township May 5, 2021 meeting.

BBZ Subdivision and Lot Annexation Phase I and Phase II>>>Finalized plans for the BBZ Subdivision plans have been submitted for signatures. Once signatures have been obtained, they will be submitted to third party Engineering review and both Foster Township and Schuylkill county Planning Commission. The Highway Occupancy permit application for the revised Hosmer driveway has been submitted.

2020 Foster Township Municipal Authority Chapter 94 Report>>> has been submitted to SCMA and PADEP.

Neale Mansion Inspection>>>.Information has been submitted to Holden Realty for an appraisal, discussion will be held with the County to see if the project could be funded under the demolition grant program. Discussion on Mr. Roperto selling to a potential private buyer and violations that need to be addressed.

Internet Development>>>>>Contact has been made by the proposed internet to provide mapping and GIS files. Some of the requested data has been located, work with Schuylkill County GIS Department for several files needed. Motion by Sterling second by Carr to supply items to the internet service provider.

2021 ROAD PROGRAM

The project was advertised for bid, with the bids due for the April 7, 2021 meeting. A discussion on the Bids and recommendation were held.

Work is being done with Attorney Brennan to obtain easements from two property owners on Hill Road for stormwater piping.

See Enclosed bid tab sheet that was read, Motion to accept the low bid E.K. Services with recommendation for Mr. Cook to get some performance and craftsmanship background info done with other Municipalities by E.K. Services. Motion Carr second Barrett all in favor.

Discussion and request for quote for delivery of stone. Motion to request for quote for stone by Barrett second by Sterling all in favor.

Discussion on inlets

Solicitor Brennan reviews the law when no bid is received the township must readvertise at that point if no other bids received, we can purchase in 45 days. Motion to Readvertise for Rebid for the inlets Sterling second Barrett all in favor.

Special meeting for April 28 to accept the bids.

Motion to accept low bid on Pipe Chemung Supply by Sterling second Barrett, all in favor.

Discussion on easements still needed on Hill Road, Oakill and Lewis property.

A Discussion on traffic light at Highridge will contact company to check on equipment.

Cook hold discussion on sight distance on 81 interchange suggests to formally request a safety study for that area. Motion Sterling second Barrett all in favor.

Chief Nettles reports that intersections are where most accidents occur.

SOLICITORS REPORT

Brennan reports no updates on the Heart and Lung Case or Workers Compensation.

Jason Kelso was contacted to set-up some meetings with the township

Ordinances will be reviewed by Mr. Brennan before posting to WEB.

Discussion held on the Minersville Fire Rescue and Mt. Pleasant Hose merger.

A Motion was made to Authorize the appropriate officer to give notice to the 911 center after Mr. Barrett meets with the Minersville Fire Rescue.

Mr. Brennan reports Mr. Frie has reported a tree near his property that needs to be cut down due to safety reasons Motion Barrett second Sterling. All in favor to remove the tree.

Brennan will get letters out for the Municipal Authority on BBZ Properties.

Wire tele-view available April 29, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m. to meet with the representatives and residents of township for informational session. Fliers will go out to residents meeting will be set up at Minersville High School if it is available. Motion Barrett second Sterling all in favor.

PPL walk out in May for internet, Mr. Brennan suggests using Zcroum Consulting Engineer for the walkout with PP&L. Motion Sterling second Carr all in favor to use Zcroum Consulting Engineer.

Mr. Brennan reviews Firstlight pricing for our wholesale internet. Asks the board to approve the preparation of a formal contract for telecommunication services with First Light based on pricing for 1 GIG with the option to increase as needed. Motion by Barrett second Carr all in favor. The final document will have a 60-90 day opt out.

Brennan hold discussion on Redevelopment Authority. Motion to have Mr. Brennan to continue research on forming an Authority motion Sterling second by Barrett all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Sewer rates will be discussed in May for the remainder of the year.

Mr. Frank Zukas has reported Blythe township and the Inter- connect is nearly complete.

Discussion on four wheelers on night time road. Mr. Barrett reports on Four-wheel traffic on road behind homes on valley road. Brennan to call Kelso on Blocking the road.

