

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MEETING AGENDA  
AUGUST 20, 2024**

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: July 16, 2024 Township Meeting

Approval of Minutes: July 16, 2024 Transfer of Liquor License Hearing

Reports of Officers:

1. Secretary:

- \* Change in Garbage Collection for the Labor Day Holiday: Monday, Sept. 2nd Pick-Up is changed to Tuesday, Sept. 3rd
- \* Electronics Recycling Event will be held on Saturday, October 19, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS ONLY!
- \* Secretary Cressley met with Andrew Diprospero from PIRMA Insurance Co. to review all properties and vehicles etc. on record. Interim Road Foreman Kim Hunsicker was present as well.
- \* The Franklin Township Office has tickets available for pick-up RE: FT Lions Sponsored event for Picnic in the Park for a complimentary free meal for Franklin Township Senior Citizens (65 and above) on September 22, 2024. Senior meals will be served from 12 p.m.- 2:00 p.m. Non-Resident tickets are \$12.00 each.
- \* Executive Meeting was held on July 23, 2024 – Police Contract
- \* Executive Meeting was held on August 1, 2024- Lease Agreement
- \* Executive Meeting was held on August 6, 2024 – Curative Amendment

2. Treasurer Report

3. Zoning Officer & UCC Building Code Official Report

4. Fire Chief Report/Fire Police Report

5. Police Reports

6. Road Crew Report

7. Central Carbon Municipal Authority

8. SEO Reports

Communications

Citizen Participation-

1. Tami Berkes- Main Rd Water runoff matter

Old Business:

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New Business –

1. Motion to approve additional Waiver Request from Bollinger Solar, LLC  
WAIVER REQUEST = Saldo Section 512.A.9.a and 512.A.9.b (3),(7). Erosion & Sediment Controls & Plan Requirements. The waiver will simply allow the processing of the land development plan. The Applicant will address the E &S requirements with the Conservation District prior to a building permit being issued for the project. This request represents the minimum modification necessary and is not contrary to the public interest.
2. Motion to give the Leighton Site LLC (Bollinger Solar Farm) Land Development Plan conditional approval pending all engineering comments are met and completed.
3. Motion to have Chairman Kemmerer sign the 2023 (CDBG) Cooperation Agreement By and Between the County of Carbon and Franklin Township for the FY 2023 CDBG Program Administration
4. Motion to approve the following waivers from Keystone Consulting Engineers Inc. on behalf of The Bobbie Jane Properties Land Development Plan:
  1. [§53.B(7)(f)[6][i]] Minimum allowable drainage conveyance pipe size shall be 15 inches in diameter. The applicant would like to request a waiver from this section (if required) for the pipe from the first inlet into the basin and the discharge pipe to the level spreader.  
Justification: The pipe leading from the first inlet into the basin is only collecting runoff from a small portion of pavement that includes the loading area, aside from the roof drains. This section of pipe as well as the discharge pipe from the basin to the level spreader do not need to be as large as 15 inches.
  2. [§56.H(5)] Access drives and landscaping shall be defined with concrete curbing, or such material as may be approved by the Township. The applicant would like to request a waiver from this section to not provide concrete curbing.  
Justification: This isn't a high volume commercial development with a lot of parking or stormwater management. Stormwater conveyance can be achieved without curbing and there will be almost no pedestrian traffic through the site aside from the business employees
  3. [§56.I(1)] All proposed or required parking and loading areas (not including parking decks) and parallel circulation and service lanes serving any commercial, industrial, institutional or multifamily use shall be separated from any public road right-of-way or adjoining property lines by a landscaped buffer area not less than 15 feet wide.  
The applicant would like to request a waiver from this section to not provide a 15' wide landscaped buffer between the access lane and road right-of-way.  
Justification: The existing circulation of the site is being maintained and the required buffer would not fit between the right-of-way and the two-way access through the site. The applicant will be removing pavement from the 209 right-of-way as required by PennDOT, increasing the vegetated area along the right-of-way from what it is currently.

