

July 16, 2024

The Franklin Township Supervisors met on the above date at the Franklin Township Administration Building located at 889 Fairyland Road. Township Officials present were Supervisors Fred Kemmerer Jr., Robin Cressley, and Leroy Kemmerer; Secretary-Treasurer Brenda Cressley. A list of others in attendance is attached to the Minute Book. Chairman Kemmerer called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Approval of Minutes

Having received no additions or corrections, Robin Cressley made a motion approving the minutes from the June 18, 2024 Township Meeting. Leroy Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary's Report

Reminder YARD SALE – July 20, 2024 - 8 am- 1 pm - \$10 per spot
Young Lungs at Play Signs have be ordered and have been received

Treasurer's Report – Robin Cressley moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Fred Kemmerer Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Zoning Report- Zoning Officer Paul Jarrett submitted his report from 6/11/24 through 7/1/24. Revenue from Zoning Permits: \$356.25. Variance Exception Request: \$0.00. Copies on file.

UCC Building Code Official – Received report from Lehigh Valley Inspection Services from 6/11/24 through 7/1/24. Administrative fees turned in with report \$213.50. Copies on file.

Fire Chief's Report - Received the June, 2024 report for the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company, as well as for the Fire Police. Copies are on file.

Police Reports – Received report from 5/28/24-6/24/24

Road Crew Report - Report received from (6/9/24-6/22/24) & (6/23/24-7/6/24)

Central Carbon Municipal Authority – Received minutes from the June 17, 2024 Meeting. Letter from CCMA requesting a letter each month stating any new additions or changes to the central sewer.

Communications –

Received the 2024 2nd Quarter reports from Nationwide – Police Pension – Aggregate Report for the Police Pension Plan from the period of 4/1/24- 6/30/24; Each Township Supervisor received a copy of 2024's second quarter reports.

Citizen Participation-

Township resident Zachary Keys was present to introduce himself as the new “owner” of the Union Hill Cemetery. He took over maintaining the cemetery from Anthony Frantz. In the process of going through the records he came across old records from the Franklin Heights Cemetery. He said he would like to turn them over to the Township for safe keeping. The Township said they would see to it that the records get to the right place/person. He also stated any contributions given would be appreciated. He has been donating items such as gasoline, weed killer and his own time in maintaining the cemetery, by mowing the grass and repairing tombstones. He also needs about a ½ ton of dirt which he needs to fill some gravesites that are sinking and level the tombstones.

Chairman Kemmerer thanked Mr. Keys for his time and efforts in cleaning and maintaining the Union Hill Cemetery.

Thomas Lawler was present to voice the same concerns he had in December of 2023. He stated the concerns he had in December of 2023 still exist today. Concerns such as adding more police officers has not been done; No officers on weekends or night time. No new officers added to work when they are on vacation, sick, or out on a worker’s compensation injury. No code enforcement officer was hired; “we need a code enforcement officer”. Mr. Lawler would like to see a Code Enforcement Officer hired that would be proactive- drive around the township and look for any wrong doings, and feels they should also attend the monthly township meetings to report any problems. He would also like to see a clear and concise Noise Ordinance adopted similar to a Noise Ordinance he found that was adopted in Adams County. He stated on July 13th, he called the communication center and no one was on duty. There was music blasting and there were campers at the Crazy Trout Pond property. “They are operating as a Campground and to his knowledge do not have the proper permits to do so”. He feels no citizen should have to be put in the position of policing -monitoring this business.

Mr. Lawler suggested that when we purchase a new Township Office etc. we should think about including a pickle ball court or a place to practice basketball, soccer, etc. He finished by thanking each department working in Franklin Township including the board of supervisors for the jobs they do.

Jason Frey was present to ask why we are hiring a Code Enforcement Officer, He commented, “We have the police and a Zoning Officer in place to enforcement our codes” He suggested hiring the zoning officer a helper or have him hire his own helper or give him more than two hours per week to work on zoning matters.

Old Business-

Robin Cressley made a motion to continue maintaining Indian Hill Spur as it has been done in the past. Leroy Kemmerer seconded the motion. Fred Kemmerer opposed. Motion passed.

New Business Cont'd-

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve/renew the 2024/2025 Junkyard Permit Application from the Lehighon Scrap Recycling/JME Land Company Inc. Fred Kemmerer Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to table the hiring a Code Enforcement Officer. Fred Kemmerer Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion was held, Robin thought the best thing to do is wait until the budget is reviewed for next year

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve the following waiver request submitted from Bollinger Solar, LLC-Lehighon Site LLC- 208 Memorial Drive Waiver request- SALDO Section 403 – Preliminary & Final Plans: Fred Kemmerer Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

WAIVER REQUEST #1: The applicant proposes that its submission be considered a Preliminary/Final Plan. This Preliminary/Final Plan will address each applicable section of the SALDO, so there is no need for an initial Preliminary Plan. Separate Preliminary and Final Plan review stages will be duplicative. Because the Preliminary/Final Plan will contain all necessary information as required by the SALDO, this request represents the minimum modification necessary for relief and will not be contrary to the public interest.

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve the following waiver request submitted from Bollinger Solar, LLC- 208 Memorial Drive- Waiver request- Stormwater Management Ordinance Section 302: Fred Kemmerer Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

WAIVER REQUEST #2 - Stormwater Management Ordinance Section 302 Exemptions and Modifications; The Township Stormwater Management Ordinance generally requires a stormwater management plan for all regulated activities unless specifically exempted pursuant to Section 302 of the ordinance.

The applicant believes that because the Project is exempt from the Stormwater Management Ordinance, a formal waiver request is not necessary. Nevertheless, in its comment letter dated March 13, 2024, the Township's engineer suggested that a waiver request be submitted. The Applicant submits this waiver request to satisfy the engineer's comment and to address the unanticipated scenario where the Project results in disturbance of more than 7,500 square feet. As stated above, the Applicant does not anticipate exceeding the 7,500 square foot threshold, but in the event it does, the excess square footage will be de minimis and would not be contrary to the public interest. In fact, the only reason the Project would exceed 7,500 square feet is because the Applicant is providing E & S control measures which further the public interest

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve the requests received from Fire Chief Lynn Diehl to attend the following: Leroy Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

*National Night Out – (sponsored by Lehighon Police Department- at Baer Memorial Park-8/6/24

*Lehighon Fire Department's 150th Anniversary Parade – 9/28/24

New Business- Cont'd

Fred Kemmerer Jr. made a motion to approve the request to extend the review time for the Township on Towneplace Suites Development Project Plan until December 31, 2024. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Fred Kemmerer Jr., made a motion to make an addendum to the agenda. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Fred Kemmerer Jr. made a motion to approve the request to extend the review time for the Township on the Leighton Site LLC until August 30, 2024. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens Questions/Comments –

1. Tyler Beaston presented another Waiver request for the Leighton Site LLC –Solar Park Project. Atty. Nanovic suggested because it was not on the Township Meeting Agenda for this meeting (7/16/24), it be placed on the August Township meeting agenda to be voted on. Fred also suggested it should go back to the Franklin Township's Planning Commission for their review and comments before the Board of Supervisors make a decision. All were in agreement.

Questions from the Press - None

Robin Cressley made a motion to adjourn the meeting 8:30 p.m. Leroy Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Brenda Cressley, Secretary-Treasurer