

October 4, 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 via telecommunication, Secretary Janet Mitchell, Solicitor Ed Brennan, Engineer Dan Cook.

PUBLIC Hearing for Conditional use for Reading Anthracite-- Cancelled till Nov, 14, 2023.

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 Maley second by Carr.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None received.

ENGINEER REPORT

ZONING PERMITS the Zoning permits for the period ending September 2023 were received. Discussion that Benesch will remain the point of contact for permitting in the township. Benesch will first verify the need for a Zoning permit, driveway, right of way, or other non-building Permits. One the project has received those necessary permits; the applicant will be provided the contact information for BIU who will review and inspect any building permits in the township.

COVID-19 ARPA PA small Water /COVID 19 APRA h20-PA-Water supply>>> No update on this project.

DCNR Grant>>> No update on this project.

SCHUYLKILL COUNTY MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY ACT 537 Plan update >>> PA DEDEP has indicated that the Act 537 Plan is considered "Administrative Complete" The plan now moves into the Technical Review Phase. The Department typically has 180 days to review and provide comments.

SALDO, ZONING, and STORMWATER ORDINANCE UPDATE>>>>The process of finalizing the draft Subdivision and Land Development the Public Hearing can be scheduled for review and adoption.

A stand -Alone Timber ordinance is being worked on with Solicitor Brennan.

CES Landfill Biogas>>>No Update on this project.

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

Ryan Development>>>No update on this project.

LANGEN WAREHOUSE DEVELOPMENT READING>>>>the preliminary Land Development Plans have been received from the applicant. Motion to allow Benesch to review the plan By Barrett second by Carr all in favor.

Reading Anthracite Development>>> the applicant has requested a conditional use hearing of commercial solar on their property it will be held Nov. 14, 2023.

Motion to review the proposed Conditional Solar use by Reading Anthracite by Maley second by Carr.

Grant Opportunities>>>> Information was provided via email to the Supervisors on a PA Statewide Local Share Account Grant. A resolution was passed to go forward with the PA Statewide Local Share Account Grant with a motion by Maley second by Carr, all in favor.

SOLICITOR' S REPORT

1. Discussion on Reading Preliminary Plan for Warehouse development was referred to the Planning Commission. Brennan Explains Zoning areas and Lower Beechwood area Zoning and original plan was not by Lower Beechwood but area at Pleasant Road.
2. Discussion on Reading Solar Project 1st Hearing with Zoning and Planning Commission. Gretchen Sterns Legal Counsel for Reading will be at the Planning Commission Meeting.
3. Discussion on BBZ Property and a quick claim Deed for property in deed book by Foster Township Property (Hozella Property), to get ready for sale of property.
4. Discussion on the Mansion Property RDA eminent Domain Process. Mr. Mumma has refused all mail. Posted for Writ of Possession directing him vacate the premises known as the Neale mansion, any attempt to occupy or use the premises will be a violation of the court Order.

ROADMASTER REPORT

3 lights repaired

Garage doors painted.

Work will be done on crack filling.

Work will begin on tree cutting.

POLICE REPORT

ATV Problems discussed.

Nettles reports pick-up truck on it roof on BBZ property.

Reports of problems with ATV by Bosack property on Lower Beechwood Ave. Asks to block area so ATVS cannot get through.

Update on postings on Facebook to allow parking of ATVs and allowing camps on private property Reading to follow-up and stop this type of actions.

Chief Nettles reviews the Golf Cart on streets Laws.

Updates on the Sobriety Check-Point held in Foster Township. 3 DUI arrest, 13 citations confiscated -. 1 motorcycle

Reports on furniture dumping on Keystone Blvd.

Mr. Davenport reports a motorcycle racetrack on Reading property needs to be blocked. Nettles will contact Reading again.

Mr. Burmeister reports to Nettles on the speeding near Pleasant Road.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Barret suggests to suspend utilization for Financial Consults Proposals till further notice with a motion by Barrett second by Carr all in favor.

Mr. Brennan reports a document to be sign for Doug Rauch due to his current law firm dissolving.

Mr. Maley holds a discussion on financial proposal with PLIGIT.

NEW BUSINESS

Fall Clean up set for October 21, 2023.

Trick or Treat October 31, 2023 rain date Nov. 1, 2023 6-8 P.M.

Mr. Maley asks solicitor for update on Wire-tele-view payments are being made on interest of loan. Brennan reports First Light is on stand-by. Maley questions pole rights on PPL pole for Christmas decorations. Solicitor Brennan explains the make ready for internet position on the PPL poles.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

Dave Davenport asks Brennan to contact Kelso on Reading Anthracite problems. Solicitor Brennan asks Davenport if he will talk to Reading about his complaints. He states he will.

Joe Zula again question Healthcare for employees.

Motion to adjourn by Carr second by Maley.

Attest: Janet Mitchell

Secretary

Foster Township