

June 6, 2023

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

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

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

Members present Chairman John Barrett, Vice Chairman Gene Maley, Not Present Roadmaster John Carr Janet Mitchell Secretary, Solicitor Ed Brennan, Engineer Dan Cook.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None received.

ENGINEER REPORT

UCC and Code Services>>>>

Work to identify a new Building Code Officer for required UCC permits and a new Property Maintenance individual. Services to be transferred include both residential and Commercial UCC permits and Inspections, Property Maintenance, Reality Transfer Inspection, Rental including short term, and other housing related

Discussion from Mike Gensemer BIU Underwriters Services on plan reviews and inspection under the PA Dept of L&I all inspectors and plan reviewers are certified By the PA Dept of L&I. Motion to sign the contract for 1 year By Barrett second by Maley.

Retaining Benesch for Residential and Commercial Zoning permits Driveway & Sewage permits.

COVID-19 ARPA Pa small Water & Sewer/ Covid-19 ARPA H2O PA-Water Supply>>>> No update on this project.

DCNR Grant>>>> No update on this project.

SCMA Act 537 Plan Update>>>>Correspondence from PADEP regarding the review of the Act 537 plan was received, Benesch is working with the Department and SCMA to Address.

Property Maintenance updates>>>> Solicitor Brennan's office has been provided information to review and update additional sections.

SALDO and Zoning Ordinance Updates>>>>work with Solicitor Brennan's office to review and update both the subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (2001) and the Zoning Ordinance (2021) for changes to make the two Ordinances current with each other. Work on remaining stormwater requirement from the SALDO and creating a stand along Stormwater Management Ordinance.

FEE Schedules >>> No updates on this project.

CES Landfill Biogas>>>>the applicant has received correspondence from PADEP and PennDOT indicating permits are not required. They are working on satisfying other outstanding conditions of the approval.

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

Ryan Development>>>> No update on this project.

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

SOLICITOR REPORT

Discussion on the Act 537 Plan.

Motion to pass the ordinance adopting the 2021 Edition of the International Property Maintenance Code with amendments, insertions, and additions as advertised. Motion Maley second by Barrett.

Motion to hire Mr. Hazlet as property Maintenance Inspector. Mr. Maley would like this tabled to next month's meeting.

A discussion was held on an ordinance vacating a portion of an unnamed and unopened alleyway bordering properties of Richard Zula Jr. and Melissa Zula and Joe and Kim Zula. Motion to advertise this ordinance for the July meeting By Barrett second by Maley.

Discussion on Changes to the Zoning and Saldo ordinances. Mr. Burmesiter will contact Benesch on changes he is requesting.

Discussion on Mumma Eminent Domain process offer made for \$15, 000.00 A Motion was made to transfer \$20,000.00 to the RDA for the Eminent Domain proceeding for the Mumma Property by Barrett second by Maley.

Mr. Brennan hold a discussion on the Wire-teleview abandoning the project due to the Comcast Competition. Discussion on amount spent to try to get internet for the township.

A Motion to pass the ordinance authorizing the execution of a cable franchise agreement with Comcast of Pa, LLC. By Barrett second by Maley.

Motion to retain the professional services of Douglas Rauch and his law firm Georgetadis Setley as special counsel for financial and investment matters, by Barrett second by Maley.

A discussion was held on proposals for financial advisors for financial investment. Motion to direct Douglas Rauch to prepare a request for proposals for financial advisors to provide investment advice to the Township on an as-needed basis, By Barrett second by Maley.

Mr Maley questions:

1. Maley question the two lots and deed for the Properties near Miller and Kline.
2. Questions the status on the amusement tax. Mr. Maley research at the Pottsville Republican.
3. Questions if Archea and Reading Anthracite will subsidize First Light Service Fees.

4. Questions Minersville sewer meeting that Mr. Brennan attended, was it for the Reading Development. Mr. Brennan explains the development plans are to take sewer to Minersville.

ROADMASTER REPORT

Mr. Carr not present. No Report. Mr. Maley questions if the pump for the fountain was purchased. Mr. Krasnitsky has purchased it and it will be installed.

Mr. Maley questions the infield area on ballfield and weeds. Mr. Barrett suggests it could be raked.

POLICE REPORT

Discussion was held on Memorial Day weekend ATV issues.

Discussion on the License Plate reader is up and running. Police have issued citations and warnings. Complaints received on burning rubble late at night. Notice will be sent out.

Discussion on New Firework act. Notices will be sent out to residents.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Barrett suggests the semiannual donations to Minersville Fire Rescue be sent. Motion to submit the semiannual donation by Barrett second by Maley.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENT Q&A

Joe Zula again questions the decorative light project suggests getting grants for the project, Mr. Barrett reviews the difficulty in the placement of lights.

Mr. Burmeister thanks the board for not adding the Franchise fees on the Comcast contract.

Motion to adjourn By Barrett second by Maley.

ATTEST: Janet Mitchell

Secretary

Foster Township