

Foster Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
Minutes
May 8, 2019
6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Call To Order The Regular Monthly Meeting, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to The Flag and a Moment of Silence.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Eckrote-Jones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Mr. Spock	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Mr. Brogan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent

READING OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING

- Motion to *dispense* with Reading of the Minutes due to availability to public.
- Motion to *read* Minutes.

Motion By:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ms. Eckrote-Jones	Second By:	<input type="checkbox"/> Ms. Eckrote-Jones
	<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Spock		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Spock
	<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Brogan		<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Brogan

Roll Call:	Ms. Eckrote-Jones	Mr. Spock	Mr. Brogan
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain

READING OF TREASURER'S REPORT *not available at time of meeting*
READING OF LIST OF BILLS

- Motion to *dispense* with Reading of the List of Bills due to availability to public.
- Motion to *read* List of Bills.

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APPROVE FOR PAYMENT

- Motion to *Approve* Bills for Payment with addition of Thomas Enterprises for \$55 and Covered Wagon for \$108.74
- Motion to *Disapprove* Bills for Payment.

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BUSINESS:

Parking Issues on N. Lehigh Gorge Rd – Mike stated that a property owner is still parking between the signs. Attny Karpowich said that the State Police must be called.

Engineers Report – Mary Peters reported that an SSO was sent to DEP from the Hickory Hills PS, of which all the supervisors were copied on via email. She stated that she has never had one come back. She stated that she will be working on the need surveys in the Crescent Road area, once the weather cooperates. Tim Holden stated that the PennDot

permit for the sewer extension has not yet been issued, therefore Attny Karpowich suggested that the twp hold off on bidding the project out. Attny Karpowich stated that they need to work on the remaining \$250K that is due from PennVest, and they still want to do an inspection that they are not entitled to. Mary stated that she had just talked to Scott from DEP and he stated that there are 3 change orders that he plans to have done by the end of the month, then he needs to see something in writing that the punch list was taken care of. He and Rebecca from PennVest are requesting a physical walk through as well. Attny Karpowich stated that there needs to be ground rules set, and the punch list was taken care of, but the contractor needs to sign a letter stating so.

Sewer Report – Mike reported that there was an inspection done at the Wyoming Ave PS and there are fan motors and lights needed in the dry well. The total cost will be around \$1,200 and that is the total cost but Foster will only be responsible for 37% of it. There are no bids required for this.

Solicitors Report – Attny Karpowich reported that he researched the ball/balloon in the sewer line for delinquents. He spoke with someone in Daulphin County and they have done this before and it is permissible by DEP. The cost is between \$850-\$3500, which is put back on the customer. Mike made the motion to amend the ordinance to allow this in the areas with well water. Georgiann seconds the motion. Roll Call was Yes by all. He announced that the “slice of life” decision was made, and he would like a motion to relist our amendment for argument with Judge Burke. He said the decision only strengthens the twps’s case. He stated that he is also working on the easements for the 940 extension.

Zoning Report – Georgiann gave Keith’s report: 5 building, 5 zoning and 2 stormwater permits were issued. He is awaiting hearing dates on 2 properties and additional violation letters were sent out.

CORRESPONDENCES:

Georgiann stated that she received two letters of interest for the ZHB vacancy. One from Valarie Capozzelli and the other from Bonnie Manherz. She asked if the ZHB would like to interview them, the ZHB members present stated that they would like to interview each of them.

Georgiann also stated that she received a letter from Rails to Trails requesting a letter of support for their phase III of the project. Residents from Hazlebrook were in attendance and they asked if the board refrain from doing so, because there is still no clear route through Hazlebrook. The board agreed to hold off on a letter of support and will ask if we can see a final plan.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Donna Fairchild stated that she was fishing at the lake and found needles floating. She called the twp and the secretary told her to call the state police. She did and they told her to pick them up and throw them away. She stated that she was not comfortable doing that. She would like to ask Mike if there is anything the fire company can do to help in this situation. He stated that it would be best for her to call the local ambulance company because they are more equipped for this type of situation. She would also like to know if anything has come of the \$25 charge for State Police coverage. Nothing has been pursued to date.

Alice Lachewitz from Hickory Hills would like to know how they can get stuff done, because they have sent several complaint forms and emails to the zoning officer and nothing has gotten done. Attny Karpowich stated that he will look at everything with the zoning officer.

Valarie Capozzelli would like to thank everyone that came out and helped with the cleanup.

Mr. Senick from Hazlebrook would like to know if something can be done about the berm of the road, after the twp paved, the drop off is about 2-4”. Mike stated that he was just over there and looked at it and he is sending the road crew over with modified to even it out.

Larry Stepansky stated that he was here last month in regards to correspondence that was sent to the Fearnots and the supervisors, which he has yet to receive a response on. Jerry stated that the board will not be commenting on it until they see something from the Fearnots.

Ben Evancho would like to know what the board needs from him for the Memorial Day fireworks he will be setting off for the Chamber. They will be consumer grade and they will be set off from his property. The board stated that with the new laws they do not need anything. He also asked what the tap on fee will be for the 940 extension and if the cost ends up being higher will it still be mandated to tap on. Mary stated that the way the current ordinance reads any dwelling within 150’ (from the property line to the house) will have to connect.

Pat King stated that he completed violations with Attny Karpowich.

A Caplos Road resident asked if the road study that was promised 10-12 years ago was ever done. The speeding on Valley Rd and Caplos Rd is getting worse. He asked if stop signs could be put in. Mike made the motion to have Tim do a traffic report to see if stop signs are needed. Jerry seconds the motion. Roll Call was Yes by all.

Rob Maholik stated that he is a Foster Twp resident and he is also apart of the Fearnots. He understands that it is election time and he does not want to turn this into a campaign forum. He apologizes in advance but he would like to personally ask Mike for the truth. He stated that it has been said that if Mike gets elected, he is going to personally raise the sewer

rates. Mike stated that he has never ever said that. He said that when the sewers first came in, they wanted to put the rates at \$100 a month and he said absolutely not. The twp received grants to be able to lower them, but since the grants are gone that's why they needed to go back up. But he stated that he will do the best he can do and he believes that the people that come here every month know that he would never do that. Attny Karpowich stated that there are things being done to try and reduce the debt like refinancing the loan and going after delinquencies like what they talked about tonight with the properties on well water. He also stated that the twp is working on getting the remaining funds from PennVest as well. He said that when he mentioned about raising anything it was the tap on fee for new users.

Mike would like to thank the Butler guys. He stated that the two fire companies have been working together and they appreciate the help. John Michael Smith the captain of Valley Regional Fire Rescue Inc stated that he would like to say the same thing, they have been training together and going on calls together and working really well. They hope to keep moving in this direction.

ADJOURNMENT

- Motion to Adjourn
- Motion to Continue

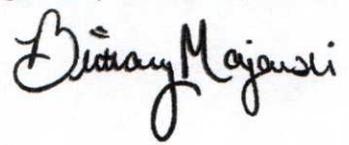
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Roll Call: Ms. Eckrote-Jones
■ Yes
□ No
□ Abstain

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Respectfully Submitted,



Brittany Majewski
Municipal Secretary