

July 6, 2022

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

Members Present: Chairman John Barrett, Vice Chairman Gene Maley, Roadmaster John Carr, Secretary Janet Mitchell, Solicitor Edward 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.

A copy of the bills was given to the supervisor's motion to pay the bills with a motion by Maley second by Carr all in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joe Zula suggests looking into Christmas decorations for the township.

ENGINEER REPORT

Building and Zoning Permits>>>the code reports for the period ending June 3, 2022 and June 30, 2022 are attached.

Building underwriters, the township Building inspector has noted that their inspection fees are increasing as of August 1, 2022.

The New rate is \$75.00 per hour.

The fees are billed by Building Underwriters and Benesch passes the cost through our invoices to the Township directly without a markup for residential inspections. Alfred Benesch handles all the administration, processing of paperwork, and most of the coordination under T&M task. For commercial permits and inspections are based on the permit fee schedule.

The current inspection fee on the Foster Township fee Schedule range between \$90.00 and \$100.00 per hour for most inspections. Recommendations that the township review and revise the fee schedule to reflect the updated cost of the January 2023 Reorganization meeting.

Property Maintenance Report for the period ending June 3, 2022 and June 30, 2022 are attached.

SCMA Authority Act 537 Plan Update>>>>the draft copy of the Act 537 Plan is under review by SCMA, once they approve a copy will be forwarded to the township and Planning Commission for their review.

READING ANTHRACITE DEVELOPMENT>>>> No formal plans have been submitted. New Engineer at Lehigh Engineering has made contact and was unable to provide a schedule of when plans would be submitted.

Highridge Lot 12>>>No final subdivision plans have been submitted.

Ryan Development>>.No formal Plans have been submitted.

CES LANDFILL Development>>.No update on this.

2021 ROAD PROGRAM>>>>The contractor has completed the paving project with the exception of one spot repair on Lower Beechwood Road.

The contractor has submitted their application for payment #4 for all work completed to date, this application holds a retainage until the lower Beechwood repair has been completed.

The contractor has submitted their Final Application for payment #5 which removes the project retainage.

The contractor has submitted their change order #2 which adjust the final quantities for additions and deletions for the project.

The township also needs to authorize and sign the final punch list and certification of Completion.

Mr. John Davis will be contacted to close out the project.

Actions Items; Review and approve application for payment for Road Project. Motion to approve application #4 for \$9,532,31by Carr second Maley. Roll call Maley yes, Carr yes, Barrett yes.

Motion to approve change order #2 in the amount of (-) \$15,420.60 which adjust the final contract price for additions and deductions during the project, The Change order is incorporated into the payment request. Motion By Maley second by Carr. Roll Call Maley yes, Barrett Yes, Carr yes.

Motion to pay Application #5 for \$4,337.42 after completion of the punch list. Motion by Carr second Maley. Roll Call Maley yes, Barrett Yes, Carr yes.

Maley requests if retainage will cover milling needed on Lower Beechwood. Dan Cook states should be sufficient.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Brennan reports St. Clair has the same Workers compensation and reports no problem.

Mr. Brennan reports letters going out on parcels for sale BBZ subdivision.

Update on Glen Dower Estates. Gene Maley requests that sketch plans from 2021 be posted in meeting room for resident review. Engineer will review new plans when submitted before presentation to the Planning Commission.

Maley request update on SCMA billing Mr. Mark Smith was contacted Mr. Barrett will get letter stating the meter was not working and has been repaired.

Maley questions the Amusement Tax Ordinance Mr. Brennan needs to research at the law Library the date of adoption will be the issue for enforcement.

ROADMASTER REPORT

Discussion on a new generator needed. Mr. Carr will get prices.

Fuel equipment need repair.

Hosmer property and Haney driveways complete.

Catch basin need behind Maley Property.

POLICE REPORT

19 incidents 1 crash on I-81 bridge.

Update on Safety Vest, due to high powered rifles.

Reports of trash dumping on Hunt property.

Vandalism in Playground Bathroom.

Grass Cutting do not put grass on road.

ATV discussion running on 901.

Police Department Contact if no answer at the office. Call the 911 non-emergent number at 570-628-3792.

Mr. Barret reports the police phone numbers were attached to the dispatch.

Discussion on security cameras and gun detection.

OLD BUSINESS

Saint Joseph thank you letter for \$500.00 donation.

NEW BUSINESS

Donation to Minersville Fire Rescue due to equipment loss from 81 accident. Maley proposed \$5,000.00 second Carr. Roll Call Maley yes, Carr yes, Barrett yes.

Motion to donation to Minersville Lions \$100.00 for annual fireworks. By Barrett second Carr. Roll Call Maley yes, Barrett yes, Carr yes.

Blighted Review Committee appointment.

Redevelopment Authority Jeremy Hossler 2-year term.

Planning Commission-Mr. Ed Costick-5-year term

Supervisor – John Carr-3-year term

Patrick Carr- 1- year

Robert Long- 4-year term

Residents letter of interested: Robert Long and Patrick Carr, were submitted by deadline of June 30, 2022.

Terms were picked by numbers out of can by Cook.

Motion to appoint the Blighted Review Committee by Barrett second Carr. Roll call Maley No, Carr yes, Barrett yes.

Mr. Maley questions the solicitor on the legality of two members of Carr family for the committee.

Brennan explained that there have other committees with more than one family involved since we have a small community there are times when 2 family members will be on a committee.

No Letters were received of interest by the deadline of June 30 for Municipal Authority. A letter of interest was received today. Any other can be received by July 31 for appoint at the August meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Diane Frank questions how close fireworks can be ignited by houses, problems on Lower Beechwood Ave., Nettles reports the law has to be 150ft away. Barrett recommends calling police when there are future problems.

Joe Zula questions the cancellation for workers Compensation. Brennan explains the Insurance company made the settlement on compensation case and then cancelled us.

Joe Zula questions fencing at the mansion. Construction fence needed by the Mansion.

Rich Zula thanks for the donation and reports on block party for Minersville Fire Rescue, Questions Policy on workers Comp for Hose Company. Brennan will contact Mr. O'brien to research the workers compensation for the fire company.

Rich Zula questions progress on the internet, Barrett reports wire is stored in the Katchmir garage. The building was ordered by Wire-teleview.

Motion to adjourn by Maley second by Carr.