

April 3, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Foster Township Supervisors was held at the Municipal Building.

Members present: Chairman John Barrett, Vice Chairman Gene Maley, Roadmaster John Carr via telecommunication, Janet Mitchell Secretary, Solicitor Ed Brennan, Engineer Josh Howard.

A copy of the minutes was given to the Supervisors there were no corrections or additions the minutes stand approved.

A copy of the bills was given to the Supervisors, motion to pay the bills by Maley second by Carr.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None received.

ENGINEER REPORT

DCNR GRANT>>>>A kickoff meeting with DCNR was held on 2/14/24 with the township to set up the initial scoping. The Township sent out surveys and were due on March 20, 2024. The Next steps are for the Township to define the scope of work that they would like complete through the grant and Benesch will prepare the proposal.

PA Statewide Local Share Account Grant>>>>Representatives reached out with questions regarding both grants and were answered. The Grants are currently under review and are anticipated to be awarded in September of 2024.

SALDO, Zoning, and Stormwater Ordinances Updates>>>.Draft copies of the SALDO have been provided to the Township, Solicitor, and Planning Commission. The Ordinances will need to be advertised and a public hearing Scheduled. Official Advertisement will follow, and public comment can be scheduled.

A stand-Alone timber ordinance, based on the Penn State Model Ordinance is being developed by Solicitor Brennan.

Ryan Development>>>> the HOP application has been withdrawn for this project.

SEDCO Lot 12>>>>No Update on this project.

CES Landfill Biogas>>> Working with the applicant and Schuylkill Conservation District to schedule a stormwater/site construction inspection of the site in accordance with the Land Development Plans.

Langen Warehouse Development>>>>No update on this project.

CRG Reading Anthracite Company>>>>the Engineers for the CRG Reading Anthracite have been in discussion with the township Engineer and Solicitor to discuss the comments that were provided on November 14, 2023. They Are working to address the comments and issues and have requested an extension till July with further extensions possible.

Reading Anthracite Solar Development- Conditional Use Hearing>>> No update on this project.

Foster Redevelopment Authority>>> Assisting the Redevelopment Authority with the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) Greenway's Trails and Recreation Grant Application that is Due on May 31st. The Grant requires a 15% match of the total project.

Grant Opportunities>>> The 2024 DCNR Grant applications are now closed and were due April 3, 2024. Benesch has prepared and submitted the DCNR Grant on behalf of the Township.

Action Items>>> 1. Solicitor Brennan to Officially Advertise the SALDO, Stormwater, and Timber Ordinances.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Discussion on time-line for Zoning.

Discussion on Timber ordinance.

Update on LERTA, CES public hearing needed.

Discussion on Grant for RDA- Mansion property. Maley question Halupa on their back-up plan if they do not get the Grant. Maley suggests a letter to be sent out to the residents for their input on the township contribution to the grant. Halupa agrees a survey will be distributed.

ROADMASTER REPORT

Brakes repaired on Garbage Truck.

Backhoe repaired.

4 ton of Infield mix was spread on ballfield.

Post places for camera on Valley Road.

Discussion on tree cutting prices. Trees also need to be cut behind the backstop. Halupa reports an oak tree by the Mansion needs to be cut also.

POLICE REPORT

1. Discussion on LPR System.
2. Police training held for 3 days.
3. Persons coming into Foster, Barry, and Cass township dumping Garbage. Call police if you witness this.
4. ATV Complaints still running Up/Down Roadways at all hours of night. Reports of crash in Cass township at 2:00 a.m. causing disruption with Verizon customers.
5. Friendly Neighborhood bears will be back do not feed them
6. Please report any suspicious vehicles to Police.

NEW BUSINESS

Maley hold discussion on purchase of a Leaf Vacuum to Utilize the \$30,000.00 budgeted. Barrett suggests doing a survey to see how many residents would need the use of the leaf vacuum. Maley will do the survey.

OLD BUSINESS

PUBLIC Q&A SESSION

None received.

Motion to adjourn by Carr second by Maley.

ATTEST: Janet Mitchell

Secretary

Foster Township