

October 5, 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, Secretary Janet Mitchell, Engineer Dan Cook. Solicitor Brennan not in attendance.

A copy of the previous meeting minutes was given to the supervisor there were no corrections or additions the minutes stand approved.

A copy of the bills was given to the Supervisors, motion to pay the bills by Carr Second by Maley.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Dennis Frank comments on the good work being done by the Road Crew.

#### ENGINEER REPORT

Schuylkill County Municipal Authority Act 537 Update>>>>Benesch has met with SCMA to review the act 537 Plan update for the Gordon Wastewater Treatment Plan. SCMA has indicated that PADEP has directed them to complete additional planning needs in an adjacent municipality. This will delay the issuance of the final draft copy of the ACT 537 for Municipal and Planning authority review.

SALDO and Zoning Ordinance Updates>>>>The process is underway with Solicitor Brennan on a stand-alone Solar Ordinance. No Action was taken to approve moving forward on an update to the existing Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO- 2001).

Reading Anthracite Development>>>> An informational session was held with representatives from Reading Anthracite regarding residential and commercial development in the Township and the need for sewer planning. Benesch has met with representatives from SCMA about the potential for transfer of the sanitary sewerage to the existing Branch Cass Sewer plant in Branch Township which currently has sewer capacity. It is anticipated that a new Act 537 Plan will need to be prepared by Foster Township and submitted to PADEP for approval before construction. In order to move forward with planning, recommendations that representatives from Reading Anthracite, Foster Township and potentially Branch Cass Townships, meet with PADEP to discuss before moving forward. If Planning is required, the township should work with Solicitor Brennan to prepare an agreement between Reading Anthracite and Foster Township for the completion of a new Act 537 Plan. It is anticipated that this process could take up a period of one year, and an additional 6 months to a year for PADEP to review the plan and approve it. The plan could either be prepared by Foster Township or on behalf of Foster Township by Reading Anthracite.

Highridge Lot 12>>> No update on this project.

Ryan Development >>>>the applicant has resubmitted to PennDOT for review. The applicant has requested a letter from the township either asking for comments from Township or that the review has been deferred to PennDOT for review and has no comments.

CES landfill Development>>> the Zoning permit for the proposed Recycled Natural Gas (RNG) Facility has been approved. Plans have been submitted for the Langen Warehouse Development Zoning Permit.

This permit is currently under review by Benesch.

BBZ Subdivision>>> The phase II Plans have been reviewed by Brinkash Engineers, Schuylkill County Planning Commission and the Foster Township Planning Commission (FTPC). FTPC has approved the wavier requested and approved the plans contingent upon meeting the comments submitted by SCPC.

Mr. Maley question when we will be finishing up with BBZ Subdivision I, Dan Cook reports Solicitor Brennan will have deeds recorded. Mr. Barrett said Mr. Costick will be signing the deeds at Mr. Brennan this week.

Motion to approve the BBZ Subdivision II by Barrett second by Maley. Roll Call Barrett yes, Maley, yes, Carr yes.

Grant Opportunities>>>> several PA funding grants for Water, Sewer and Stormwater Projects are opened on October 1st and will close on December 21<sup>st</sup> of this year. These Grants were reviewed by Dan Cook, and information given to the Board.

#### SOLICITOR 'S REPORT

None received due to Mr. Brennan absence.

#### ROAD Master's REPORT

2 Street Lights repaired.

1-Grinder Pump rebuilt. Updates given on ck valves on Sunbury Road Pump Station.

Mr. Schwartz will be cleaning the grinder pumps

All Manholes were opened and checked.

Grass cutting continues.

#### POLICE REPORT

40 incidents.

3 crashes.

Discussion on ATVs at night.

Discussion on the "Move over law."

Discussion on checking Halloween Candy.

Reports of stolen catalytic converters at the airport.

Discussion on speed on 901. Mr. Burmeister comments on control for the speed limit. Nettles reports the State Police have also been contacted.

Old Business

Halloween October 31, 2022 6-8 p.m. Rain Date- Nov. 1.

Fall Clean-up October 15, 2022.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Motion to donate to the Minersville Library -\$240.00 by Barrett second by Carr Roll Call Barrett yes, Maley Yes, Carr Yes.

Discussion on proposal to establish Township Policies regarding "regular" work hours for all township employees and to enact complete shutdown of township on all recognized as National Holidays.

Mr. Maley explains the proposal. Mr. Barrett explains the police department must remain operating on Holidays, and most federal holidays are on Mondays with that being said there is only one employee who works on Mondays and his hours were set by previous board with Mr. Zula as chairman. Discussion goes on with start time of that employee at 5:30 A.m. which was also set by the previous board. Diane Frank agrees with his start time so he patrols the township before the school bus children are out, also comments this has been the schedule for years. Judy Lewis states he is checking the lights on Grinders and he has alerted them as they did not hear the Alarm on the grinder going off. Mr. Maley suggests the roadmaster to make work productive for employees working on the Holidays.' Burmesiter suggests that there is probably no other township that have that start time. Mr. Barrett states that has no bearing on Foster Township.

Mr. Maley presents the PLIGIT rates and discusses why the township monies should be placed with PLIGIT.

Mr. Barrett discusses the approximate 18% return on moneys from CES with payments for Internet service fees.

#### Public Q&A Session

Mr. Burmeister discusses the document on the agreement for service fees for internet.

Joe Zula questions the decorative light project, Mr. Barret has reviewed the previous project costs and the placement of new light would not be a viable project.

Zula asks for update on Mumma. States must be going on for 10 years. Cook. response Mr. Mumma has an engineer looking at the property.

Mr. Maley question if the drainage problem was resolved on Mumma property.

Charles Kostura asks to have his property reseeded after the road project; Mr. Carr will take care of the seeding.

Motion to adjourn by Carr second by Maley.