

April 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 Jr.; Secretary-Treasurer Brenda Cressley; A list of others in attendance at the meeting 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.

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2024 Township Meeting. Fred Kemmerer Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Fred Kemmerer Jr. made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2024 Public Meeting Heere Subdivision. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report –

REMINDER: The Stocked pond located at the Phifer's Ice Dam Park will be closed to anyone older than fifteen years beginning May 3, 2024 at 12:00 a.m. and remain closed until June 1, 2024 at 12:00 a.m.

Lions Fishing Contest- May 4, 2024

National Federation of Turkey – May 5, 2024

Pohopoco Rod & Gun Club – May 11, 2024

Beaver Run Rod & Gun Club – May 18, 2024

The Recreation Advisory and Parks Board met on April 2, 2024.

Supervisors met with Ron Bittner from Girard Pension Services on April 15, 2024. Mr. Bittner reviewed the 2023 annual report regarding the police pension plan services.

Treasurer's Report – Robin Cressley moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and was seconded by Leroy Kemmerer. Motion carried unanimously.

Zoning Report - Zoning Officer Paul Jarrett submitted his report from 3/18/24 - 4/8/24. Revenue from Zoning Permits: \$681.40. Variance Application fee - \$0.00

UCC Building Code Official – Received report from Paul Jarrett, Building Code Officer from 3/18/23 to 4/8/24. Administrative fees turned in with report: \$268.00.

Fire Chief's Report – Fire Chief Lynn Diehl submitted the March, 2024 reports from the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company, as well as for the Fire Police. Copies are on file.

Police Report – Chief of Police Jason Doll submitted the Police reports from 3/3/24- 3/30/24. Copy is on file.

Road Crew Report- Time sheets were submitted showing the worked performed by the Road Crew. (3/3/24-3/16/24, 3/17/23-3/30/24).

Reports Cont'd-

Central Carbon Municipal Authority – Minutes from the March 18, 2024 meeting was submitted by Fred Kemmerer, Franklin Township's Representative to CCMA. Copy on file. Fred stated that CCMA is definitely going to “attack” the I & I problem. They want each municipality to check sump pumps and grease traps in the near future.

SEO Report-

Scott Bieber submitted his SEO Report from 12/1/23-3/31/24. Copy is on file.

All reports were approved unanimously.

Communications –

Received the 1st quarter reports from Nationwide including the aggregate report for the period: 1/1/2024- 3/31/2024 - Can be found in the Supervisors meeting packet; Received the 2023 Municipal Annual Audit and Financial Report- there were no findings; PPL Electric Utilities sent a certified mailing regarding rebuilding double circuit transmission lines in Palmerton, Carbon County and all neighboring properties must be sent by certified mail the work will be completed; Rep Susan Wild sent us a response to our request for the FY25 Community Project, the funding for the ballfield is not eligible for this grant, she gave us other avenues to look into; Jason Shellhammer from the Carbon County GIS Office invited Franklin Township to support the Carbon County Chronicle : Historical Image Catalogue; if anyone is interested in participating please call him at 484-464-1253 or email him at jshellhammer@carboncounty.net; EMAILS-Newsletters: COSTARS, DEP, PSATS, LTAP, and NEPA

Citizen Participation – None

Old Business- None

New Business -

Robin Cressley moved to advertise and receive bids on the following items, with bids to be opened at the May 21, 2024 Township Meeting. Fred Kemmerer Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Seal Coating on various roads within Franklin Twp. - SY Single Bituminous Seal Coat.
2. Superpave 9.5 mm, Wearing Course, 0.0 to 0.03 million ESAL's SRL-L - FOB Plant and FOB Delivered to Township Paver
3. Superpave 9.5 mm, Wearing Course any ESAL, SRL-ANY FOB Plant and FOB Delivered to Township Paver
4. Superpave 19.0 mm, Wearing Course FOB Plant and FOB delivered to Township Paver
5. AASHTO#1 - FOB Plant and FOB Delivered to the Township
6. PennDot Anti-Skid AS-2, AS-3, or AS-4, FOB Plant and FOB Delivered to Township Garage
7. AASHTO #57 with 1% Wash, FOB Plant and FOB Delivered to Township Garage
8. 2A Aggregate, FOB Plant and FOB Delivered as directed to the Township Garage or Alternate Site

New Business Cont'd-

9. AASHTO #8 with 2% Wash, FOB Plant and FOB Delivered as directed to the Township Garage or Alternate Site.

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve the bid for the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company's Bid for Parking Lot Improvements to Bruce George Paving & Excavating Inc. in the amount of \$209,743.95. Livengood was \$230,282.65. Bid award opening was held on April 9, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. at the Franklin Township Administration Building. Leroy Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to send a letter of support for the Wildlands Conservancy DCNR "s grant application to secure funding to support land preservation in the Upper Lehigh Watershed work in Carbon County. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Fred Kemmerer made a motion to include the approval for the use of the second pond at the Phifer's Ice Dam for the Pohopoco Rod and Gun Club's Fishing event to be held on Saturday, May 11, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Fred Kemmerer made a motion to approve the letter of request for a 90-day extension to give additional time needed to address the conditional approval items needed for the David & Irene Williams Lot Line Revision Subdivision. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Fred Kemmerer made a motion approving two Road Crew employees to attend a free two day Dirt & Gravel Low Volume Road Training retroactive to April 2nd & 3rd. Robin Cressley seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve the Franklin Township Road Crew to attend the MS4 training for municipal administrators and laborers on Tuesday, April 23, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Leighton Borough Office. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion, Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve three road crew employees to attend a Pennsylvania One Call Safety Day Conference in Wilkes- Barre on May 16, 2024 from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Fred Kemmerer made a motion to appoint the Project Manager for the DCED Grant for the Christman Ballfield to be Joseph Zutcofski from Carbon Engineering. Leroy Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business Cont'd-

Fred Kemmerer made a motion to have Attorney Nanovic do an addendum/update to Ordinance 2010-02 to include no vaping or use of E-cigarettes etc. in all of Franklin Township's Parks. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to hire the Law Firm of Elliot, Greenleaf, and Dean as labor counsel to assist with the negotiation of the Teamsters Collective Bargaining Agreement for the Road Crew and the Police Department and any related matters. Leroy Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Fred noted the hourly rate will be the same.

Fred Kemmerer made a motion to approve signing of the MS4 Waiver Application. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Questions from Citizens: None

Questions from the Press: None

Robin Cressley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda Cressley, Secretary