

March 6, 2024

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, John Carr Via telecommunication, Secretary Janet Mitchell. Solicitor Brennan, Engineer Joshua Howard.

A copy of the minutes was given to the Supervisors if there are no corrections or additions the minutes stand approved.

A copy of the bills were given to the Supervisors motion to pay the bills by Maley second by Carr.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joe Zula again asks about his request for the minutes. Chairman Barret explains that will be reviewed under old business.

ENGINEER REPORT

Zoning Permit Report is attached.

DCNR Grant>>>A kickoff meeting with DCNR was held on February 14th with the township to set up the initial scoping. The Township is to send out a survey to the public to get their feedback on what they would like to see in the community for the grant and future grants.

PA Statewide Local share Grant>>>>No update on this project.

SCMA Municipal Authority Act 537 Plan Update>>>The plan is approved by 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 was February 21, 2024 but due to the cancellation of the meeting written comments can be submitted by no later than March 13, 2024. Official advertisement will follow, and public comment will be scheduled in March. Solicitor Brennan will advertise and schedule the public hearing as 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. 150 days inactive notice.

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

CES LANDFILL BIOGAS>>> working 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>>>No update on this project.

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

Reading Anthracite Solar Development- Conditional Use Hearing>>>>No update on this project.

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

2023 Foster Township Chapter 94 Report>>>>>The PADEP requires that Foster Township complete a Chapter 94 Waste load Management Report on an annual Basis. The Deadline for Submissions is March 31, 2024. This report to due to SCMA one month prior to the deadline for inclusion in their Gordon Treatment Plant Chapter 94 Report. The report is attached and requires the Township signature to submit to PADEP and SCMA.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES >>>>The 2024 Grant applications are open and due on Wednesday April 3, 2024 @ 4:00 P.M. the grant has been discussed at length on previous occasions, additional information can be provided if needed. The Township should authorize Benesch to prepare and submit DCNR Grant on behalf of the township. The Township should adopt the attached resolution and commitment letter as part of the requirements for the DCNR Grant.

Motion to authorize Benesch to prepare and submit DCNR Grant By Maley Second Carr.

Motion to adopt DCNR Resolution and Commitment Letter by Carr second By Maley all in favor.

SOLICITOR REPORT

1. Discussion on LERTA and CES meeting March 13, 2024, Maley questions Solicitor Brennan on the assessment process.
2. Brennan reports still reviewing Saldo, Timbering and Stormwater Ordinances.
3. Discussion on Solar project. Transcript received.
4. Discussion on Wire-tele-view, Brennan has contacted First Light, Comcast wiring has been placed in the township building, No response from Wire-tele-view.

ROADMASTER REPORT

1. Carr reports Veronica Pump station repaired.
2. General clean-up done.
3. Generator fixed.
4. Brakes fixed on garbage truck by Karlovich.
5. Grinder pumps are OK.

Police REPORT

1. Update on LPR Reader.
2. Safety vests received.
3. Update on ATV Valley Road.
4. Estimate received on the camera at the intersection. Motion to purchase the camera @ estimate \$3860.00 from Schuylkill Electronics by Carr second by Maley all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on request on Zula for Meeting minutes- Barrett refers to PSATS Law requirement on what should be and not be included Minutes. Reviews the Sunshine Law. Barrett researched our meeting minutes back to 2005 they do not include a word for word verbatim. Barrett explains the bills are included at each meeting.

Maley holds discussion on tree by Miller Property. Mr. Barrett has researched the tree also makes a motion to trim the tree second by Carr. Mr. Maley makes a motion to cut the tree down no second received motion dies.

Survey for recreation project was hand delivered, replies deadline March 20, 2024.

Airport Authority plan no update Mr. Zukas could not attend.

Jeremy Hossler updates the Mansion property. Discussion on the deadline for grants April 3, 2024 suggests to have narrative ready and to engineers for March 21. Requests a transfer from the Supervisors for Zokuskie Construction to secure the walls for \$4,830.00 Motion by Maley second Carr.

Appointment to Vacancies on Boards:

1. RDA 5-year term - Prerequisite Finance or banking motion to appoint Judy Lewis Barrett yes, Maley No, Carr yes.
2. Municipal Authority Maley motion for Corey Conville no second Motion by Barrett to appoint Robert Long second by Carr Maley yes Barrett yes, Carr yes.
3. Zoning Hearing Motion Maey for David Davenport no second. Motion by Barrett to appoint Karen Worrell Maley No Carr yes Barrett yes.
4. Emergency Management Motion to appoint Mike Sheesley Maley second Barrett Carr yes.

Discussion on parking at cul-de-sac on Lower Beechwood No Parking signs tabled for more research.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Maley updates on CD Investments.

Minersville Little League request use of field Motion to allow the Little League to utilize the field by Maley second Carr, all in favor

Maley requests to get infield mix.

Cathy Bosack on parking and concrete stops in cul-de sac, question can they park on street.

Lisa Conville asks if Carr can continue to attend meeting by phone. Brennan reviews the supreme court decision on attending by phone.

Motion to adjourn by Carr second by Maley.

Attest: Janet Mitchell Secretary Foster Township