

December 1, 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 Supervisors there were no corrections or additions the minutes stand approved with a motion by Barrett second by Carr all in favor.

A copy of the bills was given to supervisors, a motion was made to pay the bills by Carr second by Barrett all in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gene Maley holds a discussion on the Redevelopment Authority. Maley questions if the public was given the opportunity to be on the Redevelopment Authority. John Barrett explains he was tasked with development of the authority and the Criteria needed that will be explained before the Board is appointed tonight. The redevelopment Authority will meet the fourth Wednesday of the month as needed.

Rich Burmeister asks when the Reorganization meeting will be held. Sterling states Monday January 3, 2022 at 6:30 P.M. Mr. Burmeister also thanks Mr. Sterling for his years of service as a supervisor, he looks forward to seeing new faces at 2022 meetings.

ENGINEER REPORT

2020 Comprehensive Plan>>>>The Comprehensive Plan is issued for review to all neighboring municipalities, the Minersville are School District, Schuylkill County Planning Commission, and public review. The tentative hearing is scheduled for January 3, 2022.

Copies are available at the township Building.

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

Reading Anthracite Development>>>Work with Solicitor Brennan is being done to revise and update the current zoning ordinance. The revised text and added additional sections, as well as map changes, were presented at the November 17th Planning Meeting. A public hearing is scheduled for December 29, 2021

No formal plans have been submitted.

CES Landfill Development>>>CES Landfill was contacted regarding the proposed development and the need for Zoning amendments. Several of these proposed changes were modified in the draft zoning ordinance. The applicant is currently identifying the need for sanitary sewage capacity and reviewing options available to them.

No formal plans have been submitted.

Ryan Development>>.No updates on this topic.

2021 Road Program>>>The contractor has completed the paving work on Lower Beechwood Ave. and the base installation on Hill Road. The final topcoat will be placed in the Spring.

Signage and pavement legends will be installed after the paving has been completed. The contractor will complete the remaining work on Hill Road in the spring A motion to approve E.K. Services application n for payment #2 and approve a winter shutdown notice by Barrett second Carr all in favor.

BBZ Update>>>the final plans have been prepared and are ready to be signed and submitted. The former Hosmer property will have to be transferred from Foster Township Municipal Authority to Foster Township in order to complete the submission to the township and Schuylkill County Planning Commission.

Both Highway occupancy permits have been approved by PennDOT. The permits will need to be transferred top the new property owners once transferred.

Foster Township Zoning Updates>>>>work with Solicitor Brennan to revise and update the current Zoning Ordinance. The revised text and added additional sections as well as map changes were presented at the November 17th Planning Meeting. A public hearing on the ordinance is scheduled for December 29, 2021.

A copy of the revised ordinance and map is available at the Township Building.

Sanitary Sewer to SCMA Branch Cass WWTP Study>>. This work was transferred to Lehigh Engineering to be completed on behalf of their client Reading Anthracite. Benesch will review and comment on the proposed revision to the Act 537 Plan once received.

ACTION ITEMS

Motion to pay E. K. Services for application #2 for work completed and approve a winter shutdown. Payment \$21,995.33 By Barrett second Sterling all in favor.

SOLIUCITOR REPORT

Redevelopment Authority was Established paperwork received. Gene Maley asked when paperwork was received. Mr. Brennan states last month, Maley question if Barrett has been working on appointments in November. Mr. Barrett states he began working on criteria since August and will explain criteria for the members under new business.

Zoning Update on Krammmes Zoning hearing issue was upheld by the Zoning Board if appealed it will go to court of Common pleas.

Zoning ordinance update public Hearing on December 29, 2021.Copies and zoning maps are on view at the building.

Planning commission meeting will be held January 3, 2022

Wire televue copies of agreement explained in length of 27-page agreement Discussion on upload and download and Speed of internet. Keith Hill has advised that will have the best service in the county. It will increase the value of the homes. Municipal Services will be at cost. Discussion on First light service, right of first refusal discussed.

