

ORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 6, 2025

The Franklin Township Board of Supervisors met on the above date at the Franklin Township Administration Office. Present were Supervisors Fred Kemmerer Jr., Robin Cressley, Leroy Kemmerer Jr. was absent, and Secretary-Treasurer Brenda Cressley; The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m., by the Secretary. The meeting was opened by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Temporary Chairman. The Secretary called for appointment of a temporary Chairman to begin the meeting. Fred Kemmerer Jr. moved to appoint Robin Cressley as temporary Chairman. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chairman. Robin Cressley moved to nominate Fred Kemmerer Jr. as Chairman of the Board. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Vice-Chairman. Fred Kemmerer Jr. moved to nominate Robin Cressley as Vice-Chairman of the Board. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Secretary-Treasurer. Fred Kemmerer Jr. tabled the motion to reappoint Brenda Cressley as Secretary-Treasurer because Leroy Kemmerer was absent.

Citizen Participation – None

Township Solicitor. Robin Cressley moved to reappoint Attorney Thomas S. Nanovic as Township Solicitor. Fred Kemmerer Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor. Robin Cressley moved to reappoint Attorney Robert Frycklund as Solicitor for the Franklin Township Zoning Hearing Board. Fred Kemmerer Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Zoning Officer/BOCA Code Officer. Robin Cressley moved to reappoint Paul Jarrett (LVIS) as Zoning Officer and BOCA Property Maintenance Code Enforcement Officer. Fred Kemmerer Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried. Fee schedule on file.

Uniform Construction Officer/Assistant BOCA Code Enforcement Officers. Robin Cressley made a motion to reappoint the current UCC inspectors etc. Lehigh Valley Inspection Services, and Barry Isett & Associates Inc. & Bureau of Veritas. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sewage Enforcement Officer (On-Lot). Robin Cressley moved to reappoint Scott Bieber – Lehigh Soils and Wetlands as the Township Sewage Enforcement Officer. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried. Fee schedule on file.

Alternate Sewage Enforcement Officer (On-Lot). Robin Cressley moved to reappoint Steve Gitch & Ian Farrell as Alternate Sewage Enforcement Officers. Fred Kemmerer Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Township Engineer- Central Sewage Robin Cressley moved to reappoint ARRO Consulting, Inc. as the Township's engineer for central sewage related matters. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Township Engineer (General Purposes). Robin Cressley moved to reappoint Carbon Engineering, Inc. as our Township Engineer for general purposes. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried. Fee Schedule on file.

Alternate Township Engineer (General Purpose). Robin Cressley moved to reappoint Keystone Consulting Engineers as the Township's Alternate Engineer for general purposes. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Emergency Management Coordinator. Robin Cressley moved to reappoint Larry Diehl as Franklin Township Emergency Management Coordinator. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Vacancy Board Member. Robin Cressley moved to reappoint Matthew Dorward as Vacancy Board Chairman. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Planning Commission Member. Fred Kemmerer moved to reappoint Anthony Frantz as a Planning Commission Member for a five (5) year term. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alternate Zoning Hearing Board Member Robin Cressley moved to appoint Jill Renfrew as an Alternate to the Zoning Hearing Board. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Central Carbon Municipal Authority- Robin Cressley made a motion to appoint Fred Kemmerer as Franklin Township's representative to the CCMA for a five (5) year term. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sewer Inspector - Robin Cressley made a motion to appoint Guy Barry as the Sewer Connection Inspector. Fred Kemmerer Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

COG Representative. Robin Cressley moved to appoint Fred Kemmerer as a representative to the Carbon County Council of Government (COG). Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alternate COG Representative. Fred Kemmerer moved to appoint Robin Cressley as the Alternate representative to the Carbon County Council of Government (COG). Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RTK Officer Police Department. Robin Cressley moved to reappoint Jason Doll as the Open Records Officer for the Franklin Township Police Department. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RTK Officer Administration Office. Fred Kemmerer made a motion to table the appointment due to Leroy Kemmerer being absent.

Alternate RTK Officer Administration Office. Robin Cressley moved to reappoint Christine Green as Alternate Open Records Officer for the Administrative Office. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Representative Carbon County Tax Committee - Fred Kemmerer made a motion to table this appoint because Leroy Kemmerer was absent.

