

June 1, 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, Roadmaster John Carr- Via Telecommunication, Secretary Janet Mitchell, Engineer Ed Bosack, Solicitor Brennan.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Barrett Explains the process of Public Comment at the beginning of the meeting as statements, suggestions, ideas, all questions from the public will be held at a question-and-answer session after all supervisor's business is handled. Due to most question will be answered during the meeting.

No Public Comment received.

A copy of the previous meeting minutes was given to supervisors there were no correction or additions the minutes stand approved, with a motion by Maley second by Carr.

ENGINEER REPORT

Building and Zoning permits>>>>Reports for period ending May 7, 2022 were received.

Property Maintenance Reports for the period ending May 7, 2022 were received.

Foster Township Zoning Updates>>>A digital copy of the Zoning ordinance has been added to the township website.

2020 Comprehensive Plan>>.Copies of the final comprehensive plan have been delivered to the Township, Foster Township Planning Commission, Schuylkill County Planning Commission, and the Schuylkill Law Library. A digital copy of the Comprehensive plan has been added to the Township Website.

Schuylkill County Municipal Authority Act 537 Plan Update>>? A draft copy of the Act 537 Plan has been submitted to SCMA for their review, once they approve a copy will be forwarded to the township and planning Commission for their review.

Reading Anthracite Development>>>No formal plans submitted.

Highridge Lot 12>>>>>Plans were reviewed that were submitted by SEDCO for Highridge Lot 12 and provided to the Township Planning Commission. The Planning Commission has approved the Draft Plan with two waivers and contingent upon approval by the Schuylkill Conservation District, Schuylkill County Planning Commission and Schuylkill County Municipal Authority. Motion made to Approve the preliminary Land Plan for Lot 12 Highridge

Ryan Development>>> No Formal plans have been submitted.

CES Landfill Development>>>>>Approval was given for the timber permit for the applicant to complete some preliminary geotechnical testing.

2021 Road Program>>>The contractor has completed the paving portion and signage installation. The Contractor will return the week of May 30, to complete shoulder backup, legend painting and other punch list items. Mr. Maley addresses problem on lower beechwood options were given to the resident the contractor gave three options the resident does not want any of these options Brennan suggests not to hold back payment and explains the bond issues and prompt payment act. Motion to approve the payment for work done to this point. Carr yes Barrett yes, Maley yes.

The Contractor has submitted their application for payment #3 for the work completed to date. A review letter is provided under separate cover.

ACTION ITEMS

Review and take action on Lot 12 Preliminary Land Development Plan. Motion for Approval Lot 12 at Highridge by Maley second Carr. Roll Call Barrett yes, Maley yes, Carr Yes.

Approve Application for Payment #3 for the Road Program for \$56,731.96. Motion Carr Second Barrett. Roll Call Barrett Yes, Maley Yes, Carr Yes.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Mr. Brennan reviews Blighted property Committee Ordinance; it has been advertised Mr. Maley questions the process of enforcement, Mr. Brennan explains the township and redevelopment function

In the process and appointment of committee. A discussion continues on eminent domain process.

Motion to adopt the Blighted Property Committee ordinance by Carr second by Maley. Roll Call Barrett Yes, Carr yes, Maley yes.

Update on the Wire televuew, Cable delivered, Building is ordered for delivery.

Maley questions the signed copy of the financial paperwork for the loan. Mr. Brennan will get him a copy.

Maley question our ordinance in 1998 Amusement tax. Questions if we can use this tax for Great Reading Outdoors. Mr. Brennan discussed the lawsuit filed during COVID. Mr. Brennan will research further on the amusement tax.

Roadmaster Report

Street light repaired

New meter is installed on sewer pump.

Grass Cutting and Mulching being done.

Driveway will be worked on Hosmer property.

Maley questions the leak on new truck, Carr reports no leak currently.

Police Report

Nettles updates on scams alerts be aware.

Complaints were received on shotting within the township.

Nettles request administrative position of Acting Sergeant for Officer Kattner. Motion to authorize a temporary position for 90 days with a \$.50 per hour raise Motion Carr second Maley , Roll Call Barrett yes, Carr Yes, Maley yes.

Old Business

Annexation for Upper Beechwood Mr. Brennan Deeds and letter will be sent out.

Fire company semiannual donation \$7,289.89 minus sewer fees. \$7139.89. Motion to pay the semiannual payment to Minersville Fire rescue. Motion Carr second Maley. Roll call Barrett yes, Maley yes, Carr yes. Discussion on workers Comp for fire Company.

New Business

Student working for Summer. Barrett suggests raise to \$11.00 per Hour Motion Carr second Maley. Roll Call Barrett yes, Maley yes, Carr yes.

Discussion on SCMA Bill Mr. Barrett reads the amounts of the bill and the largest bill this year which we will pay this amount until the bill is settled on the issue of the pump not working. The Pump has been fixed.

Replace emergency lights in building an electrician was contacted will provide 6 new LED light total \$2000.00.

St. Joseph Center requests a donation. \$500.00 donation with a motion by Maley second Carr. Roll Call Barrett yes, Maley Yes, Carr yes.

Update on dispatch most replies liked the newsletter only 30% returned. Discussion on dispatch placed in mailbox and the legality. If you have problem with the mailbox let Mr. Barrett know.

Workers Comp. Erie has decided to drop our insurance. Quotes received from Seltzer MRM Liability Insurance. \$10,600.00 to Swift for \$18,000.00 Motion for officials to approve the Insurance and sign all documents after Mr. Brennan review in order to have insurance effective for 7/1 /2022. Motion Barrett Second Carr. Roll call Barrett yes, Maley yes, Carr yes. Contact Kerwick Insurance for review of all Insurance policies.

Interested in Blighted Committee letter to be received by June 30, 2022.

Mr. Maley is stepping down from municipal authority. Letter of interest must be received by June 30, 2022.

Mr. Maley on meeting with Reading. Mr. Brennan explains meeting held with Attorney Kleso, Mr. Barrett and Chief Nettles. Mr. Maley concerned not all board members informed of meeting, Brennan explains the Sunshine Law and advertisement of public meeting.

Chief Nettles showed Reading the trouble spots.

PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER

Rich Burmeister requests advertising all meeting for Property owners and Business Owners

Rich Zula questions if Minersville decides they will not provide coverage anymore other options. Barrett explains option would be to ask other fire companies. Mr. Barrett discusses other close by fire Companies. Zula states the donation should include increase due to accident on 81 in March.

Motion to adjourn Maley second Carr.

Attest: Janet Mitchell

Secretary

Foster Township