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4. [§59] A landscape plan meeting the requirements of [§59] shall be prepared for all land Developments, and no land development shall be finally approved until all landscaping has been installed or guaranteed in accord with this ordinance. This section of the ordinance requires that landscaping be installed around all parking lots, stormwater basins, and in buffers between improvements and property lines, among other locations. The applicant would like to request a waiver (or modification) from this section to consider the current wooded boundary and landscaping around the office as meeting this requirement. Justification: The site was previously a single-family home with a maintained lawn/landscaping and wooded at the exterior of the lawn. The applicant is voluntarily providing a legal access to the Mentzer property through the shared easement to address their access issues, which doesn't allow room for landscaping to the west. The applicant is also removing pavement and restoring it to lawn to the east, while also maintaining the existing wooded area between this project and the Graver property.
5. [§83.B(1)(d)] Provide sidewalks along all street frontages. Street trees shall be planted within a tree lawn a minimum of six feet in width, between the edge of the cartway and the sidewalk. The applicant would like to request a waiver from this section to not provide sidewalks and street trees. Justification: This site is not located in an area where pedestrians can safely walk along sidewalks to get somewhere they would need to go. The longitudinal slope of the road and it's one-way direction, minimal width between the 209 right-of-way and neighboring buildings, steep slopes, etc. wouldn't allow for extension in either direction in the future. There is also no room for sidewalks and/or street trees or tree lawn between the right-of-way and access through the site. As mentioned, the applicant will already be removing pavement just to stay out of PennDOT's right-of-way.
5. Motion to approve and have the Operation and Maintenance (O & M) Agreement for the Bobbie Jane Properties Land Development Stormwater Plans notarized. (recommended by Carbon Engineering)
6. Motion to give Bobbie Jane Properties Land Development Plan Final Conditional Approval pending all engineering comments and are completed
7. Motion to approve the request from the Franklin Township Lions' Club for the Franklin Township Fire Police to assist with parking at the Phifer's Ice Dam Park, during the annual Picnic in the Park to be held on Sunday, September 22, 2024. The time their services would be needed are from 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
8. Motion to sign the 2024 CDBG General Application
9. Motion to adopt Resolution 2024- 18 certifying the County of Carbon will administer the CDBG grant and develop a three-year Community Development Plan (CDP) on behalf of Franklin Township to be submitted with the CDBG Grant.
10. Motion to approve and have the Operation and Maintenance (O & M) Agreement for the Pine View Acres Lot #44, (Barton) Stormwater Plans notarized. (recommended by Carbon Engineering)

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11. Motion to approve the requests from the Borough of Lehighton for the Franklin Township Fire Police to assist with traffic control for the following events:
  - September 28, 2024 – 1:00 p.m. – 150th Anniversary for the Lehighton Fire Department
  - October 19, 2024 4:00 p.m. – Halloween Parade
  - October 20, 2024 – 2:00 p.m. – Raindate- Halloween Parade
  - October 26, 2024 – 2:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. – Second Annual Witches Night Market
12. Motion to extend Employee #120's probation period for an additional thirty days, per the recommendation of the interim Road Foreman.
13. Motion to approve Adoption of Agreement No. 2024- 01- PennDot Winter Maintenance Agreement for Five Year Term (2025- 2029)
14. Adoption of Resolution No. 2024-19 – Signature Authorization for Signing of PennDot Winter Maintenance Agreement.
15. Motion to approve the change order to the 2024 Seal Coat Project
16. Motion to schedule a Curative Amendment Hearing
17. Motion to accept the resignation from Robert Correll as a member of the Franklin Township Advisory Recreation and Parks Board
18. Motion to approve the request to have the Franklin Township Fire Police assist with traffic control at the intersection of Rt. 209 & 248 and also the area of Harranty Road, Rt. 209 and the Pa Turnpike. During the 2024 annual bike run for the K9 KOP Project to be held on September 7, 2024.

Citizen Comments/Questions

Questions from the Press

Adjournment