

November 3, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Foster Township Supervisors was held at the Municipal Building. Members present: Chairman G. Robert Sterling, Vice Chairman John Barrett, Roadmaster John Carr, Secretary Janet Mitchell, Solicitor Brennan. Engineer Dan Cook.

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.

A copy of the bills was given to the Supervisors a motion was made to pay the bills By Barrett Second by Carr.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joe Zula asks on staking of property line; Cook addresses the issue Zula again asks to have tree cut on the property he is interested in purchasing. Barrett and Carr again explain waiting on the tree surgeon.

Al Gober holds a discussion on children playing in the cul-de-sac area. Nettles reports signs are in place.

Chairman Rob Sterling congratulates Gene Maley and John Barrett on their win for the election, thanks the board for all the years he himself has on the Board of Supervisors and accomplished. Also, thanks Roadmaster John Carr for his work in the township. Sterling then reports on the pictures hung in the meeting room to honor Mr. James B. Neale owner of the Buck Run Coal Company.

ENGINEER REPORT

2020 Comprehensive Plan>>>>The final plan was presented to the planning Commission and study committee on October 20, 2021. The Official draft of the plan was presented at that meeting with a public hearing scheduled on November 17, 2021 @ 6:30 P.M. the plan will then be officially submitted to the Township Supervisors for their review. Copies of the plan are available at the township building.

Schuylkill County Municipal Authority Act 537 plan Update>>>> no additional updates on this topic.

Discussion on Gordon plant and branch Cass sewage. Act 537 is the township responsibility.

Reading Anthracite Development>>>>Reviewed Reading Anthracite proposed development plans and need for Zoning amendments. No formal plans have been submitted.

Ryan Development>>>No updates on this topic.

2021 Road Program>>>The Road program has been progressing. The Contractor (E.K. Services) has completed base replacement and paved a portion of Lower Beechwood Road. The Contractor is expected to be completed with paving by the week of November 1, on Lower Beechwood. Signage and pavement legends will be installed after the paving has been completed.

The contractor has also installed the inlets and piping on Hill Road, as well as completed the base installation. The final topcoat will be placed in the spring.

The contractor has temporarily paved the inlets on Church Road and will complete the remainder of the work in the spring.

The contractor will complete the remaining work on Hall Road in the spring.

The contractor has submitted their application for payment number 1 and change order 1 which has been reviewed and recommended for payment under separate cover.

Sterling held a discussion on paving of dirt road behind Judy Lewis property in the future.

Internet Development>>>>No additional updates on this topic.

BBZ UPDATE>>>>the final plans have been prepared and are ready to be signed by the township and submitted. The former Hosmer Property will need to be transferred from the Foster Township Municipal Authority to Foster Township in order to complete the Submission to the Township and Schuylkill County Planning Commissions.

Both Highway Occupancy permits for the former Hosmer and Haney Properties have been submitted to PennDOT for review.

I-81/901 Corridor Utilities Study>>>>This item tabled last month.

Foster Township Zoning Updates>>>>work with solicitor Brennan to revise and update the current zoning ordinance revising the text and added additional sections. Work is being done on map changes.

Veronica's Pump Station>>>>Help with identifying a contractor and source of the generator panel issue. The Township is currently working with the contractor to resolve this issue.

Sanitary Sewer to SCMA Branch Cass WWTP Study>>>> This work was authorized at the last township meeting. Based on the meeting with representatives from Reading Anthracite, this study will be completed in House by their engineering Firm, Lehigh Engineering.

Action Items>>>> Motion to approve E.K. Services application for payment and change order 1 for work completed. Motion Barrett second Carr all in favor. Payment of \$80,899.88 change order of \$13,855.50.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Alfred Benesch to proceed with any changes for sewer for the act 537 plan.

Internet draft received from Mike Fox. Information services contract possible vote December meeting.

Zoning changes will be submitted to planning commission at November meeting 45 days to comment.

Discussion on Sewer and 537 plan authorize Benesch to submit any information for 537 plans for sewer Motion Barrett second Carr.

Email was sent to Corporation Bureau for Redevelopment Authority.

Noise ordinance was reviewed and advertised motion to adopt the ordinance Motion Barrett second Carr.

ROAD MASTER REPORT

Two grinder pumps repaired new computer ordered for pump station.

New starter ordered for pump #2

Board on electric panel repaired at playground.

Worked on dump Track

New retaining wall by church.

Salt will be ordered.

Police Report

License plate reader system explained.

Reminder to keep doors locked and watch for package delivery stealing.

Check heating system for carbon dioxide.

New Tracs system. Scanner use and fine sent to Judge Rossi. It is mandatory for all police Departments.

NEW BUSINESS

Dedicate the meeting room with a plaque on the door to the James B. Neale meeting room. Motion Barrett second Carr all in favor.

Dedicated the former Greek Orthodox Church property with a monument or bench to dedicated to all churches -Saint Michael the Archangel Greek Orthodox Church in 1914, Blessed Sacrament Catholic Chapel in 1916, Trinity Lutheran Chapel in 1925 who service the people of Foster Township, Motion by Sterling second Carr all in favor.

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

Attest:

Janet Mitchell

Secretary

Foster township