

April 6, 2022

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

Members present were: Chairman John Barrett, Vice Chairman Gene Maley, Roadmaster John Carr via tele-communications, Solicitor Brennan, Engineer Dan Cook.

Copies of the previous meeting minutes were given to the Supervisors there were no correction or additions the minutes stand approved with a motion by Carr second by Maley.

Motion to pay the bills with a motion by Maley second by Carr.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeff Lewis holds a discussion on the noise ordinance and Nettles holds discussion on a certified instrument to monitor the decibels of noise and how to qualify for using it.

Dave Davenport complains on noise from ATV vehicles. Harvey Frantz suggests getting mining devices involved.

John Maley holds a discussion that ATVs are running on the road from Glendower. Chief Nettles will follow-up.

ENGINEER REPORT

Foster Township Zoning Updates>>>>A final file has been provided to the Webmaster to upload to the Township Website.

2020 Comprehensive Plan>>>> Final Updates in process from the comprehensive plan hearing and items received from the county.

2021 Foster Township Municipal Authority Chapter 94 Report>>>The annual report has been prepared and submitted to PADEP and SCMA.

2021 Annual Floodplain Report>>> The annual PEMA floodplain report was submitted to PEMA.

Schuylkill County Municipal Authority ACT 537 Plan Update.>>>No formal plan was submitted to PEMA.

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

Highridge Lot 12>>>>Frank Zukas reports they anticipate they will have a submission to the Township within the next few weeks.

Ryan Development>>>> correspondence from the project Engineer has been received, and they and anticipate a submission to the Township within a few weeks.

CES Development>>>No additional update on this item.

2021 Road Program>>> Correspondence received from the contractor states they anticipate a start-up around the week of May 9, 2022 to begin some preliminary site prep work before the main crew arrives.

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

Crystal Watershed Study>>> A Meeting was held with the township, Blythe Township, Municipal Authority and Schuylkill Headwaters Association regarding upcoming development and projects in the crystal Run. Existing drainage was discussed, other projects in the watersheds such as abandoned Mine reclamation and acid Mine discharge Project were discussed. The district may look to the township as either a supporting partner or project sponsor in order to obtain funding for the project.

Middle Creek Restoration Plan>>>> The Schuylkill Conservation District is applying for funding for a proposed Middle Creek Restoration Plan Study that would include the middle Creek watershed. The project is located within Foster Township, Frailey Township, Reilly Township and Tremont Borough. Completion of this project will advance efforts to reduce, stormwater nutrient and sediment pollution and help Schuylkill County meet goal outlined in the Chesapeake Bay County Action Plan. The district is asking for a letter of Support from Foster Township. Motion to send a letter of support from Foster Township by Barrett second by Maley all in favor.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Mr. Barrett asks for an update on Mumma property Mr. Brennan explains how the violation will be followed up.

Internet Update possible three weeks out working on financing.

Letters will go out on annexations for BBZ subdivision.

Mr. Maley on concerns about internet and the loan for 2 1/2 percent, states he is opposed to the internet agreement. Holds a discussion on the service fees. Mr. Brennan discusses the future development and customers.

Jim Bergan airs his opinion on the rating of Wire Teleview Internet, Mr. Barrett explains the internet system we are getting from Wire-teleview. Mr. Brennan holds discussion on the process of the internet system which has been in development since 2017 and the detailed agreement with Wire-teleview.

Mr. Maley questions Solicitor Brennan on the ordinance regulating short term rentals or AIR B&B.

Roadmaster Report

Plowing went well.

Need some light replacements.

POLICE REPORT

Need proper equipment or PPE needed in case on another disaster on 81 needed for cars and building.

ATVs report on ATV trails A meeting will be set up with Mr. McNulty from Reading Anthracite Security to discuss problem.

Problems with start time before 6 o'clock problem reported to Reading. Mr. Davenport complains of mud on road.

Mr. Maley reports tax rebate paperwork can be done at the Minersville Public Library.

Mr. Maley makes a motion to join PLGIT for investments of township funds no second motion was received, Motion dies. Mr. Barrett explains the relationship we have with the current bank. Mr. Barrett explains subsidizing the sewer at a loss, Mr. Jeff Lewis questions the percent difference in PLIGIT rates.

NEW Business

Summer employment for 2022- Four High School student will be hired in cooperation with the Minersville Scholl District. Names of interested students must be received by May 1 2022.

Zoning Board interested party received on the current vacancy. Mr. Dennis Frank, Mr. William Kline, Judy Lewis, Richard Zula.

Motion by Carr second Barrett to appoint Dennis Frank to the Zoning Board second by Barrett. Mr. Carr yes, Mr. Barrett yes, Mr. Maley no.

Cleanup April 16, 2022.

Barrett thanks the Police, Minersville Fire Rescue and all first responders involved in tragic accident on 81.

Special thanks to Mr. Krasnitsky for salting to get the responders up to the area of the accident.

Motion to adjourn by Barrett second Maley all in favor.

Attest: Janet Mitchell

Secretary

Foster Township