

September 6, 2023

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 Edward Brennan Court Reporter for the Public Hearing.

A public hearing was held to adopt the amendments to Zoning and Zoning map.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None received.

Dan Cook and Solicitor Brennan review the amendments to the ordinance and the zoning maps.

Motion to adopt the amendments to the Zoning and Zoning Map by Carr second Maley all in favor.

Motion to Adjourn the Public hearing By Carr second by Maley.

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

Copies of the bills were given to the Supervisors Motion to pay the bills by Carr second by Maley all in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

ENGINEER REPORT

Zoning Permits till August 31, 2023 were received.

COVID-19 ARPA PA small Water& Sewer-Water Supply Projects>>>>No update on this project.

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

SCMA Act 537 >>>>Plan Update>>>>No update on this project.

SALDO, ZONING AND STORMWATER ORDINANCE UPDATE>>>>The Public Hearing for the proposed zoning is Scheduled prior to this meeting, If no significant changes are required, the Township should adopt the new Zoning Ordinance. The Webmaster will be contacted to update the Website with the new ordinance.

The Draft subdivision and Land Development Ordinance is provided for review and Comment. Once advertised, the public Hearing can be scheduled for review and adoption.

Work with Solicitor Brennan will be done for a stand-alone Timber ordinance.

CES Landfill BIOGAS>>>>No update on this project.

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

Foster Redevelopment Authority>>>> No Update on this project.

Ryan Development>>> No update on this project.

Reading Anthracite Development>>>>A meeting was held with the Engineers to discuss their current layout and Sanitary sewer design ideas.

Grant Opportunities>>>>Information was provided a Pa Statewide Local Share Account Grant that opens on September 1 and closes on Nov 30.

Action Item:

Decision to apply for the PA statewide Local Share Account Grant. Supervisors to discuss project and decide to apply for October meeting.

Solicitor Report

1. Brennan to go to Court House on Tax mapping to review maps on Haney and Hozella property.
2. Gretchen Sterns has contacted Mr. Brennan re: filing with the Planning Commission for October 2023 on Big Box plans.
3. Update on the Timbering Ordinance Mr. Brennan suggests copying the Penn State Ordinance. Brennan will continue to follow-up on the Workers Compensation for Firefighters with the state.
4. A discussion was held on Proposal for financial request and meeting of the dates for the proposal,
5. A discussion was held on LERTA. A meeting will be set with Dr. Mcbreen Minersville School district.

Mr. Maley questions:

1. Request update on the Mansion property.
2. Discussion on the amusement Tax.
3. ATV and storm water erosion issues discussed.
4. Questions of hours operations Resolution 2021 start time Hours of operations discussed.
5. Discussion Request for proposal for Financial Advisor Services. Dates for proposals and correction will be made by Mr. Brennan.

Roadmaster Report

Cleaning of the building.

Grass & weeds trimmed

Carburetor was placed on the old Cub Cadet.

New Tire was purchased for Garage Truck.

Tree cutting will be done on trees in Right of way. A letter will be sent out to resident.

POLICE REPORT

ATV update for Labor Day, security for Reading contacted.

Safety issue by Lenick gate. Township moved rock back in to stop ATV Activity.

ATV'S crossing from Sborz property to Blythe property.

Grass cutting needs to be removed from street for safety issues.

Chief Nettles discusses shake & bake for meth and throwing them along the roads chemicals Do Not pick up bottles will cause you to lose fingers.

Suspicious phone calls for buyer for homes.

Discussion on roadways indentation on Valley Road.

Joe Zula asks if Curran owns property by gate asks if the township can go on private property. Chief Nettles again explains safety issues. Solicitor Brennan explains why the safety issues must be addressed.

Motion on the agenda Mr. Maley to notify FNCB Bank on large CD for other investment opportunity resend motion Mr. Barrett has contacted FNCB.

Mr. Zukas updates High ridge on preventative maintenance agreement for lights. Motion to sign off and authorize the Preventative Maintenance Agreement by Carr second by Maley.

Discussion On Highridge Improvement District. Foster Currently pays 13% \$20,020. Asking to consider an increase in upcoming budgeting for 2024 for the allocation.

Kathy Bosack comments on the new road to Highridge paving completed and good Job.

New Business

Motion to donate to St. Joseph Learning center \$250.00 By Barrett second Maley all in favor.

Motion to donate to Minersville Library \$250.00 by Barret second Carr all in favor.

Letter was received on Schuylkill County clean-up dates on bulletin board outside of building.

A letter was received on Schuylkill County Hazard Mitigation Plan Primary representative John Barrett

Secondary Gene Maley Motion by Maley second by Carr all in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS Q&A SESSION

Discussion By former bus driver thanks for parking of the Bus by salt shed. Discussion on road behind turkey road can it be opened to access to her house Mr. Barrett states it is right of way for Sewage.

Elaina Antonelli on dead pole on her property, advised to contact Public Utility Commission. Questions on Comcast Mr. Barrett explains that were assured that they were going to Valley Road. Barrett explains Right to J.B. Cable poles by Comcast we will contact them again.

Motion to adjourn by Carr second by Maley.