

February 7, 2024

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

Members present: Chairman John Barrett Vice- Chairman Gene Maley, Solicitor Brennan, Engineer Dan Cook, Engineer Joshua Howard.

Copy of the previous meeting minutes were given to the Supervisors if there are no corrections or additions the minutes stand approved.

Copy of the bills were given to the Supervisors motion to pay the bills by Maley second by Barrett.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joe Zula questions minutes wants costs for health care in minutes. Barrett questions Zula where he got the amount from, he states in the monthly bills provided at the meeting.

Robert Sterling thanks Chairman Barrett for the letter he distributed on the proposed CRG Project.

Gene Maley holds a discussion on the Zoning change from mining in the Lower Beechwood area occurred in 2021, before he took office that change was for Reading Anthracite. The same holds true for the change in zoning regarding solar farms.

Mr. Brennan explains the changes made in the Zoning for Mr. Burmeister's Property, to accommodate Warehouses states Mr. Maley was aware of these changes.

Mr. Barret holds a detailed discussion on the Comprehensive Plan Meetings held and Zoning changes, advertisements, and availability of the Zoning before adoption.

Robert Sterling holds a discussion on a Work Session at CES February 2022.

Joe Zula states his brother Rich Zula was not on the planning Committee, Sterling reports Rich Zula raised his hand to be on the planning committee, Barrett reports the sign in sheets can be checked.

Dan Cook introduces Josh Howard as new Engineer coming to the meeting Dan Cook will still be in the background to help Josh on projects already in process.

ENGINEER REPORT

DCNR GRANT>>>> a kickoff meeting with DCNR is scheduled for February 14, 2024 at 9:00 O'clock Am with the township to set up the initial scoping. Once the township has finalized the scope of work, a proposal to complete the design and construction administration will be finalized.

PA STATEWIDE LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT GRANT>>>>No update on this project.

SCMA Act 537 Plan Update>>> the plan is administratively complete and under review of PADEP.

SALDO, Zoning, and Stormwater Ordinance update>>>> Draft Copies of the SALDO have been provided to the Township, Solicitor, and Planning Commission.

The ordinance will need to be advertised and a public hearing scheduled. Deadline for internal comments February 21, 2024. Official advertisement will follow, and public comment will be scheduled in March. Solicitor Brennan will advertise and schedule the public hearing required.

Draft Copies of the Stormwater Ordinance have been provided to the township, Solicitor, and Planning Commission. The Ordinance will need to be advertised and a public hearing Scheduled.

A stand-Alone Timber Ordinance, based on the Penn State Model Ordinance is being developed by Solicitor Brennan.

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

SEDCO Lot 12 >>>>No Update on this project.

CES Landfill Biogas>>>>Work with the applicant and Schuylkill Conservation District to Schedule a stormwater/site construction inspection of the site in accordance with the Land Development Plans.

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

CRG Reading Anthracite Company>>>>No update on this project.

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

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

Foster Township Municipal Authority Chapter 94 Report>>>>>The PADEP requires that Foster Township complete a Chapter 94 Wastewater Management Report on an annual basis. The deadline for submission is March 30, 2024. This report is due to SCMA one month prior to the inclusion in their Gordon Treatment Plan Chapter 94 report. Motion to authorize Benesch to complete and submit this report on behalf of the township By Barrett second by Maley.

Mr. Barrett explains the Emergency Authorization for a new pump at Veronicas Pump Station- Estimated cost approx. \$30,000.00. No bids were required.

Grant Opportunities>>>>>The 2024 DCNR Grant applications are open and due April 3, 2024 at 4:00 This Grant has been discussed at length on previous occasions, additional information can be provided if the township is interested in applying a resolution will need to be passed by your March 2024 meeting.

Halupa expresses to Dan Cook That the RDA is interested in the Grant. Mr. Barrett questions if the RDA can apply Dan cook states, they can but it is better to go thru the township.

SOLICITOR'S Report

Mr. Brennan explains the Emergency order for the Pump Station had to be placed, no bids were required.

Recommends specs to be drawn up for Valley pump station as pumps are currently 22 years old.

Brennan updates CRG Reading Developer- Gretchen Stearns reports entrance to development planned for Pleasant Road. Dan Cook States this will need extensive review by PennDOT.

Brennan updates the RDA Meeting, Wire-tele-view started payments of interest and principal on the loan.

Discussion on updates for the stormwater and timber ordinance.

Discussion on Solar panels for Reading Property.

Halupa question Mr. Brennan if he could get permission from Wire-televue for Comcast install on the pole by township building so we can get internet to the building. Brennan will make contact.

Update on CES LERTA meeting to be set.

Mr. Hazlett BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT

REAL ESTATE TRANSFER INSPECTION>>>2 Lower Beechwood Property Inspections completed for transfer.

Updates 901 pub/ Reading Anthracite states after purchase it will stay vacant for now, if it remains occupied it will require an inspection, if it is demolished it will need a demolition permit.

Rental Research done by Mr. Hazlett will discuss with Supervisors after the meeting.

POLICE

General Police Info: 1. Discussion on driving across Fire Co. Property.

2. Update on disabled motorist (due to weather).

3. Police will be filing two drug arrest.

4. Police will be filing two DUI and one for fleeing police pursuit.

5. New Drug: Nitazene synthetic opioid 40 times more potent than fentanyl.

6. Scattering Rubbish: Several complaints, along 901 west of Buckhorn, search of bags revealed names police will contact the individuals.

7. Discussion of various scams. BE AWARE.

8. Request to purchase safety vests: Make: (SafeLife Defense): Hyperline Level 111A, these are over the Uniform -Carrier. Motion to purchase the vest not exceed \$2,705.08 By Maley second by Barrett.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Spring Clean-up April 13, 2024/ Fall Clean-up October 12, 2024.
2. A discussion on Miller Tree to be cut tabled to next meeting.
3. A Resolution that Foster Township is adopting written procedures in how professional services are chosen for its pension plan in order to comply with Act 44 of 2009 and the auditor General recommendation. Resolution read by Mr. Barrett. Motion to adopt the resolution 02-2024 by Maley second by Barrett.
4. Motion to appoint Chairman John Barrett as CAO of the PMRS Pension Plan by Maley second Barrett.
5. Appointments for opening on RDA, Municipal, Zoning Boards & Emergency Management tabled to next month's meeting, due to Mr. Carr's absence.

PUBLIC Q&A SESSION

None received.

Motion to adjourn by Maley second Barrett.

ATTEST:

Janet Mitchell

Secretary

Foster Township