

February 2, 2022

The public hearing to adopt the Comprehensive plan was held.

Members present Chairman John Barrett, Vice Chairman Eugene Maley, John Carr , Secretary Janet Mitchell, Solicitor Ed Brennan, Engineer Dan Cook.

Court Reporter was present public hearing was called to order.

Solicitor Brennan Provides Exhibits to be listed by the court Reporter.

Dan Cook reports all parties were given copies. Copies of the draft were in the building.

Comments were reviewed by Dan Cook.

The planning Commission has verbally approved the comprehensive plan.

Dan Cook states Mr. Maley comments will be addressed.

No Public comments received from the audience

Motion to adopted the comprehensive plan as amended by Barrett second Carr. Maley yes, Carr yes Barret yes

The Comprehensive plan is reviewed every 10 years.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors Follows:

A Copy of the Minutes were given to the Supervisors if there are no corrections or additions the minutes stand approved by Carr second by Maley all in favor.

Motion to pay the bills by Carr second by Maley all in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Richard Burmeister holds a discussion:

1. Questions the TIF program that the Board voted on. Solicitor Brennan and Chairman Barret inform Mr. Burmeister it was discussed and is just being looked at it was not voted on.
2. Questions Mr. Carr why he voted against Mr. Maley's proposal for free Sewer for 2022. Mr. Carr states our system is getting older problems are arising. Cass Township pays much higher rates our rates are reasonable for 9 months, he feels the board is trying to save money as we are now in need of a new Garbage Truck for next year.
3. Directs discussion to Mr. Sterling that difference of opinions does exits. Thanks, the board for their dedication. Mr Barrett states decision are made for the entire community.
4. Questions the water issue for Fire protection. Barret states that he was informed on the pumping capacity of the newer trucks, and is competent Minersville Fire Rescue having a plan for a fire emergency.

5. Mr. Burmeister then reads the figures on money spent on Engineering and Solicitor fees for several years. Mr. Barrett states the Community is aware what the solicitor and Engineers have done in these years reported as project come up fees increase, as more time is spent by Both the Solicitor and Engineer.

Mr. Robert Sterling comments that the fees were money well spent to move the township into the future.

Rich Zula questions the members on the board and why members are not replaced. Solicitor Brennan explains the terms and the small size of the township, interested parties need to come forward. Barrett explains the terms of boards and before we reorganize members are contacted to see if they are still interested in the positions.

Rich Zula questions why the hoses company was billed for sewer in 2022. Mr. Barrett explains the church has been billed since day one and the hose company has more events generating sewer.

Maley states Hose CO. is a public service and should not be billed.

Zula questions the development of homes and the proposed big box and truck traffic issues. Barrett explains where development is proposed.

Mr. Burmesiter states the development does not need a tax break. Brennan again reviews the TIF program as not being a tax break.

Mr. Maley asks if a copy of the development plans can be provided for resident's view. Barrett states once plans are received it will be provided.

ENGINEER REPORT

Property Maintenance>>> Work with Mr. Brennan on a property maintenance appeal in process, a meeting was held with the property owner and their legal team.

The 2020 Comprehensive Plan>>>the comprehensive plan hearing was held tonight. No formal comments were received from any parties.

2021 Foster Township Municipal Authority Chapter 94 Report>>> Preparation of the Chapter 94 report is in process. The deadline for submission is March 31, 2022.

Schuylkill County Municipal Authority Act 537 Plan Update>>> Work has begun on the updated 537 plan this plan work is being funded through SCMA.

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

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 Foster Township.

CES Landfill>>> The township has deferred the multi-municipal review of the CES lot annexation to Schuylkill County.

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

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

Crystal Watershed Study >>>Preparation of a proposal to complete a watershed study. The study will be broken into two phases. Phase I proposal is prepared which includes hiring an aerial mapping company to fly and contour the watershed. Once the initial mapping and data gathering portion are completed, a meeting will be held with the stakeholders to review the findings and then develop a more detailed scope and proposal for the completion of Phase II portion of the study Barrett suggests to table to the March meeting.