Alternate Representative Carbon County Tax Committee- Robin Cressley moved to reappoint Christine Green as the alternate representative to the Carbon County Tax Committee for a one (1) year term. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Municipal Authority Member – Robin Cressley moved to reappoint Lynn Diehl as a member on the Municipal Authority Member for a five year term. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Representative Solid Waste Advisory Committee. Fred Kemmerer Jr. moved to appoint Robin Cressley as Franklin Township's Representative to the Carbon County Solid Waste Advisory Committee. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Advisory Recreation and Parks Board Member. Robin Cressley moved to appoint Kermit Heiland as a member of the Franklin Township Advisory Recreation and Parks Board for a five (5) year term. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Canal Commission Representative. Robin Cressley moved to appoint Ty Poole as Franklin Township's Canal Commission Representative. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chief of Police. – Robin Cressley moved to reappoint Jason Doll as Police Chief of the Franklin Township Police Department. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried

Road Foreman/Roadmaster. Robin Cressley moved to reappoint Kim Hunsicker as the Interim Franklin Township's Roadmaster/Road Foreman. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Voting Delegate – PSATS Convention. Fred Kemmerer moved to appoint Robin Cressley as Franklin Township’s Voting Delegate for this year’s PSATS Annual Educational Conference, May 4th – May 7th 2025, at Hershey, Pa. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chief Administrative Official – Non-Uniform Pension Plan. Robin Cressley moved to adopt Resolution No. 2025-01 appointing Fred Kemmerer as Chief Administrative Official of the Franklin Township Non-Uniformed Pension Plan. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chief Administrative Official – Police Pension Plan. Robin Cressley moved to adopt Resolution No. 2025-02 appointing Fred Kemmerer as Chief Administrative Official of the Franklin Township Police Pension Plan. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Robin Cressley moved to reappoint Jim Thorpe Neighborhood Bank and Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT) as depositories for various checking and savings accounts. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Robin Cressley moved to set the Treasurer’s Bond at \$500,000.00 for fiscal year 2025. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried

Robin Cressley moved to set the bond for Board of Supervisors as Trustees of the Police Pension Plan at \$500,000.00 for fiscal year 2025. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried. (Renews 8/1/2025).

Fred Kemmerer moved to schedule the year 2025 Township Meetings for the third (3rd) Tuesday of each month beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Franklin Township Administration Office. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Robin Cressley moved to grant permission to the Board of Supervisors and the Secretary-Treasurer to prepay bills prior to the Township Meetings. Fred Kemmerer. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Robin Cressley moved to retain all present Township employees including employees in union contracts. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fred Kemmerer Jr. moved to increase wages of Non-Union and Non-Uniformed Township Full & Part-Time employees by approximately 3% for 2025. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley moved to approve the travel allowance set by the IRS to .70 cts per mile. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried.
(Note 2024 allowance was - .67 cts. per mile).

Robin Cressley moved to setting of the 2025 equipment rentals fees. (Per Hour) Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rates are as follows:

Grader	\$125.00	Truck- (33, 00 gvw) -	\$85.00
Paver -	\$400.00	One Ton Dump Truck -	\$55.00
Roller -	\$200.00	Pick-Up Truck -	\$45.00 + \$20.00 extra for Plow
Loader-	\$125.00	Tractor w/Mower -	\$100.00
Backhoe-	\$200.00	Broom (tag-a-long) -	\$ 60.00
Hotbox -	\$100.00	Current Hourly Rates: Roadmaster, CDL Rate, and Laborer Rate (In kind services)	

Robin Cressley made a motion to set the rate for cinders at \$25.00 per bucket load-(Komatsu) Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Robin Cressley made a motion of setting of daily fees for storage at \$40.00 per day. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Robin Cressley moved to approve The Pohopoco Rod and Gun Club's 2025 monthly meeting dates (meetings are held at the Township Administrative Office). Dates are as follows: January 15th, February 19th, March 19th, April 16th, May 21st, June 18th, July 17th, August 20th, September 17th, October 15th, November 19th and December 17th. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve the letter of request from the Lehighon Men's Softball League to use Bunker Hill Ballfield for the 2025 season from April through September. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried. Supervisors advised that the Softball League be given the resolution/ordinance that state there is no alcohol allowed at our recreational parks and to review all other regulations regarding use of the ballfield.

Citizen Participation – None

Unfinished Business - None

New Business:

Robin Cressley made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-03 which appoints Buckno Lisicky & Co., PC-CPA in place of the elected auditors to examine all Township accounts for 2024. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Robin Cressley made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-04 – Use of Escalator Clause for all Bituminous Materials and Petroleum Product purchase contracts either bid or entered into from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New Business Cont'd –

Robin Cressley made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-5 – Approving the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company's 2025 Planned Activity List. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Robin Cressley made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-06 – Approving operational support activities for participating members of the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company for the year of 2025. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve the Per Capita Tax Exoneration List submitted by Sara Keiser, Tax Collector Re: Tax Duplicate year 2024. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

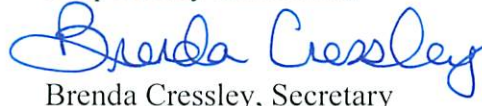
Robin Cressley made a motion to ratify the Agreement between Franklin Township and the Teamsters Local 773 representing the Road/Garbage Crew Employees for the time period of 1/1/25-12/31/2028. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried:

Public Comments: None

Questions from the Press: None Present

Robin Cressley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Brenda Cressley, Secretary