

April 5, 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. Secretary Janet Mitchell, Engineer Dan Cook, Solicitor Brennan.

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

A copy of the bills was given to the Supervisors motion to pay the bills by Maley second by Barrett.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joe Zula thanks Dan Sborz for organizing the State Road clean-up in Foster.

ENGINEER REPORT

COVID-19 ARPA PA Small Water & Sewer/ Covid -19 ARPA H2O PA- water Supply>>>Comments were received from DCED on the application the additional information will be submitted.

DCNR Grant>>>> Preparation for a DCNR Grant for rehabilitation of the existing playground, due April 5, 2023.

SCMA Act 537 Plan Update>>>>>Benesch attended a meeting on the township's behalf on an informational session regarding the 537 Plan Flow allocation and the current agreement of service between the two entities, A Discussion included questions by Mr. Maley on the Reading Development. Motion to adopt the 537 Plan resolution by Barrett second by Maley

2022 Floodplain Management Annual Report>>> the 2022 Floodplain Management activities Annual Report was sent to PEMA.

Property Maintenance Ordinance Updates>>>>Working with Solicitor Brennan's office to review the existing Property Maintenance Ordinance and UCC Building Code to meet the current version of the code as well as review and update the building permit Fee schedule last updated 2010.

SALDO and Zoning Ordinance Updates>>>>Working with Solicitor Brennan's office to review and update both the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (2001) and the Zoning Ordinance (2021) for changes and to make the two ordinances current with each other anticipated completion both for the May Meeting for review and the proceed with the formal adoption process outlined in the Municipal Planning Code.

FEE Schedule>>>>Work on am Comprehensive fee schedule update to include SALDO, Zoning, Timber, and Building permit fees.

CES Landfill Biogas>>>>The final land 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. Most of the comments have been addressed, and the Planning Commission approved Final Land Development Plan Conditionally meeting the requirement outlined under separate cover.

Mr. Maley questions why a report is not given to Supervisors.' Brennan explains the role of planning Commission comments letter was given to be reviewed by the Supervisors by Mr. Cook.

Motion to give final conditional approval on the CES Landfill Biogas land Development Plan by Barrett second by Maley.

Langen Warehouse>>>No update on this project.

Ryan Development>>> An Updated Traffic Study and Driveway plans were submitted to PennDOT. The applicant's Engineering consultant is looking to submit the project to the Township Planning Commission within the next several months.

Foster Redevelopment Authority>>>>Benesch attended The Blighted Property Committee and the redevelopment authority March 2023 meeting.

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

Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement>> Mr. Frank Zukas, SEDCO is working on the Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement s for the signals in and around the Highridge Business Park, this includes Butler, Cass and Foster Township. Foster Township does not currently have a Municipal Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement. PennDOT is requiring this as signals are updated to meet changes by new development or to meet current Standards. HIDA through administration by SEDCO maintains all the signals and lights on behalf of the Townships.

Solicitor Report>>>>Mr. Brennan report an appointment will be set up with Doug Rauch from the Investment Consultation Reports. Mr. Maley has made contact with another financial consultant.

Reports Jen Freeze from Comcast will be on next month's meeting to update on Comcast Franchise agreement.

Brennan reports a meeting should be held with the school board on Lerta. Mr. Maley suggests the people of the community should be available for a meeting on Lerta also.

Mr. Jeremy Mumma holds a discussion on the status of the mansion property. Mr. Brennan explains the Eminent Domain process. Mr. Brennan explains the Redevelopment Authority Condemnation of the Mansion Property.

Mr. Barrett asks if Mr. Mumma ever applied for a demolition permit, this is the first time he has asked for a demolition permit.

Mr. Mumma states he is getting a new lawyer, Mr. Brennan suggests to have him make contact.

Roadmaster Report>>> No report Mr. Carr absent.

POLICE REPORT

Nettles to contact Jason Kelso on Reading Anthracite issues.

Grass clippings on roads are a hazard.

Reports of late gun shooting behind Sborz Garage area.

Playground bathroom is open.

Motorcycles are out be cautious.

Burning ordinance discussed.

Complaints on ATV riding on Lower Beechwood Area.

OLD BUSINESS

Requests for use of field From Minersville Little League- Boys Little league Team and Girls Softball Team both have sent Liability Insurance coverage. Motion to allow use of the ballfield by Barrett second Maley.

Spring Clean-up April 15, 2022.

Minersville School District will accept students from Grades 10-12 for summer work. Wage set the same rate as last year.

New Business

Motion to approve Lynx Computers to update Security Quote of \$4,704.00 by Maley second Barrett.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Maley questions the amusement tax, Mr. Brennan explains the law states the tax must be in place by 1988 or it cannot be enacted now. Mr. Brennan will research at the Pottsville Republican for proof of Publication.

Maley question Mr. Brennan invoices on conversations held by Mr. Brennan. Mr. Maley questions if there are memos are this conversation. Mr. Brennan explains he Emails all supervisors and suggests Mr. Maley call him on any subject he has concerns with.

Mr. Barrett asks Mr. Maley if he wants a memo on all conversations Mr. Brennan holds . Mr. Brennan suggest Mr. Maley to call him with questions.

Mr. Maley asks if CACL account was opened. Mr. Barrett states we are waiting on the Financial Consultant.

PUBLIC Q&A SESSION

Joe Zula asks for a donation to Minersville Fire Rescue Golf Tournament. Motion to approve \$100.00 donation to fire company for the Golf tournament by Barrett second by Maley.

Zula asks to purchase flares for use by fire company Mr. Barrett suggests researching the flares.

Mr. Maley thanks: Mr. Sborz Mr. Motley, Cory Conville, Mr. Kline and Paul Motley for their service for cleaning the highway.

Motion to adjourn by Maley second by Barrett.

ATTEST: Janet Mitchell Secretary

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