BBZ Update The final plans have been prepared and are ready to be signed by the townships 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 the township and Schuylkill County Planning Commissions.

Solicitor Report

Authorize to apply for any Revitalization for watershed study with action prior to the meeting. Motion Barrett second Carr all in favor.

Discussion to create a committee for Blighted properties. Mr. Maley asks why this board needs to authorize the formation of the Blighted Committee. Authorize Mr. Brennan to create a committee for Blighted properties Carr Yes Barreet Yes, Maley Yes.

Discussion on Air B&B. Motion to prepare and advertise an ordinance on short term rentals. Motion Barrett second Carr All in favor.

Discussion on internet Brennan explains law of first refusal. Discussion on the loan from the redevelopment authority.

Motions to be executed at tonight meeting for move forward with project. Brennan explains and reviews the process for development. Timelines of meetings explained.

1. Motion Barrett to request the Planning Commission, at its February 16, 2022 Meeting to designate or certify an area in the Township in need of redevelopment (redevelopment Area Plan or Rap) and to make recommendation for the Redevelopment of the internet infrastructure; further to direct Alfred Benesch and the Township Solicitor to prepare draft documents for the planning Commission's consideration with regard to the redevelopment Area Plan (RAP). Second by Carr all in favor. Barrett Yes, Carr Yes, Maley Yes.
2. Motion Barrett to request the Redevelopment Authority to prepare and approve a Redevelopment proposal (RP) in accordance with the Wire Tele-View Agreement, Reading Anthracite/ CES Agreement, and the Redevelopment Area Plan(RAP) proposed by the planning commission ; and further request that the Redevelopment Authority turn over to the Planning Commission at a joint meeting on February 22, 2022 a Redevelopment Proposal (RP) concerning the Township internet infrastructure for immediate Planning Commission Comments second by Carr all in favor, Barrett yes, Carr yes, Maley Yes.
3. Motion Barrett to request the Planning Commission to contemporaneously review and comment on The Redevelopment Proposal (RP) at a joint meeting with the Redevelopment Authority on February 22, 2022. Second by Carr all in favor, Barrett yes, Carr Yes, Maley Yes.

4. Motion Barrett to request that upon the conclusion of the joint meeting of the Planning Commission and the Redevelopment Authority, that the Redevelopment Authority submit to the Township its Redevelopment Proposal (RP) together with any relevant comments from the Planning Commission, for further action by the Supervisors. Second by Carr all in favor. Barrett yes, Carr Yes, Maley Yes.
5. Motion Barrett to request the Planning Commission and Redevelopment Authority to advertise and schedule a joint meeting for February 22, 2022 in order to discuss the Redevelopment Area Plan (RAP) and the Redevelopment Proposal (RP). Second by Carr all in favor. Barrett yes, Carr Yes, Maley yes.
6. Motion Barrett to authorize publication of a notice of public hearing for three successive weeks on February 25, February 28, and March 7, for a public hearing to be held concerning a Redevelopment Proposal (RP) for the township internet infrastructure on March 21, 2022 at 6:30 P.M. and to provide for publication of notice of said special meeting. Second Carr all in favor. Barrett yes, Carr yes, Maley Yes.

Mr. Brennan updates on the Mumma property on both properties on Upper Beechwood and the Mansion. Cook reports Benchmark given (9months or 12/21/2022 deadline.

ROADMASTER REPORT

Plowing went well.

Pumpstation problems at 901 pump.

2 street light out.

Repair two grinder pumps.

Load of salt delivered.

POLICE REPORT

Ambulance list was updated.

Discussion on pistols that look like cell phones.

Discussion on COVID Protocol if employee is exposed or test positive.

Discussion again on snow plowing and parking.

Mr., Barrettt reports John Carr can't make the HIDA Board meeting, 2nd representative was Mr. Rob Sterling. Motion to appoint Mr. Sterling to HIDA Board by Barrett second by Carr all in favor.

Motion to Adjourn by Barrett second by Carr.

Attest: Janet Mitchell

Secretary

Foster Township