

Foster Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
Minutes
September 11, 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 Present Absent
Mr. Spock Present Absent
Mr. Brogan Present 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 LIST OF BILLS

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

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
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	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain

APPROVE FOR PAYMENT

- Motion to *Approve* Bills for Payment.
- Motion to *Disapprove* Bills for Payment.

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
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	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain

BUSINESS:

Resolution #6 of 2019 – opposing the closure of the White Haven Center. Mike made the motion to adopt. Georgiann seconds the motion. Roll Call was Yes by all.

Dinko Subdivision (2) – For all intensive purposes everyone agreed that the submission date of the correct plan was 8/16/19. Dave Popiak explained changes that need to be made to the drawings so DEP does not kick back the planning module. Attny Karpowich instructed Dave to write out what changes need to be made and submit them to Mr. Piccini. Georgiann made the motion to table the subdivision until revisions can be done. Mike seconds the motion. Roll Call was Yes by all.

MMI Road Closure Request – MMI would like to close St. Ann's Rd from Carbon to St. Anthony's Rd for their cross country meet on Wednesday, October 2nd from approximately 4:30pm – 6:30pm. They would also appreciate any assistance the fire company can give them. Mike made the motion to approve. Georgiann seconds the motion. Roll Call was Yes by all.

Repository Sale – Sale of 19 Hillary Drive. Georgiann made the motion to approve the sale. Mike seconds the motion. Roll Call was Yes by all.

Engineers Report – Mary stated that she is currently waiting on the survey that is being done by Peters Consultants. She did hear that Feussner's will sign the easement, and since he will sign then she doesn't believe the survey is needed because the line can go the way that it was planned to go. Attny Karpowich stated that the previous engineer did not do a survey therefore it needs to be done. She stated that the line cannot be moved too much because of it being a gravity line. She would like to know who is doing this project because she feels like the email, she received today from Denny Peters, sounds like they are doing more than just a survey. Mary also stated that she spoke with Rebecca Kennedy from PennVest and they are waiting on a letter/email certifying that the deficiencies are corrected. Attny Karpowich stated that he spoke with Tom Wanick about going line by line and addressing what was done. Attny Karpowich asked Mike from Peters to look at the bank stabilization by Ed Rossi while they are out doing the survey. Mary stated that she is working closely with PennVest to get the final pay application submitted with all documentation. They are currently looking for supporting documents for the capital contribution to FMA. Mike stated that he is working on a review for the changes that were submitted on the Citterio LD. His office prepared the revisions for the MTF Grant that were requested, and they have not heard anything back to date.

Sewer Report – Mike stated that the twp is accruing a lot of debt because of the problems in Youngstown with Citterio's wastewater. He would like to see if the twp can surcharge Citterio's for all the extra costs that have been incurred. Attny Karpowich said the twp can surcharge. Jerry made the motion. Mike seconds the motion. Roll Call was Yes by all. Jerry stated that Mr. Petrick asked how much was spent on the 940 project, he had 2018-2019 expenses which total \$17,043.

Solicitors Report – Attny Karpowich asked for a motion to advertise an ordinance for prohibited parking on St. Ann's Rd and stop signs at Valley Rd & Caplos Rd. Georgiann made the motion. Mike seconds the motion. Roll Call was Yes by all. Attny Karpowich reported that our vacation rental ordinance was upheld in the court of common pleas, therefore it will be in effect immediately. All landlords will need to register with the twp and have a property manager for owners outside of a 20 miles radius. The current vacation rentals that are grandfathered in will also have to register. He stated that there was a complaint received about 8 River Dr., of which the law firm drafted amendments that they would like to see the twp implement. The board agreed to have Attny Karpowich amend the vacation rental rules to cover more issues. At this time Mr. & Mrs. Wilkinson spoke about the issues they are having with rental properties on Hillary Drive West. They explained that they are just party houses and the occupancy has to be over what is allowed.

Zoning Report – Georgiann presented Keith's report: Township checks were done and existing violations were addressed. He has 4 hearings coming up on the 24th. He is preparing for a Luzerne county appeals hearing for the Jones property. He issued 5 zoning, 5 building, 4 stormwater and 2 demo permits. He is also working on a 100 yr flood plain Fema application. He is continuing to list long and short-term rentals. Complaints that were received were investigated and hopefully corrected. Violations corrected to date were the chickens in Hickory Hills, of which fines were paid to the twp; grass was cut & building secured in Highland. Pat reported that the hearings he had for the properties in Sandy Valley were continued. He issued new NOV's in Sandy Run. He has hearings scheduled for October 10th. A few of the properties that he has posted are up for judicial sale, so he hopes that they sell so the violations can be corrected.

Other – Jerry announced that Solomon informed the twp of a rate increase that will start on 10/1/19. The twp is currently paying \$195 per container and \$32 per ton, but the prices will increase to \$325 per container and \$60 per ton. This is a big expense for the twp but he believes this is something that we need to offer Foster Twp residents. He asked the engineer to get the specs from the compactor and apply for an LSA grant to purchase our own, therefore we would be able to go with any company. Jerry made the motion to approve the increase and to apply for a grant. Georgiann seconds the motion. Roll Call was Yes by all.

CORRESPONDENCES:

MMI is requesting permission for their annual freshman PJ parade on September 19th at 2pm. Jerry made the motion to approve. Georgiann seconds the motion. Roll Call was Yes by all.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Shari Petrovich would like to know the status of the Kroening hearing. It was stated that the hearing was continued. John Petrick would like to know when the board is going to start shutting off service with the balloon? Attny Karpowich stated that the ordinance is in place and the office can start whenever they want. Kirk Detweiler would like to know when the road crew is going to do work on the roads. Mike stated that the guys were already out and he saw them. Kirk stated that they need to go back and do the shoulders of the road. He also asked Mike about a first response rule. Ed Rossi would like to remind the board about center line painting. He also wants to know if the state police would keep logs of any vacation rental complaints. Attny Karpowich stated yes, they would have logs of the calls that were made.

ADJOURNMENT

- Motion to Adjourn
- Motion to Continue

Motion By: Ms. Eckrote-Jones
 Mr. Spock
 Mr. Brogan

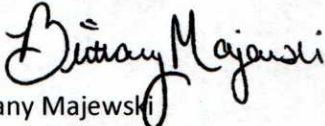
Second By: Ms. Eckrote-Jones
 Mr. Spock
 Mr. Brogan

Roll Call: Ms. Eckrote-Jones
 Yes
 No
 Abstain

Mr. Spock
 Yes
 No
 Abstain

Mr. Brogan
 Yes
 No
 Abstain

Respectfully Submitted,



Brittany Majewski
Municipal Secretary