

Foster Township Board of Supervisors

Regular Monthly Meeting

Minutes

May 13, 2020

6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Call To Order The Regular Monthly Meeting via teleconference.

ROLL CALL

- Ms. Eckrote-Jones Present Absent
- Mr. Pavuk Present Absent
- Mr. Brogan Present Absent

Attny Karpowich, Brittany Majewski, Mary Beth Peters and Lisa Molendini were also present.

READING OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING

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

Motion to *read* Minutes.

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

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READING OF TREASURER’S REPORT

Motion to *dispense* with Treasurer’s Report due to availability to public.

Motion to *read* Treasurer’s Report.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Pavuk | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Pavuk |
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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

Motion to *Disapprove* Bills for Payment.

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Roll Call:	Ms. Eckrote-Jones	Mr. Pavuk	Mr. Brogan
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BUSINESS:

Motion to Award Material Bids – Jerry made the motion to untable the bids and award bids from Hazleton Materials, Eckley Asphalt, Team Supply and Bradco. John seconds the motions. Roll Call was Yes by all. John made a motion to table the diesel bid from M&J excavation for review. Jerry seconds the motion. Roll Call was Yes by all.

Resolution #6 of 2020 – Authorizing the destruction of certain twp records ranging from 1996-2007. Attny Karpowich reviewed the records retention manual and the requested documents are all allowed to be destroyed. Jerry made the motion to approve the resolution. John seconds the motion. Roll Call was yes by all.

Resolution #7 of 2020 – Extending the date for the collection of RE property taxes at face value to August 18th 2020 due to the COVID-19 disaster emergency. Jerry made the motion to approve the resolution. John seconds the motion. Roll Call was Yes by all.

Repository Sale – The sale is for three pieces of property on Deer Cross Rd. Jerry made the motion to approve the sale. John seconds the motion. Roll Call was Yes by all.

Engineers Report - Mary stated that in regards to the 940 project she will need a paper filled out authorizing her to submit PennDOT permits on the township’s behalf. She suggested doing a blanket permission so any future projects will be covered as well. Jerry made the motion to approve Mary Peters from Entech to submit permits to PennDOT on Foster Twp’s behalf. John seconds the motion. She also stated that construction is slowly picking back up again so she will be again working on the 940 project and she hopes that the project can do out to bid by the summer. Jerry asked about the last rain event and if there were any overflows at the pump stations. She stated that there was one at the Hickory Hills station, both pumps were running but they could not keep up. She will forward the reports to Jerry when she receives them.

Sewer Report – Jerry stated that FMA saw a lot of infiltration from the last rain event, and there is only one pump running at the Wyoming St PS. FMA is looking at getting the pump realigned once the weather gets better.

Solicitors Report – Attny Karpowich stated that the bills were received from Aqua in regards to the oil spill by Button Oil. He has submitted them to the company for payment and he is hoping that they will pay and he will not have to file suit against them. He stated that he forwarded all the supervisors an evaluation of the sewer system, and he asked for them to review it and have an executive session tomorrow night to discuss because it may be put out on bid and he cannot disclose amounts at a public meeting. He asked for a motion to retain Eckert & Seamans as bond council at a discounted hourly rate to be able to put the system out for RFPs/RFQs. Jerry made the motion to retain Eckert & Seamans. Georgiann seconds the motion. Roll Call was Yes by all. Attny Karopwich then asked for a motion to put the sewer system out for RFPs/RFQs. He stated that these will just be proposals to see who the twp can negotiate with and pick the best choice, not so much the highest price. The twp needs to make sure they can work with whomever it may be and also look out for the sewer customers, they need to have a good working relationship. Jerry made the motion to put the sewer system out for proposals/quotes. John seconds the motion. Roll Call was Yes by all. Attny Karpowich stated that he has been in contact with PennEastern regarding the culvert work that PennDOT will be doing near Anthony’s Rd. He thought that since it was PennDOT the twp could just have an agreement with them for any damages to be repaired, but Tom suggests otherwise, and Attny Karpowich feels better going with what the engineer says. He said he will be in contact with the engineers for PennDOT and explain what will be required.

Zoning Report – By Georgiann: **March** Keith received complaints but no violations were found. Zoning violations that are pending have been pushed back until June because of COVID-19. Applications that were received prior to COVID-19 were reviewed and required action to be taken. He had one zoning hearing for a change of use. In March he issued 1 zoning, 1 change of use, and 1 building permit. **April** Some twp checks were done, an issue in Hickory Hills with a shed one foot on someone else’s property was resolved by the homeowner moving the shed. He has been in contact with DEP regarding the Jones property. No appeal came back with the second permit denial. He issued 3 zoning and 2 building permits.

Jerry stated that MCOG was in contact with him regarding some of the businesses in the township and how they were handling COVID-19. It was suggested that someone from the twp enter Citterio’s to see what measures they were taking. Mike Spock volunteered to go with Scott Kostician from Hazle Twp. The observed all of the measures Citterios is taking, for example all temps are taken before entering, hand sanitizing stations are by all time clocks and the lunch

room is being marked for social distancing. The USDA and OSHA were in and cleared them for business as well. Jerry would like to thank Mike and Scott for helping out.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no emails or letters received by the twp marked as public comment for the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

■ Motion to Adjourn and executive session will be held on Thursday, May 14th @ 6pm via teleconference.

□ Motion to Continue

Motion By: □ Ms. Eckrote-Jones
□ Mr. Pavuk
■ Mr. Brogan

Second By: ■ Ms. Eckrote-Jones
□ Mr. Pavuk
□ Mr. Brogan

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

Mr. Pavuk
■ Yes
□ No
□ Abstain

Mr. Brogan
■ Yes
□ No
□ Abstain

Respectfully
Submitted,

Brittany Majewski

Municipal Secretary