Fees discussed township will pay service fee once residential customer connected. Commercial fees 10% of this account will be received by the township. Introductory rate discussed.

Redevelopment Authority will enter into a loan agreement with wire-televue possible 18 months to get system built.

Brennan explains all the parties involved in the effort of this agreement.

Township will pay \$2300 a month service fee. Service fee is intended to get the project off the ground.

Richard Burmeister asks on commercial customers and no guarantee of these customers going with Wire televue.

Chairman Sterling states we have heard a summary of the terms of an agreement with Wire-televue for high-speed internet service. Asks for a motion to approve the agreement with Wire-televue and to authorize the township officials to sign the document after a final proof reading by the Solicitor and our consulting Engineer. Vote>>>Sterling yes, Barrett yes, Carr yes.

NEW BUSINESS

Redevelopment Authority Appointments

Mr. Barrett was tasked with development of the criteria for selecting Individuals from the community who could establish a strong Redevelopment Authority. Individuals who possessed experience, education, and skill that would be beneficial in defining and executing the goals of the Foster Township Redevelopment Authority. The Criteria selected is as follows:

1. Banking and or financial experience.
2. Contract experience.
3. Construction supervision experience.
4. Business and Government contact experience.
5. Engineer design experience.

The people selected meet one or more of these criteria and will serve the community well.

Mr. Barrett makes a motion that the following people be appointed to serve the Foster Township Redevelopment Authority:

1. Christine Polinsky Vote>> Sterling Yes, Barrett yes, Carr Yes.1 yr. Term
2. Harry Schank Vote>>Sterling yes, Barrett yes, Carr Yes. 2 yr. term
3. Robert Halupa vote>>Sterling yes, Barret yes, Carr yes.3 yr. term
4. G. Robert Sterling vote>>Sterling abstain, Barrett yes, Carr yes.4 yr
5. Jeremy Hossler vote>>Sterling yes, Barrett yes, Carr yes 5 yr term.

Fire Company>>>> Barrett makes a motion to authorize a final 2021 disbursement of funds in the amount of \$7,015.75 to the Minersville Fire Rescue Second by Sterling all in favor. We thank the Fire Company for their support and protection in Foster Township and for many more years of cooperation.

Act 125 Cafeteria Plan>>>After consulting with Jones and CO and D.B.U. Inc. our accountants, Barrett makes a motion that the township authorizes using an IRS section 125 Cafeteria plan for township employees. The intent of the plan is to allow employees to pay for certain qualified medical expenses such as health insurance premium on a pretax basis. Vote>>Sterling yes, Barrett yes, Carr yes.

Chairman Sterling request the Board to authorize him to contact Smithsonian Institute to digitize old movies from Foster Township at a cost of \$1,051.00. Motion by Barrett second by Carr.

Barrett makes a motion that the township after determining how many maps is needed to be stored, purchase a map storage cabinet not to exceed \$1000.00, motion second by Sterling second by Carr.

Mr. Barrett suggest the township to investigate the formation of a Historical Society. Any residents interested should contact Mr. Barrett to discuss their thoughts.

ROAD MASTER REPORT

Pump station repaired.

Salt was delivered.

New Truck Delivered.

Maley request the swale repaired by his property, Carr to get to that this week.

Harvey Frantz discusses trees by Maley's on Hossler's side need to be cut.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Nettles hold a discussion on snow removal on streets and cars.

Reports on scams be careful of suspicious questions and activities on line.

Concerns expressed on hunting season and ATV activities on Sunday.

Nettles' holds a discussion on License plate reader system cost of \$17,050.00. Solicitor Brennan requests that COSTARS be checked for a price.

Mr. Sterling again thanks the board for all the accomplishment over the years, and with many new ventures in the pipeline for the township that all new ventures also receive the accomplishment for the future.

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