

September 17, 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, Robin Cressley, Leroy Kemmerer Jr. and Secretary 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 –

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 20, 2024 special meeting. (Heere Subdivision /Gerald Drive). Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Having received no additions or corrections from the August 20, 2024 Township Meeting minutes, Robin Cressley made a motion approving the minutes as submitted. Leroy Kemmerer Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary's Report-

Announced change in Garbage Collection for the Columbus Day Holiday:  
Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup> pick-up is changed to Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>

Electronic Recycling Event will be held Saturday, October 19, 2024 (from 9:00 am -11:00 a.m.)  
(THIS EVENT IS FOR FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS ONLY)

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

Zoning Report – Zoning Officer Paul Jarrett submitted his reports from 8/26/24 – 9/13/24.  
Revenue from Zoning Permits: \$710.30. Curative Amendment Hearing: \$1,000.00 Copies on file.

UCC Building Code Official – Building Code Official, Paul Jarrett submitted his reports for 8/26/24-9/13/24. Revenue from Building Permits: \$327.00. Copies on file.

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

Police Reports - Received the police report from Chief Jason Doll from July 21, 2024 – August 17, 2024. Copies are on file.

Road Crew Report: - Report received from (8/18/24-8/31/24) & (9/1/24-9/14/24).

Central Carbon Municipal Authority- None

SEO Report – SEO Scott Bieber submitted his report from 8/7/24-8/31/24.

Leroy Kemmerer Jr. moved to approve all reports as submitted. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Communications:

Received the GASB 68 Report ending on December 31, 2023; Received a letter from DEP that our request to receive a MS4 Waiver was approved. The waiver applies for a 5 year period and expires five years from the date of the letter- (9/12/24); Received an email from Dennis Pearson COG secretary informing us that COG will be giving a \$500.00 donation to each Fire Company including, Franklin Township Kevin Lilly was going to be in attendance to receive the donation on Wednesday, 9/11/24 at 9:15 a.m.; Received a check for the 2023 billing year- end adjustments from CCMA in the amount of \$5,174.66; Received emails from LTAP, PSATS etc.

Citizen Participation:

Mr. Barry was present to give the Public and Board of Supervisors an update to the Christman Ballfield Complex Renovation Project. He is in the process of applying for a Monroe County LSA Grant. There are three phases to this grant:

Phase 1 – A- Accessible Playground in the amount of \$114,488.00

Phase 2 – B – Accessible – T-Ball Field in the amount of \$142,043.00

Phase 3 – C – Accessible – Parking Lot in the amount of \$29,436.00

Mr. Barry stated he is also looking into placing two (2) ADA Bathrooms in the northeast corner & southern corner of the Refreshment Stand

Fred Kemmerer reminded everyone Mr. Barry applied and received a DCED Grant in the amount of \$212,000.00 for Phase 1 of the Christman Ballfield Renovation Project. This phase is intended to have curbing and drainage installed along with building an addition to the concession stand, and a paved handicap parking lot.

Township resident Leon Kamowski and other property owners from Gerald Drive were present to find out when a decision will be made regarding the status of who is to maintain Gerald Drive. They feel they keep getting brushed off. They were expecting a decision by this month's Township Meeting (9/17/24). Chairman Kemmerer stated the Township has put in a lot of effort by having special meetings and having both the township solicitor and engineer review the subdivision plan. Chairman Kemmerer said the Township needs a few more days to complete the decision and agreed to set a meeting date of Wednesday, September 25, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. to present the decision to the residents who live on Gerald Drive.

Gail Maholick was present to ask the supervisors if someone dumps another television off on her property what is the procedure to have television removed. Supervisor Cressley stated she needs to call the police. He said that is illegal dumping and is a violation of our Garbage Ordinance. She continued to complain about her neighbors and their junk cars. They did have them behind a fence but now the fence was knocked down and you can now see all of the junk cars. Gail said she spoke to our zoning officer but nothing has been done and she feels we need to hire someone to take care of the zoning in the township. .

Citizen Participation Cont'd:

James Zettlemoyer township resident attended the township meeting to ask for assistance with the Zoning Officer billing him triple fees for repairing/building a dormer and porch without getting permits. He said it all started when he noticed a man stapling piece of paper (Stop Work Order) on a new beam he was installing. It turned out to be our Zoning Officer Paul Jarrett. Mr. Zettlemoyer admits he did not get a permit to begin his home repairs but as soon as he became aware that he needed permits he came directly into our office and obtained the proper permits he then came to see Mr. Jarrett and was told he will be billed triple for the permits because he failed to get the permits before he started building. He said he is trying to do the right thing and has made every effort to get the proper permits including stopping to work on his home repairs. The question was asked who does the Zoning Officer report to? The answer was the Board of Supervisors. Atty. Nanovic suggested the Supervisors meet with Paul Jarrett, look at the Ordinance regarding "After the Fact" permits, and how he calculated the fine amount.

