

January 3, 2022

The reorganization meeting of the Foster Township Board of Supervisors was held at the Municipal Building.

Meeting called to order. Members present John Barrett, Eugene Maley, John Carr, via telecommunication Janet Mitchell, Solicitor Ed Brennan.

Election of Officers:

1. Chairman John Barrett motion by Carr second by Maley --roll call all in favor.
2. Vice Chairman Eugene Maley motion by Barrett second by Carr --roll call all in favor.
3. Roadmaster John Carr motion by Barrett second by Maley --roll call all in favor.
4. Secretary/ Treasurer Janet Mitchell motion by Carr second by Maley--roll call all in favor.  
\$1,000.00 per year raise
5. Assistant Treasurer Eugene Maley motion by Carr second by Barrett--roll call all in favor.
6. Assistant Secretary John Barrett motion Maley second Carr --roll call all in favor.

Appointments:

1. Employees--James Krasnitsky David Davenport, Ron Stewart, Rich Chernosky, Joe Zula, Penny Wertz. \$1.00 per hour Raise. motion Carr second Maley--Roll call all in favor.
2. Police Chief--James Nettles motion Maley second Carr --roll call all in favor. \$1.00 per hour raise.
3. Part-time officers--Kattner, Weaver, Brown. motion Carr second Maley --roll call all in favor. \$1.00 per hour raise.
4. Police Secretary--Janet Mitchell-motion Maley second Carr roll call all in favor.
5. Depository- FNCB Dunmore and Linkbank Minersville, motion Carr second Maley-- roll call all in favor.
6. Solicitor-Edward Brennan--motion Carr second Barrett roll call all in favor.
7. Accountant- D.B.U. Inc. and Jones and Company--motion Carr second Barrett-- roll call all in favor.
8. Tax administrator- Berkheimer -motion Carr second Maley -roll call all in favor.
9. Engineer- Alfred Benesch- motion Carr second Maley roll call all in favor.
10. Planning Commission members-Robert Halupa Ed Costick, John Barrett- motion Carr second Maley roll call all in favor.
11. Redevelopment Authority- Jeremy Hossler, Harry Schank , Robert Halupa, G. Robert Sterling, Christine Polinsky- motion Barrett second Carr -roll call all in favor.
12. Vacancy Board- Jeff Lewis motion Carr second Barrett. roll call Maley- No, Barrett-yes Carr-yes.
13. Municipal Authority- Pat Carr, Eugene Maley, Rosalie Gelches, Ed Costick reappointed, John Barrett. Motion Carr second Maley -roll call-all in favor.
14. Emergency Management Coordinator-position Open interested parties contact the Board.
15. TCC First Representative- John Barrett, Second John Carr Third Eugene Maley . Motion Carr second Barrett roll call all in favor.
16. Flood Plain Administrator- John Barrett Motion Carr second Maley -roll call all in favor.

17. Open records Officer-Janet Mitchell motion Carr second Maley -roll call all in favor.
18. Assistant Open records Officer- John Barrett motion Carr second Maley- roll call all in favor.
19. Permit Officer/Property maintenance- Chris Bentz Alfred Benesch motion Maley second Carr- roll call-all in favor.
20. SEO- William Brior motion Carr second Maley -roll call all in favor.
21. Zoning Board members- David Zula, Jeremy Hossler, AL Gober Solicitor Mr. Wm Burke. Motion Carr second Maley roll call all in favor.
22. Board of Appeals-Robert Long, Jeremy Hossler, Pat Carr motion Carr second Maley roll call all in favor.
23. Meeting date & time first Wed of the month @6:30 p.m. motion Carr second Maley-roll call all in favor.

Motion to adjourn by Maley second by Carr.

The regular Monthly meeting follows:

Members present: Chairman John Barrett, Vice Chairman Eugene Maley, Roadmaster John Carr via Telecommunication secretary Janet Mitchell Solicitor Ed Brennan, Engineer Dan Cook.

Supervisors have received a copy of the minutes if there are no correction or additions the minutes stand approved with a motion by Maley second by Carr all in favor.

Motion to pay the bills Motion Barrett second Maley all in favor.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Joe Zula question how the Redevelopment Authority was selected, since he was not at last month's meeting. Chairman Barrett explains the criteria which was presented at last month's meeting needed before the appointments were made.

#### ENGINEER REPORT

Foster Township Zoning Updates >>>Engineering has worked with solicitor Brennan, the Board of Supervisors, the planning Commission, and other stakeholders, to revise and update the current zoning ordinance. The public hearing was held December 29, 2021 and a resolution was made to adopt the ordinance, which went into effect January 1, 2022. Printing of the new copies of the ordinance are being prepared.

2020 Comprehensive Plan>>> The tentative public hearing for the Comprehensive plan was moved to the February Township meeting due to a delay in comments from the Schuylkill County Planning Commission.

PA DCED Meeting>>>A meeting was held with DCED to review the proposed comprehensive plan. The intent of the meeting was to identify funding opportunities to place the goals into motion. DCED has asked the Township to develop a narrative and overall map showing the proposed projects to best identify funding opportunities for the township. Possible funding source was identified -The Strategic Management Planning Program (SMPP) was reviewed. Another possible funding source identified was the DCED the Business in our Sites Program a brief description was discussed. Booklets were given for the Supervisors review.

2021 Foster Township Municipal Authority Chapter 94 Report> PA DEP requires that Foster Township complete a Chapter 94 Waste Management Report on an annual basis. The deadline for submission is March 31 ,2022. Motion to have Chapter 94 submitted by Maley second by Carr all in favor.

