

December 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, Secretary Janet Mitchell, Solicitor Edward Brennan. Engineer Josh Howard.

A copy of the minutes was given to Supervisors Motion by Maley to change word to conditional approval for Reading Solar Development. The Minutes will then stand approved.

A copy of the bills was given to Supervisors Motion to pay the bills by Maley second by Barrett.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None received.

ENGINEER REPORT

PA Statewide Local Share Account Grant>>>>The Township has been awarded two grants from pa Statewide LSA Grant. Benesch is currently waiting the paperwork to get pushed through so we can begin the work on each project.

SALDO, and Stormwater Ordinance update>>> Solicitor Brennan is working through advertising and scheduling the public hearing as required for the SALDO.

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

Glendower Solar Development >>>> Conditional Approval was granted. Waiting on the developer to meet all the conditions prior to plans being signed.

Sanik Solar Airport Road>>> The Engineers from the Sanik Solar Development are working to address the comments issued.

Playground Project>>>>Benesch is in the beginning stages of the design phase of the Playground project and will keep the Township informed once the significant progress has been made on the development of the project.

Grant Opportunities>>>>The township has been awarded \$70,000.00 for a new Pickleball court in the township through the DCNR small Community Funding Grant.

ROAD MASTER REPORT

1. Clean up of fall leaves.
2. Winterize outside bathroom.
3. Put markers on manhole covers. Cleaned manholes.
4. Painted stop on some intersection where needed.
5. Did Equipment maintenance work.
6. Building maintenance also put up Xmas lights.
7. Winter road maintenance.

SOLICITOR REPORT

The solicitor requests the Board to go into executive session. Started at 6:37P.M. Executive session ends at 6:45 p.m.

Discuss on Krasnitsky Fence. Line of sight easement. Reviewed by Mr. Barrett a sketch was received. Mr. Krasnitsky contractor sent an estimate in a 50- 50 split was advised. Mr. Krasnitsky agrees to the split Motion to settle the appeal to the Zoning Hearing board concerning the Krasnitsky fence by entering into a written settlement agreement which includes all necessary paperwork to grant a sightline easement for the intersection at Community Square Road and Upper Beechwood Ave. Foster agrees to pay the amount of \$440.00 in exchange for the driveway easement to be prepared by Counsel and reviewed by counsel for Krasnitsky by Barrett second Maley.

Halupa on Mumma Appeal Solicitor Brennan states was not filed yet. It is passed will reach out to mammas in January.

Mr. Maley questions Haney and Hosmer property Brennan states waiting on Cailyn Curran. Discussion on Driveway permits. Brennan to check on file of these properties.

Maley questions Larry Moore RTK on stormwater Ordinance.

POLICE REPORT

ATV REPORT persons ATVs at all hours of night.

Hunting season: Be aware of the woods are full of hunters and some hunting to close to homes. Complaints- call the pole 570-544-2002.

Traffic Accidents: Sr 901 has become an accident-prone area with speeding and distracted drivers, PSP has issued over 40 traffic violations in the last two months.

Police Body Cameras: The police now have Body cameras and are in use. Prior to using the cameras, police had 4 hours of training and reviewed policy.

Other police training: Track and E trace on firearms. Internet- based firearms tracing and analysis training through ATF.

Protection of animals in cold weather. If you are cold so is your dog or cat. Provide the proper shelter.

Cold weather when using space heaters, keep away from curtains and Christmas trees.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

2025 Budget is on view from Dec 1, 2024-December 20, 2024, meeting to adopt the budget is December 23, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m.

Barret makes motion to provide semi- annual donation to Minersville Fire rescue of \$7,380.00. Maley states he will not approve the motion till the first check is cashed. Contact has been made to Mr. Obrien with no update on cashing the check. Motion for the second semiannual donation dies.

Reorganization mee4ting will be held January 6, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m.

PUBLIUC COMMENT

Halupa holds a discussion on bike trails by mansion property by Reading Anthracite. Mr. Brennan will contact Gretchen Sterns legal counsel for Reading. Discussion continues on the zoning in the area.

Maley goes over the amusement tax again with Mr. Brennan. Brennan states it had to be adopted before 1988.

Elaina Antonelli questions the Noise Ordinance problems with noise from Neighbor. Nettles asks for a call to police when not on duty call 911 center message can be left for police coming on duty.

Discussion on Foster Police covering the Cass side of Highridge, Nettles reports Cass Twp not currently hiring a police force, Brennan will follow up with Cass Solicitor for the new year.

Motion to adjourn by Barrett second Maley.

ATTEST:

Janet Mitchell

Secretary

Foster Township