

September 4, 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, John Carr Via phone, Secretary Janet Mitchell, Solicitor Ed Brennan, Engineering Josh Howard.

A copy of the meeting minutes was given to Supervisors if there 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 Barrett.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None received.

ENGINEER REPORT

DCNR GRANT>>>>Benesch is in the beginning stages of the design phase of the playground project and will keep the township informed once significant progress has been made on the project.

PA Statewide Local Share Grant>>>>the grants are currently under review and are anticipated to be awarded in September 2024.

SALDO ZONING and stormwater Ordinance Updates>>>>>Solicitor Brennan is working through advertising and scheduling the public hearing as requires for the SALDO.

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

SEDCO LOT 12>>> No update on this project.

CES Landfill Biogas>>>>No update on this project.

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

CRG Reading Anthracite Company>>>>The Engineers for the CRG Reading have been ion 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 November with further extension possible.

Glendower Solar Develop0ment... Reading Anthracite>>>.The engineers for Glendower Solar Development are working to address the comments and issues and will request an extension till November.

Sanik Solar-Airport Road>>> The Engineers for the Sanik Solar Development are working to address the comments and issues.

Grant Opportunities>>>> The DCNR grants are currently under review and are anticipated to be awarded later this year.

Action items>>. The township should decide if they would like to apply for a PA Statewide Local Share Account Grant. Applications for the Grant are due on November 30th, 2024.

Mr. Maley questions on road surfacing in the Township Howard reports- 2016 was the last project. A Road Inspection will be set-up.

SOLICITORS REPORT

1. Brennan hold a discussion on the Dower property and tax sale. Motion to authorize Brennan to bidding on the property subject to the appraisal September 20, 2024 deadline by Barrett second by Maley.
2. Updates on extensions for CRG and Solar projects.
3. Update on Wire-televew- purchased by Zito Media not interested in Foster Township, No response on Wire=televew Fire Insurance to date.

Mr. Maley questions Reading Anthracite Assessment Appeal Hearing. Mr. Brennan explains the appeal process all properties in the 901 Pub areas.

ROAD MASTER REPORT

John Carr report read by Chairman Barrett:

1. Storm Drain behind Fire House and Glendower needed to be cleaned
2. Did building Maintenance
3. Disassembled Fountain put in new base pad and reassembled new pump added.
4. Equipment Maintenance completed.
5. Grounds maintained
6. Starting to clean around all manhole lids, painting of tops.

POLICE REPORT

1. Nettles updates various Police departments held a DUI Check point along SR 901. FOSTER PD was the host station. Reports on arrests made that night.
2. Updates on Police training – Foster PD will be attending a one-day ADDICTION/ Trauma class by grant from Dept of Health.
3. Update on dumping: Foster Twp is targeted for depositing trash etc. contact the police Dept if you have information.
4. Caution: that time of year, deer will be moving about.

NW BUSINESS

1. Mr. Barret reports deposits made in New CD" s for better rates, Thanks Mr. Maley for his help with researching the new rates.
2. Barret reports on CRIZ revitalization Grant & improvements. Multiple Municipalities would need to apply due to the population of 7,000 population needed to apply. He will follow-up on this opportunity.
3. Mr. Barret holds a discussion on the cost of sewer in the township, reports of delinquent customers, suggests made to water shut-off as was done in the past to bring delinquent customers up to date. Motion to give Mr. Brennan the delinquent customer invoice for water shutoff with Blythe Township.

Old BUSINESS

Fall Clean-up October 12, 2024.

Report given by Mr. Nick Hazlett property complaint will be posted tonight.

PUBLIC COMMENT

A discussion was held by Rob Sterling addressing the Master site plan on Mr. Maley's previous question on the lots to be subdivided in the area of the master-site plan.

Cathy Bosack questions if ATV signs were ordered. Nettles approached Reading Anthracite for signs.

Joe Zula questions on infiltration water for pumping fees at SCMA adding cost to sewer expense. Mr. Barrett reports dye tests would need to be done.

Jeff Lewis questions Mr. Brennan at the progress of the disorderly House Ordinance. Mr. Brennan is reviewing other Municipal Ordinances.

The Board goes into Executive session; the meeting reconvenes at 8:00 p.m. Motion to adjourn by Maley second by Barrett.

Attest: Janet Mitchell

Secretary
Foster Township