



# *Foster Township*

*1540 Sunbury Road  
Pottsville, Pa 17901*

OPEN POSITION ON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

5 YEAR TERM

INITIAL QUALIFICATION: BACKGROUND IN BANKING  
OR FINANCE.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION FEBRUARY 15, 2023

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December 7, 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 Eugene Maley, Roadmaster John Carr, Secretary Janet Mitchell, Solicitor Ed Brennan, Engineer Dan Cook.

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

A Motion to pay the bills by Barret second by Maley all in favor.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Richard Burmeister states his accomplishments as a businessman in the township for 36 years.

#### ENGINEER REPORT

Schuylkill County Municipal Authority Act 537 Plan Update>>>>Benesch has met with SCMA , the official Act 537 will be submitted to Municipalities and Planning Commissions by the middle of December. Foster Township is listing as a public viewing location for the plan. Foster Township will have A 60-day comment period, there will be a concurrent 30-day public comment period, once final comments are received and addressed, the plan will need to be approved by Foster Township and all affected municipalities and then submitted to PADEP.

SALDO>>>> The Process is under way with Solicitor Brennan on a standalone Solar Ordinance.

Reading Anthracite Development>>>>Representatives from Reading Anthracite met with PADEP and SCMA.

Highridge Lot 12 >>> The Final Land Development Plan The final revised copy is expected for the December 21, 2022 Planning Commission Meeting has been submitted and have been reviewed. Work with the applicant to resolve any outstanding questions and comments is being completed.

Ryan Development>>>>The applicant is currently working with PennDOT on the highway occupancy permit.

CES Landfill BIOGAS>>>>The preliminary/Final Land Development Plan has been submitted reviewed and discusse3d at the Nov. 2022 Planning Commission meeting. The Commission provided Preliminary Plan Review Approval only, the approval was contingent upon the applicant meeting the questions and concerns of the engineer as well as the Schuylkill County Planning Commission. The Corrected Final Land Development plans are expected early 2023.

Langen Warehouse Development>>>>Zoning Plans have been submitted for the Langen Warehouse Development Zoning Permit. Waiting on information needed regarding Zoning application fees prior to reviewing the permit. Solicitor Brennan is currently reviewing this matter with the applicant and the township.

BBZ Subdivision>>>>the final BBZ Phase II plans have been signed and delivered to Solicitor Brennan's Office for official recording and then working with the property owners for the annexations. Once the final plans are approved and signed by the county the single lots could be sold by the township.

COVID-19 ARPA PA SMALL WATER & SEWER/COVID-19 ARPAH2OPA-WATER SUPPLY, SANITARY SEWER AND STORM WATER PROJECTS>>>> a Grant for Turkey Row waterline, the initial approval was to submit a single stand-alone PA Small Water & Sewer after having discussion with several other municipalities and Blythe Township to submit a larger regional Water Supply, Sanitary Sewer, and Storm Water Projects in each municipality would be responsible for their portion of the project but would be bid as a large project. A resolution for both projects has been prepared, recommendation are that the township adopt both since their meeting is prior to BTMA Meeting. Dan Cook and Mr. Brennan Review option on both grants with the Board during a lengthy discussion.

Motion By Barrett to Authorize the Township officials to negotiate and commit to an intermunicipal agreement with the Municipal Authority of Blythe Township for purposes of applying for funding a waterline for Turkey Row, as per the tentative plan of Alfred Benesch, including a township funding match not to exceed 33% of the project costs asper the grant guidelines. Township officials are further authorized to sign any documents to effectuate the grant application and intermunicipal agreement. Second Maley Roll Call-Barrett yes, Maley yes, Carr Yes.

#### SOLICITOR REPORT

Act 57 of 2022 reviewed which requires all taxing districts to impose taxes on the assessed value of real property to adopt a resolution no later than January 9, 2023 directing the tax Collector to waive additional charges for real Estate taxes in certain situations. Motion by Barrett second by Carr Roll Call Barrett yes, Maley, yes, Carr Yes.

A discussion was held on Amending the Zoning Fee Schedule. Mr. Brennan explains how monies held in escrow shall be used to cover the Township Review Fees which shall include reasonable and necessary charges by the Township professional consultants, engineers, zoning officer and legal fees. If the escrow account drops below \$2,500.00 the applicant shall replenish to \$5,000.00.

