

March 4, 2026

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

Members present: Chairman Gene Maley, Vice Chairman Richard J. Zula, Supervisor John Barrett, Secretary Janet Mitchell, Solicitor Ed Brennan Engineer Josh 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 was given to the Supervisors, motion to pay the bills by Barrett second Zula all in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Melissa Zula Tax Collector requested reimbursement for stamps and envelopes and \$200 for the Tax Collector Course. Motion by Maley second by Barrett to reimburse Melissa Zula.

ENGINEER REPORT

Ordinance Update >>>> Benesch is working on a draft ordinance amendment for the Supervisor review.

CRG/Reading Anthracite Land Development>>>>The Engineers for CRG/Reading Anthracite Land Development have resubmitted plans to the Township and Engineer with revisions. Benesch has sent our second review for the land development to the developers and are waiting for their response.

Sanik Solar- Airport Road>>>The Plan has been conditionally approved. Waiting on the Developer to meet all conditions before the plans can be recorded.

Playground Project>>>>Plans and bids will be sent to DCNR this week.

DCNR Pickleball>>>>Plans and bid documents will be sent to DCNR this week.

Dollar General Land Development>>>>Conditional Approval was granted at the September Meeting. Waiting on the Developer to meet all conditions before plans can be signed and recorded.

Turkey Road Waterline Extension>>>>No Update due to winter shutdown. The contractor will be out periodically to verify conditions, and will finalize project in the spring.

SOLICITOR REPORT

1. Discussion on a RTK request received. Mr. Brennan asked for an extension and will respond in 30 days.
2. A discussion was held on litigation with CRG.
3. Mr. Brennan reports calling Tax assessment office on delinquent tax on Neale mansion.
4. Robert Halupa asks where we are on changing of ordinance for Data Centers. Mr. Barrett request to amendment be completed faster than slower due to Saks Bankruptcy.

ROADMASTER REPORT

1. Winer Road Maintenance due to the bad winter Equipment had a work-out.
2. Also performed equipment and building maintenance.
3. Had Pump Stations degreased and cleaned out. Residential grinder pump maintenance.
4. Martin Electric is working on Valley Road Pump Station up grades cost estimate.
5. Permission needed to order parts for the Grinder pumps.
6. Discussion on roof replacement for Katchmir building.

POLICE REPORT

1. ATV Frackville Boro and Ashland Boro are deciding to allow ATV'S to ride on various with the Boro's
2. Injured Deer: Sightings of several deer in the area that appear to be wounded (missing a leg or broken leg) from the hunting season. Call the game commission and report the same.
3. Snow plowing: Plowing went well without major incidents.
4. Illegal dumping: Police have investigated four scattered rubbish incidents along Buckhorn Road.
5. Suspicious persons or vehicles: contact police if you are concerned about a unknown vehicle or person.
6. Phone scams: Do not provide any personal information concerning credit cards, banking Etc. If you receive a call and they ask if this is Mr. or Mrs.? Do not answer yes.

OLD BUSINESS

1. A discussion was held on the delinquent sewer customers and shutting water off for customers with balances over \$250.00. A motion was made to send letter for water shutoff if not paid within 30 days By Zula second Maley all in favor.

2. A discussion was held on severance pay for employees due to no retirement plan. Policy would not go into effect if the employee was terminated or in case of Fraud. Zula questions if this policy is in effect as of today. Motion Maley second by Zula all in favor to establish the Severance Policy.
3. A motion to have Shawn Davenport work for 18 hrs. a week starting April 1, 2026 by Zula second by Maley all in favor.
4. Barrett asks for authorization to advertise openings on the Blighted Property Committee and the Municipal authority with letter to be distributed in the mailbox. Motion by Maley second Zula to send out information.
5. A discussion was held on the ambulance subscription and getting information out to residents on how the process works.
6. A discussion was held on the 250-year Celebration and flags for veteran to be paid for by the families. Zula will check on the process.
7. Maley contacted Blythe on Demmers question on dirty water. They will flush hydrants twice a year.
8. Barrett sets spring and Fall clean-up the second Saturday in April and the second Saturday in October.
9. Halupa requests payment to the HC Architects for the Anthracite Memorial project, in the amount of \$5,374.67. Motion to pay the architect by Barrett second Zula all in favor.

New Business

A resolution 01-2026 was passed for the Promulgation 2025 County/ Municipality Operations Plan Update by motion of Barrett second Maley all in favor.

Motion to adjourn by Barrett second by Maley.

Attest:

Janet Mitchell

Secretary

Foster Township