

March 1, 2023

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, Engineer Dan Cook, Solicitor Ed Brennan.

A copy of the previous meeting minutes was given to Supervisors 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

None received.

COVID-19 ARPA PA Small Water & Sewer /Covid 19 ARPA h2O PA -Water Supply, Sanitary Sewer, and Storm Water Project>>>>Some Comments from DCED regarding the application, Comments are being responded to.

DCNR GRANT>>> A meeting will be held with the Board to identify what would like to complete under the grant. A resolution and Commitment letter will need to be adopted and signed to move forward with the project. A motion was made to authorize Benesch to prepare and submit the grant application By Barrett second Maley all in favor.

A Motion was made to adopt a resolution for DCNR Grant and Commitment letter for a grant match by Barrett second Maley all in favor A.\$40,000.00 commitment match for \$60,000.00 grant.

US Census Boundary and Annexation Survey (BAS) Map Update >>>> a copy of the PDF map to census Bureau was sent.

Schuylkill County Municipal Authority Act 537 Plan Update >>> Mr. Dave Horst from Alfred Benesch attended the February 15, 2023 Planning Commission meeting to discuss the Act 537 Plan. Written Comments are due back to SCMA by March 19, 2023.

Foster Township Municipal Authority Chapter 94 Report>>>>The Foster Township Municipal Authority Chapter 94 Wasteload Management Report was submitted to both PADEP and SCMA.

CES Landfill Biogas>>>>the final development plan was submitted and reviewed at the February 15, 2023 Planning Commission Meeting. The Board tabled action on the plans until the March 15, 2023 meeting to allow the Applicant to address some outstanding comments from other outside agencies.

Langen Warehouse Development >>>>No update on this project.

Ryan Development>>> No update on this project.

Reading Anthracite Development>>. No update on this project.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT>>>>A discussion was held on the ACT 537 Plan. A motion was made to authorize township officials such as Supervisors, Engineers, Solicitor or Planning Commission to comment on the proposed Act 537 plan and forward the same to SCMA on or before 3/18/23, said comments shall be

considered a public record and shall be attached to the minutes of the April meeting; at which time the Board of Supervisors may consider a resolution to approve the amended 537 Plan and any comments generated in the review process.

A Motion to grant a license to Richard and Melissa Zula for use of an unopened alleyway which is owned by Foster Township which Mr. Zula requires access to the said alleyway for the purpose of installing a handicap Parking spot until the process of abandoning said unopen alleyway is complete by Barrett second by Carr all in favor.

A discussion was held on timber permits costs. Cook to calculate and have numbers for next meeting.

A discussion was held on trucks from Reading Anthracite on Valley Road. Nettles to get in touch with Jason Kelso attorney for Reading Anthracite.

Update on the internet by Mr. Brennan Mike Fox said waiting on permit to cross 81. Subcontractors are set up to start with fiber, states the Redevelopment Authority will receive a draw down from Wire tele view on the loan. Equipment has been coming In.

Mr. Maley inquiries on the Hosmer and Haney property for sale. Mr. Brennan will follow-up.

Solicitor Brennan holds update on internet. States a draw down will be given to the RDA from Wire-teleview on their loan. Equipment is starting to arrive.

ROADMASTER REPORT

2 Grinder pumps worked on.

Generator reprogrammed.

Air leak repaired on garbage truck.

POLICE REPORT

Nettles reports all overdoses are mandatory reports.

Discussion on tinted windshields.

License plate reader was ordered Price of \$11,776.00 rather than previous quite of \$14,295.00.

Discussion held on body cams.

Nettles reports if money on ground DO Not Pick-up reports of fentanyl on money.

Nettles updates on Minersville Fire Rescue Block Shoot Chief Eichenberg has not supplied the requested Insurance infor. Motion to rescind the approval from last meeting to change to conditional approval if info not received by March 22, 2023 from Eichenberg and Reading Anthracite decision at the sole discretion of Chief Nettles by Barrett second Carr Roll call Barret yes, Carr yes, Maley yes.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion to add CACL Credit Union to the depository list, By Barrett second Carr. Roll Call Barret yes, Carr yes, Maley present.

Spring Clean-up reminder April 15, 2023, October 21, 2023 Fall clean-up.

Appointment to the Redevelopment Authority. Barrett reads the interested candidates:

1. Richard Burmeister
2. Howard Lacey
3. Greg Oakill.

Nomination by Mr. Carr for Greg Oakill.

Nomination By Mr. Maley for Richard Burmeister.

Roll Call Mr. Barrett vote-Greg Oakill, Mr Carr vote- Mr Greg Oakill, Mr. Maley vote- Richard Burmeister.

Congratulations to Mr. Greg Oakill to appointment to the RDA.

Motion By Barrett second by Carr all in favor to contact Minersville School for a co-op for Summer Work Program.

Discussion on Blighted property committee meeting on Mansion Property discussion to take by Eminent Domain. Mr. Mumma has the property for 2 years. The Redevelopment Authority will take ownership if he does not negotiate with the township for ownership

Motion by Barrett to allow Renninger Bus transportation to park a school bus by salt shed area, Insurance infor will be provided if any damage to bus second by Maley all in favor.

A motion by Mr. Maley to get a professional advisor to provide guidance for township investments. This will help the community with a higher return on investment, second Barrett all in favor.

Mr. Brennan discusses a conservative approach that must be followed by Municipal Finance.

Mr. Brennan suggests Concord Public Financial Advisors Inc. Michael A. Setley President. Motion to have an initial consultation with Concord Public Financial Advisors out of Reading, PA, By Barrett second Maley all in favor.

Mr. Maley suggests possibility of CACL for CD suggests getting paperwork in place.

Mr. Barrett suggests to look at the advantages and disadvantages and fees needed for financial advisors. Get a minimum of three and up to five advisors to present their investments options.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC Q&A SESSION

Motion to adjourn By Carr second Maley.

ATTEST:

Janet Mitchell Secretary Foster Township

FOSTER TOWNSHIP
OFFICIAL COMMENTS TO THE
PROPOSED ACT 537 PLAN AMENDMENTS

The recently adopted Foster Township Comprehensive Plan anticipates significant future land development in areas of the Township not currently served by SCMA. The Comprehensive Plan lists as a major goal the provision of adequate future facilities to serve anticipated growth in the municipality. Major new land development plans are soon to be submitted by Reading Anthracite for both residential housing and commercial development within Foster Township. Therefore, Foster believes the amended 537 plan should include a provision that sewage treatment services for future residential and commercial development within Foster Township may be provided by the Minersville Sewer Wastewater Treatment Plant in the Delaware River Basin.