A Motion was made to amend the Industrial and Commercial structures use and or Structures Zoning Fee Schedule as Follows Industrial and Commercial uses and or Structures:

1. For each 2,000 sq ft or less of building spaces>>>>>>\$ 500.00.
2. 2,001 sq ft or more -\$5000.00 to be held in escrow>>>\$5000.00.

Motion by Barrett second by Maley all in favor to amend the Fee schedule.

Dan Cook suggests update to fee schedule yearly.

Brennan waiting to hear from Mike Fox on internet.

Brennan suggest an executive session on SCMA agreement.

Discussion was held on the SCMA agreement.

Mr. Maley question the solicitor on the Appraisal from Holden on Hosmer property.

Mr. Maley asks for an update on the Krammes Permit. Dan cook says the HOP has been received from PennDOT. Solicitor Brennan explains the appeal process.

## ROAD MASTER REPORT

Update on Pump station.

Dump Truck Inspected.

2 tires bought for lawnmower.

Catch Basins cleaned.

Mr. Maley questions when the best time to apply salt, Mr. Maley contacted PennDOT and they suggest proper timing. Mr. Carr will follow up.

## POLICE REPORT

Snow and Ice removal in bad weather.

Battery needed for the School Bus Flashing light.

Reports of shooting at night.

Discussion on caring for pets in the cold weather.

Nettles requests to hire officer Gerry Daily as a part-time officer. Motion by Carr second by Maley to hire Gerry Daily. Roll call Barrett yes, Maley yes, Carr yes.

Nettles discusses the purchase of a license plate reader. Mr. Barrett suggests getting prices in Foster Township name.

## OLD BUSINESS

Motion to pay Minersville Fire rescue remaining donation for 2022 minus Sewage Fees owed. Motion By Maley second Carr, All in favor.

Meeting to adopt the 2023 Budget December 21, 2022 @ 5:30 P.M. due to possible Planning Commission meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Reorganization January 3, 2023 regular monthly meeting will follow.

Discussion on the mansion project recommendation will be made by Engineer by December 31, 2022. Then refer to Blighted Committee for Eminent Domain.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeff Lewis holds a discussion on more equipment to be purchased for the Police Dept., asks if noise decimal meter equipment was purchased. Nettles reports it was purchased and where does he put it. Mr. Lewis suggests putting it on his property, Nettles asks the Lewis's to call the 911 center and ask for the state to be dispatched that when a message is left on the machine when officers are not in does not get anyone to the noise problem.

Discussion by Joe Zula On water line for Turkey Row. Mr. Barrett states Sylvia Karlaza had an interested buyer and the other lots would be more marketable if water was available.

Joe Zula asks for the Decorative light project to be investigated for cost. Mr. Barrett asks where the lights would be placed, easements would be needed. The Board authorizes Dan Cook to get costs for lights in the entire township. Motion Maley second Carr all in favor.

Diane Frank can newsletter be sent in the mail; the cost of mailing is discussed. Burmesiter suggest to be distributed by Garbage collection.

PLIGIT Rates again discussed by Maley. Maley suggests sewer fees could offset by higher interest received from PLIGIT.

Diane Frank question where water line would go if it would affect her property.

Motion to adjourn By Maley second by Carr.

December 21, 2022

A special meeting was held for the adoption of the 2023 Budget.

Members present: John Barrett Chairman

Eugene Maley Vice Chairman

John Carr Roadmaster

Janet Mitchell Secretary

Chairman Barrett Reviews the 2023 budget:

1. Real Estate Tax remains the same at 8.2
2. Sewer \$30.00 per month first 9 months last 3 months Free. Late fee \$5.00 per month.
3. Budget \$1.00 per hour all employees.
4. \$1.00 per hour Police and patrolman.
5. No Major Road Projects.
6. No Major Purchases.
7. Supervisors Budget Surplus \$136,575.00
8. Foster Township Sewer Loss \$82,057.00
9. Liquid Fuels Surplus \$12,388.00
10. Municipal Authority Surplus \$40,250.00
11. Redevelopment Authority Loss \$43.00.

Motion to adopt the 2023 Budget as presented. By Barrett second by Maley.

Roll Call Barrett yes, Maley, yes, Carr Yes.

Motion to adjourn by Maley second by Carr.