Baseball field two teams will use this season copies of insurance coverage were received,

Discussion on termites in meeting room, Laudeman Pest Control needs to drill into floor price from PHD Flooring Pottsville \$4,200. Price includes removing existing floor, prep of existing cement floor installing new flooring Motion to have flooring installed by Barrett second by Carr all in favor

Price from Schuylkill Chamber Energy Renewal on generation rate for ppl bill due to Entrust Co. Bankruptcy, A rate of 7.43 cents a KWH for 30-month term was received from Liberty Power Motion Barrett second Sterling all in favor to execute the agreement.

Discussion on opening of bathroom facility for Playground and disinfecting due to COVID. Motion to have Jim Kraznitsky disinfect the bathroom every morning and purchase spray device for daily use.

Door Bell device price quote from Schuylkill Electronics LLC for \$850.00 for Doorbell with voice communication by direct wiring. Chief Nettles hold discussion on installation Motion to install the Door bell System by Sterling second Carr all in favor.

Discussion on Summer help Solicitor Brennan suggests due to COVID restriction and new variants for young people he suggests not to hire this summer the board agrees.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Nettles reports 31 incidents

Discussion on fire ordinance and rules on burning.

Nettles reports two officers for shifts on weekends due to four wheelers.

Dissuasion on ATV Ordinance and updating it Solicitor Brennan asks board to prepare updates and advertise ordinance for next month's meeting. Motion Sterling second Barrett all in favor.

Chief Nettles sent letter to new residents on riding on township roads.

Discussion on a noise ordinance and nuisance ordinance.

Sign must be installed on Buckhorn Road.

Nettles report 80% of the accidents South Cass Fire CO. responds on Traffic control, accidents with entrapment then Minersville Fire Rescue responds

Motion to adjourn by Barrett second Carr all in favor.

Foster Township - 2021 Road Program - Contract 1 - Pipes

Reference Number	Chemung Supply Corp	LB Water	E. K. Services, Inc.	H&K Group, Inc.	Barletta Materials & Construction, Inc	New Enterprise Stone & Lime Company	Meckley's Limestone Products, Inc	Schuykill Paving Inc.
Materials Contract 1 - Pipes	\$6,615.00	\$7,918.80	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid
Materials Contract 1 - Total Extended	\$6,615.00	\$7,918.80	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid

Foster Township - 2021 Road Program - Contract 2 - Inlets

Reference Number	Chemung Supply Corp	LB Water	E. K. Services, Inc.	H&K Group, Inc.	Barletta Materials & Construction, Inc	New Enterprise Stone & Lime Company	Meckley's Limestone Products, Inc	Schuykill Paving Inc.
Materials Contract 2 - Pipes	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid

Foster Township - 2021 Road Program - Contract 3 - Stone

Reference Number	Chemung Supply Corp	LB Water	E. K. Services, Inc.	H&K Group, Inc.	Barletta Materials & Construction, Inc	New Enterprise Stone & Lime Company	Meckley's Limestone Products, Inc	Schuykill Paving Inc.
Materials Contract 3 - Stone	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid

Foster Township - 2021 Road Program - Contract 4 - Construction

Reference Number	Chemung Supply Corp	LB Water	E. K. Services, Inc.	H&K Group, Inc.	Barletta Materials & Construction, Inc	New Enterprise Stone & Lime Company	Meckley's Limestone Products, Inc	Schuykill Paving Inc.
Contract 4 - Construction - Location 1	No Bid	No Bid	\$53,306.65	\$56,558.45	\$62,313.78	\$61,765.75	\$80,772.00	\$73,435.50
Contract 4 - Construction - Location 2	No Bid	No Bid	\$68,909.25	\$75,495.68	\$85,232.65	\$86,579.25	\$88,161.00	\$101,927.50
Contract 4 - Construction - Location 3	No Bid	No Bid	\$28,841.55	\$29,263.63	\$25,445.54	\$37,498.00	\$31,167.50	\$37,355.00
Contract 4 - Construction - Location 4	No Bid	No Bid	\$24,005.05	\$21,982.23	\$19,796.33	\$22,605.50	\$24,858.50	\$30,191.00
Contract 4 - Total Extended	No Bid	No Bid	\$175,062.50	\$183,299.99	\$192,788.30	\$208,448.50	\$224,959.00	\$242,909.00