

October 15, 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, and Secretary Brenda Cressley. Leroy Kemmerer was absent. A list of others in attendance is attached to the Minute Book. Chairman, Fred 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 from the September 17, 2024 Township Meeting minutes, Robin Cressley made a motion approving the minutes as submitted. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 25, 2024 - Township Special Meeting Heere Subdivision. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fred Kemmerer made a motion to table the approval of the October 1, 2024 –Solar Farm Ordinance/ Curative Amendment Workshop. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report-

Electronic Recycling Event will be held Sat., October 19, 2024, 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

(FOR FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS ONLY)

Second Public Virtual Hearing 2024 RE: Use of Community Development Block

Grant Funds for the Funding Year 2024 (Conducted by Jennifer Hunsicker, Carbon County Office of Planning & Development) was held on October 1, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.- 44 Susquehanna Street 1st Floor conference room.

Change in Garbage Collection Pick-Up for Veteran's Day:

Monday, November 11th Pick-Up is changed to Tuesday, November 12th

Reminder Trick or Treat night is on Thursday, October 31, 2024 from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

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 report from 9/17/24- 10/7/24.

Revenue from Zoning Permits: \$1,293.60; Variance application fees - \$1,000.00. Copies are on file.

UCC Building Code Official - Received report from Paul Jarrett, Building Code Officer from 9/17/24-10/7/24. Administrative fees turned in with report: \$581.50. Copies are on file.

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

Police Report- Received the police report from 8/18/24-9/14/24

Road Foreman Report- Time sheets were provided - (9/15/24-9/28/24), (9/29/24-10/12/24)

Central Carbon Municipal Authority – None reported

SEO Reports: Report received from SEO Scott Bieber from 9/1/24-10/1/24

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve all reports as submitted. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Communications –

Received the allocated State Aid Money in the amount of \$100,664.88 (2023- \$93,246.21- \$7,418.67 more this year) which helps to defray the costs of the Police Pension and Non-Uniformed Pension Plan. Portion of the State Aid was used to help pay \$69,991.00 for the Non-Uniformed Pension Plan (6 members) and \$63,426.00 for the Police Pension Plan (5 members) for the year of 2024; Received the Commonwealth's 2023 state aid check from the Volunteer Fire Relief Association in the amount of \$26,381.91 (2023- \$26,026.87): difference of \$355.04 more to aid the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company; Received notification of our estimated Liquid Fuels allocation for 2025 in the amount of \$220,509.01. This estimate is approximately \$4,431.80 less than what was received in 2024; 2024 -Signed Act 44 Disclosure form from Nationwide/Girard Pension Services regarding the police pension from Ronald Bittner; We received the 2024 the 3rd Quarter Aggregate Report for the period of 7/1/24 thru 9/30/24 from Nationwide/Girard Pension Service; The annual PURTA (Public Utility Realty Tax) check for the year 2024- (\$1,505.09)

Citizen Participation: - None

Unfinished Business- None

New Business-

Fred Kemmerer made a motion to discuss the adoption of Resolution 2024- 23 declaring the Franklin Township Zoning Ordinance of 1972 as amended invalid and proposing to prepare a curative amendment to overcome the invalidity. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Atty. Nanovic explained the purpose of this Resolution would prevent other applicants from challenging the current Zoning Ordinance because it doesn't allow solar farms while the board works on the curative amendment procedure. Fred Kemmerer made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024- 23. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New Business-

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve hiring one new road & garbage crew employee with a start date of October 15, 2024. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Robin Cressley made a motion to advertise for RFP - Zoning & BOCA Code Officer. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fred Kemmerer made a motion approving to have Marvin Barry apply for State LSA Grants regarding additional improvements to the Christman Ballfield including a septic system design to enable the construction of two ADA Bathrooms at the northeast corner and the southern corner. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve the request from Palmerton Borough to have the Franklin Township Fire Police assist with traffic control on Sunday, October 20, 2024 for Palmerton's Halloween Parade. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

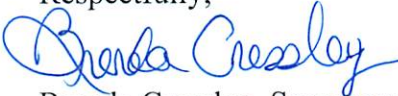
Robin Cressley made a motion to approve the request from Palmerton Borough to have the Franklin Township Fire Police assist with traffic control on Thursday, November 28, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. for the Turkey Trot 5K Race. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Robin Cressley made a motion to hold Trick or Treat night on Thursday, October 31, 2024 from 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comments/Questions: None

Questions from the Press - None

Robin Cressley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:50 p.m. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully,

Brenda Cressley, Secretary