

February 5, 2025

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

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

A copy of the previous meeting minutes was given to Supervisors if there are no correction 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 Halupa.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

None received.

#### ENGINEER REPORT

PA Statewide Local Share Account Grant>>>>The township has been awarded two grants from PA for the work.

SALDO Zoning and Stormwater Ordinance Update>>> No update on this report.

SEDCO Lot 12 No update on this project.

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

CRG Reading Anthracite Co. >>>>No update on this project.

Glendower Solar Development (Reading Anthracite). Conditional Approval was granted. Waiting on the developers to meet all the conditions prior to plans being signed and recorder.

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

Playground Project>>>> No update on this project.

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Grant Opportunities>>>>The 2025 DCNR Grant applications are open and due April 2, 2025 at 4:00 P.M. The RDA would like to submit a using portion of the LSA Grant. The township should adopt the Attached resolution and commitment letter as part of the requirement for the DCNR Grant.

Josh Howard reviews the match for the Grants. A discussion was held on the Anthracite Memorial Park.

Mr. Maley questions the LSA grant would like a copy of it Josh will send it to him.

Halupa holds a discussion on upgrades to Veronica Pump Station. Martins Electric provided an estimate between \$65,000.00 to \$70,000. Motion to authorize Martins Electric to provide proposal thru Costars Program, By Halupa second by Maley.

Action Items: Motion to sign the Chapter 94 Plan to submit to PADEP and SCMA By Maley second Halupa all in favor.

Motion to Adopt the DCNR Resolution and Commitment letter By Halupa second Barrett. A discussion was held on the, Anthracite Memorial Park

#### SOLICITOR REPORT

Gene Maley question the Amusement Tax Ordinance in Minersville, Brennan again explains the timeline that had to be met to have the Ordinance on file. It will be challenged in Court as he found out with Cass Twp ordinance.

Solicitor Brennan to get with Benesh on the revised SALDo, Stormwater and Timber ordinances.

#### ROADMASTER REPORT

1. Winter road maintenance as needed.
2. Pump station maintenance as needed.
3. Servicing equipment as needed. Pressure wash equipment from snow & ice removal.
4. Service equipment where needed. Install new skid plate on plow.
5. Installed plow on 2019 F250 never installed since purchase.
6. Had decorative lights repaired by west end electrical. Some needed bulbs some ballast.
7. Moved old salt around to break-up and received new load of salt.

Joe Zula questions why he and Chernosky were not reappointed to plow this year. What is the back-up plan.

#### POLICE REPORT

1. Winter driving: Keep gas in your vehicle ETC- winter clothes in vehicle when traveling.  
If you get stuck in an area and cell phone battery is low: Remove your greeting add new greeting give name and location, they will hear your message.
2. Scams: Many various scams are taking advantage of people. Receive a package with no return, DO Not scan the label scammers will have all your phone information.
3. Snow Plowing: Please do not push your snow on the street after the plow goes by. If you have any concerns About snow plowing, contact a supervisor.

#### OLD BUSINESS

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion to authorize the chairman to contact PSATS to develop a retirement Plan for eligible present and future Employees. Motion by Maley second Halupa all in favor.
2. Motion to Authorize the chairman in consultation with other supervisors to formulate a letter to residents concerning the financial future of the sewer fund Motion Halupa second Barrett. A discussion was held by Barrett on the future of the Sewer fund, a discussion was also held on the PA Small Water and Sewer Grant for repairs to the Valley Pump.

3. Motion to Authorize the chairman to contact Cass Township Supervisors and rescind Foster Township offer to provide Police coverage in Highridge section of Cass Township, by Halupa second by Maley.
4. Request the Municipal Authority meet no later than March to determine a method of sale for the former Haney property. Motion Maley second Halupa all in favor.
5. Request the solicitor to develop a workable timeline for implementation of the revised SALDO, Stormwater and timber ordinance, Motion Halupa second Maley all in favor.
6. Request the solicitor to Solidify the process to transfer the former Hosmer property deed from foster township to the Municipal authority for potential spring 2025 sale. Motion Halupa second Maley.
7. Motion to prepare an employee handbook, as request of workers compensation By Halupa second Maley.
8. Appointments to Boards: Planning Commission Ross Sterling Motion Halupa second Maley all in favor.  
Blighted Property Committee – William Kline Motion Maley second Halupa all in favor.  
Municipal Authority \_ - Dave Davenport Motion Maley second Halupa all in favor.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT Q& A

Joe Zula hold discussion on the Landfill revenue and the sewer fund.

Joe Zula also requests a different system of posting of meetings on the municipal door Mr. Barrett explains meetings are held as need for committees as stated on the information handout given to all residents and they are not decided till 24 hours before and sometimes cannot be posted to the web that quickly have always been posted on the door as long as these township committees have been organized that system has worked to be posted on the door.

Joe Zula question on the Haney property for sale who should be contacted Mr. Barrett states the realtor will be posted contact made with the realtor.

Corey Conville asks if decision was made to give more money to Minersville Fire Rescue, Mr. Barrett states Minersville gives the same amount to the Fire Company and the Board has not made a decision on extra funding.

Corey Conville again asks Mr. Brennan re: keys to Curran Property.

Motion to adjourn by Halupa second by Maley.

Attest: Janet Mitchell

Secretary

Foster Township

February 12, 2025

Foster Township Municipal Authority held a meeting to discuss a realtor for the sale of the Haney property.

Members present: John Barrett, William Kline, David Davenport.

John Barret reports the Supervisors decided that a realtor would be the best option for the sale of the Haney property.

Motion to authorize the Chairman or Vice Chairman to sign a listing agreement with Holden Realty for the parcel commonly known as the Haney lot, by Kline second by Barrett all in favor.

Motion to authorize Holden Realty to recommend an asking price for the Haney Lot, By Kline second by Davenport all in favor.

Solicitor Brennan will contact Holden.

A discussion was held on the dollar amount incurred to purchase the Haney property.

Motion to adjourn By Kline second by Davenport.

Attest: Janetr Mitchell

Secretary

Foster Township

February 25, 2025

Foster Township Redevelopment Authority held a meeting for a discussion of the design of the Anthracite Memorial Park.

Members present: Lewis, Hossler, Halupa Oakill and Rob Sterling

All members participated in the ideas for the Anthracite memorial Park.

Lewis made a suggestion for bricks in the walkway to have family members names on the bricks for the walkway.

No Update was given on Wire-teleview.

Halupa updates that since Solicitor Brennan has to testify at the Mumma Hearing we need to hire a separate attorney, motion to hire Stanley Burke for the hearing By Oakill second Hossler all in favor.

Motion to adjourn by Hossler second by Oakill.

Attest:

Janet Mitchell

Secretary

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Redevelopment Authority