

March 2, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Foster Township Supervisors was held at the Municipal Building.

Members present: Chairman John Barrett, Vice Chairman Gene Maley, John Carr by telecommunication, Secretary Janet Mitchell, Solicitor Ed 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 as motion by Barrett second by Maley all in favor.

Motion to pay the monthly bills with a motion by Maley second by Carr all in favor.

#### ENGINEER REPORT

2020 Comprehensive Plan>> Process of final updates from the comprehensive plan hearing and items received from Schuylkill County.

2021 Foster Township Municipal Authority Chapter 94 Report>>> The Chapter 94 report for submission to SCMA and PADEP is finalized.

Schuylkill County Municipal Authority Act 537 plan Update>>> Work on the Updated 537 plan the was is being funded through SCMA.

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

Ryan Development >>>There has been additional correspondence between the developer and PennDOT. No Formal land development plans have been submitted to the Township.

CES Landfill Development>>>No additional updates on this item.

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>>>>Identified possible funding sources to assist with financing the project. The two prime funding sources are PA Growing Greener and DCNR. Discussion held on possible funding.

Proposal was present last month on Phase I data gathering costs a proposal for Phase II is needed to submit for the Grant. A resolution would need to be passed tonight since the grant is due April 6, 2022.

Discussion to wait till special meeting till March 21, 2022 to pass resolution, Cook Advises Growing Greener will be the better option

BBZ update >>>.no additional updates on this topic.

Maley suggests need to address violation on Mumma property. Brennan explains the code violation is on hold.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Richard Zula questions copies of bills to be paid can copies be seen. Mr. Maley suggests right to know for copies. Discussion on work session bills being read. Barrett explains the process of Supervisors have a copy of bills at the meeting and they can be viewed at meeting.

#### Solicitor Report

Wire-Televue representatives Mr. Fox and Mr. Kennedy holds open for discussion on High-Speed internet.

Mr. Maley airs concerns on the Agreement and Credit background. Mike Fox explains financial Statements will be in place for the Redevelopment Authority.

Mr. Robert Halupa asks for an explanation for the outage on Super Bowl Sunday. Mr. Kennedy explains the process of backbone outage. The provider of broadband went down Wire televue had no control over the situation. Mr. Fox explains his firm has comcasts and has also experienced outages also. Mr. Kennedy explains that all questions answered for the Pottsville Republican were not published.

Cathy Bosack questions if the supply problems will delay the process. Mr. Kennedy states as soon as everything is available it is not in their control as soon as equipment is received it will be installed.

Mr. Zula questions the timeline for installation. The steps of installation were explained.

Brennan explains the construction loan.

Mr. Hossler asks if First Light was used by Wire-Televue, Mr. Kennedy explains there are from the Boson area they are a big provider.

Brennan reviews the short-Term Rental Ordinance which was advertised. Barrett makes a motion to pass the Short-term Rental Ordinance Mr. Maley states it did not review the ordinance that Mr. Brennan emailed to him he votes no to pass the ordinance. Motion was second by Carr. Barret Yes, Maley No, Barrett yes.

No new submission on development issues.

Brennan advises to authorize the appropriate official to sign resolutions for the grant presented by Mr. Cook at the special meeting.

#### Road Master

One grinder pump repaired.

Pump repair still at Witmer's they will be contacted.

Police Report.

Discussion on snow and ice removal.

Discussion on animals being dumped at Hunts burned out property.

General Police information on Drug classes.

DUI Roving Details will be done every 60 – 90 days.

Complaints on ATVs on valley road. Mud on road on valley road.

Motion to hire part-time officer Justin M. Ruhl on a conditional basis if he completes physical and drug test By Maley second Barrett all in favor.

Old Business

Spring cleanup third weekend in April. Fall Third weekend in October.

Ambulance subscription was paid an update on coverage will be include in the Newsletter for March.

Maley makes motion to exempt Minersville Fire Rescue for 2022 Sewer. No second on motion was received. Maley questions why we can't exempt the house company.

Mr. Sterling questions why the chapel was put on for exemption list for sewer. Discuss on separation of church and state.

Maley question Brennan motions made by solicitor in February, Barrett and Brennan explains the law if it occurs after the agenda is published. Objections should be made at the meeting. Mr. Brennan explains to Mr. Maley on checking his email for correspondence.

Motion to adjourn by Maley second Barrett all in favor.

Attest:

Janet Mitchell

Secretary

Foster Township