2022 DCNR Playground Grant>>> The 2022 Grant application are open and Due April 6, 2022. If the township is interested in applying for this grant a resolution would be need to be passed by the April 2022 meeting.

2022 CFA Act 13 Grant>>. The 2022 Commonwealth Financing Authority Grants application including the Greenways Trails and Recreation Grant will open February 1, 2022 and are due on May 31, 2022 If interested a resolution will need to be passed by your May 2022 meeting.

SCMA Act 537 Plan Update Work has begun on the updated 537 plan The work is being funded through SCMA.

Reading Anthracite Development>>> No Formal plans have been submitted.

CES Landfill Development>>>Correspondence from Susan Smith at Schuylkill County Planning Commission this is a multi-municipal lot annexation plan involving Foster Township, Reilly Township and Frailey Township. The County currently does the SALDO review for both Frailey and Reilly Township. The plan will be on the county agenda for the February 9, 2022 Planning Commission. Our options are 1) review the ordinance based on the Foster Township Subdivision and Land development Ordinance and provide comments to the applicant to address 2) Defer the review to the Schuylkill County Planning Commission. Solicitor Brennan explains it is a routine annexation. A Motion was made for the township to defer to the County Planning Commission by Maley second by Carr all in favor.

Ryan Development>> the developer has resubmitted plans and information to PennDOT with regards to the required Highway Occupancy permit. Those plans are currently under review by PennDOT. No formal land development plans have been submitted to the township.

2021 Road Program>>.No work performed this period; work is expected to resume in the spring.

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 deeds have been transferred from the Foster Township Municipal Authority to Foster Township. Once the deed book and page numbers the plans will be updated and submitted to both township and Schuylkill planning Commissions. The Township will need to have a third-party engineer to review the plans, in the past Brikash Engineering was used. Motion to use Brikash Engineer to review the plans by Barrett second by Maley all in favor.

#### SOLICITOR' S REPORT

Update on the Internet. Once PPI work is complete then construction will start in spring. Mr. Maley questions Brennan on his concerns with the agreement again asks for a copy of the agreement be given to the Redevelopment Authority for review. Mr. Brennan will get copies to them and informs Mr. Maley to call him on his concerns and to make a list of his concerns on the agreement to be given to the

Redevelopment Authority. Mr. Maley questions the survey in the township of the residents who have shown interest in the internet Mr. Brannan informs Mr. Maley he will go over the entire agreement with him if he so wishes.

Mr. Brennan holds a discussion on the possible future developments in the township. Discusses the funds available from DCED for infrastructure.

A discussion on Blythe township property and water shed and funding available. Brennan suggests to get a proposal to document and make suggestion of what can be done to improve stream beds. Engineer to get proposal together to document where stream beds are located. Dan Cook suggests two months to prepare proposal and request a meeting with Blythe Township. Brennan suggests fact finding meeting with the developers.

A discussion was held on an ordinance for an Air B&B. A Motion was made to draw up a draft ordinance by Barrett second by Maley all in favor.

#### ROADMASTER REPORT

Plow Trucks are ready for snow salt was delivered.

Grinder pumps will need to be set up for cleaning in October. Mr. Barrett suggests setting up in February for a date in October.

Work needed on garbage truck.

#### POLICE REPORT

Nettles report on Dog Laws. Complaints have been received letters were sent to residents.

Nettles discusses fraud issues to be aware.

Reports a DUI stop and a DUI Crash.

Stolen copper and metal reports received from Barry Township.

Discussion on snow plowing and moving vehicles.

Problem with residents letting message on Police office phone if there is an issue if police not on duty contact can be made at 570-628-3792. Emergency call 911.

#### OLD BUSINESS

#### NEW BUSINESS

A discussion was held on the sale of Police SUV and Ford Pick-up motion to have Janet Mitchell make contact with MUNICIBID program for sale of these vehicles, by Barrett second by Maley all in favor.

Mr. Maley asks for consideration for an exemption from sewer fees for 2022. Due to the rise in inflation. Mr. Barret explains his position that we are giving 3 free months total charge for year \$270.00 or .74 cents per day. The Sewer is showing a loss every year over \$90,00.00; our system is getting older and this is not a feasible option. Discussion went on to the Free garbage that costs the township to run, dumping fees only are free. Mr. Barrett estimates a total of \$1,500.00 is given to each resident in FREE

garbage, sewer, and ambulance fees and fire protection. A Motion was made by Mr. Maley for 2022 free sewer for the year the motion was not seconded.

Mr. Robert Sterling discusses his position on the sewer it is hard to give back once it is taken away, the sewer is showing a loss each year explains how Cass sewer went Bankrupt.

Mr. Burmeister states that TIF was for big corporation and the board agreed to the TIF district. Mr. Barret states it was given for Economic development and progress. Mr. Burmesiter states Garbage is being picked up by non-residents.

The sewer rates remain the same for 2022 at \$30.00 per month for 9 months.

Mr. Maley requests monthly minutes to be handed out after they are approved at the next month to all residents. Diane Franks states that they are readily available and would be an unnecessary cost to be done. Mr. Maley states some residents are not mobile to come to building to get the copies. Mrs. Frank states they are on the Web and if they really wanted, they could ask a neighbor to come to the building. Mr. Barrett states a motion will not be needed Mr. Maley agrees to have it listed in the dispatch that minutes are available at the building upon request.

Board goes into executive session on a personnel issue.

Attest: Janet Mitchell

Secretary

Foster Township