Joseph and Mary Pachorkowsky were in attendance to share their concerns about a township employee during the payment of their delinquent sewer & garbage invoices. They filed a written complaint and wanted to know what the process is when filing a complaint. Mrs. Pachorkowsky said as a taxpayer she was concerned that her payment was not properly applied to her account and when confronted she felt the employee did not handle the situation rationally. People should be treated with respect. Chairman Kemmerer explained that personnel matters are discussed in private and the matter will be looked into.

Unfinished Business-

Discussion was held regarding the hiring of a Code Enforcement Officer and hiring of additional police officers. Supervisor Cressley said he felt we cannot decide on hiring anyone until we begin preparing the 2025 budget. Leon Kamowski asked what the requirements are to become a Code Enforcement Officer. Chairman Kemmerer reminded township residents the preparation of the 2025 budget will start at the beginning of November. Kemmerer said everyone is invited to attend to hear and ask questions about the budget items. This is the time items like the hiring of a Code Enforcement Officer are brought up.

New Business –

Supervisor Fred Kemmerer Jr., Chief Administrative Officer of the Franklin Township Police Pension Plan, presented the Plan's Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the year of 2025 as \$65,383.36. Robin Cressley made a motion to accept the 2025 MMO for the Franklin Township Police Pension Plan as presented. Leroy Kemmerer Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Fred Kemmerer Jr., Chief Administrative Officer of the Franklin Township Non-Uniformed Pension Plan, presented the Plan's Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the year 2025 as \$87,398.00. Robin Cressley made a motion to accept the 2025 MMO for the Franklin Township Non-Uniformed Pension Plan as presented. Leroy Kemmerer Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business Cont'd-

Robin Cressley made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-20 requesting a Local Share Account (LSA) Grant from the Commonwealth Financing Authority for \$114,488.00 on behalf of the Franklin Township Athletic Association to be used for the Franklin Township “Christman Field Renovation Plan Phase 2, Project A- Accessible Playground.” and also approving the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors and the Township Secretary to execute all documents and agreements. Leroy Kemmerer Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-21 Requesting a Local Share Account (LSA) Grant from the Commonwealth Financing Authority for 142,043.00 on behalf of the Franklin Township Athletic Association to be used for the Franklin Township “Christman Field Renovation Plan Phase 2, Project B- Accessible T-Ball Field.” and also approving the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors and the Township Secretary to execute all documents and agreements. Leroy Kemmerer Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-22 Requesting a Local Share Account (LSA) Grant from the Commonwealth Financing Authority for \$29,436.00 on behalf of the Franklin Township Athletic Association to be used for the Franklin Township “Christman Field Renovation Plan Phase 2, Project C- Accessible Parking Lot.” and also approving the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors and the Township Secretary to execute all documents and agreements. Leroy Kemmerer Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve the request from the Franklin Township’s Fire Chief to participate in the following events:

Lehighon Fire Department’s 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Parade on September 28, 2024.

Lehighon Halloween Parade – October 19<sup>th</sup>, rain date October 20<sup>th</sup>.

Carbon County Veteran’s Day Parade in Lansford – November 10, 2024, rain date November 17<sup>th</sup>

Leroy Kemmerer Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens Questions/Comments

Questions from the Press - None

Robin Cressley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:45 p.m. Leroy Kemmerer Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session was held from approximately 8:00 p.m. to 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Cressley- Secretary

**ATTENDANCE RECORD**  
**Franklin Township Board of Supervisors**  
**September 17, 2024**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
1. <u>Drew Snowberger</u>	<u>JW 13</u>
2. <u>James Zuttleroyd</u>	<u>380 Malibu Dr</u>
3. <u>Holly Lang</u>	<u>1022 Forest</u>
4. <u>Lynn Diehl</u>	<u>463 Indian Hill Rd.</u>
5. <u>Joe / MARY Pacharkowsky</u>	<u>1149 Main Rd. Lehighton PA</u>
6. <u>Leon + Beth Kinnard</u>	<u>230 Gerald Dr Lehighton PA.</u>
7. <u>Jay Barry</u>	<u>932 hark st, Lehighton</u>
8. <u>Larry Williams</u>	<u>Long Run Rd.</u>
9. <u>PHIL SCHEIRER</u>	<u>260 GERALD DR</u>
10. <u>MINDY SCHEIRER</u>	<u>260 GERALD DR</u>
11. <u>Gail Maholick</u>	<u>576 Main Rd Lehighton</u>
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