

Foster Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting via Zoom

Minutes

November 11, 2020

6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Call To Order The Regular Monthly Meeting via zoom.

ROLL CALL

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

Attny Karpowich, Brittany Majewski, Tom Barna and members of the public 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.

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

Roll Call:	Ms. Eckrote-Jones	Mr. Pavuk	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

- Motion to *dispense* with Treasurer's Report due to availability to public.
- Motion to *read* Treasurer's Report.

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

Roll Call:	Ms. Eckrote-Jones	Mr. Pavuk	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

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

Roll Call:	Ms. Eckrote-Jones	Mr. Pavuk	Mr. Brogan
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APPROVE FOR PAYMENT

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

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

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

Police Coverage – Attny Karpowich presented the board with one proposal from WHPD. The first option is for 60 hours a week for a total of \$105,000 a year. The second option is full time @ \$185,269 a year. The board made a motion to table the proposal at this time. Jerry made the motion. Georgiann seconds the motion. Roll Call was Yes by all.

Advertise 2021 Budget – Jerry explained that the township is presenting a balanced budget for the year 2021. Georgiann made a motion to advertise. John seconds the motion. Roll Call was Yes by all.

Resolution 9 of 2020 – Application for an LSA grant in the amount of \$1.85 million. Jerry made the motion to approve. John seconds the motion. Roll Call was Yes by all.

Resolution 10 of 2020 – Adoption of the Luzerne County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Jerry made the motion to adopt. John seconds the motion. Roll Call was Yes by all.

Ordinance 1 of 2020 – Establishing a no parking zone on Route 940 between twp routes 383 and 384 on both sides, with PennDOT permission. Jerry made the motion to adopt. John seconds the motion. Roll Call was Yes by all.

Engineers Report – Tom reported that he looked into the Dawson property, and there was no stormwater permit issued and it should have been a level 2. Tom stated that the twp can use twp funds to fix the drainage issue. John will get together with Tom and Chris to see what the twp can do.

Sewer Report – Attny Karpowich updated the board on the sale of the sewer system, he has extended the date of submission to 11/25 at noon. If the board will consider continuing this meeting to open them.

Solicitor’s Report - Attny Karpowich stated that there will be a rezoning hearing on 12/9 for the JVB Property. They are looking to change it from an R-1 to a B-3.

Zoning Report – by Georgiann: 8 zoning permits were issued. A zoning hearing was held for Chris S. and it was continued to November. He drove around and answered township complaints regarding short term rentals. A hearing was held for Robert & Stephanie M. of Highland on 10/21 and they were found guilty and fined \$5,000. He also spoke with Erika about existing violations, which they will meet to go over.

John stated that there have been multiple fires on the Brickyard Rd also known as the piggy road. He would like the twp to possibly look into blocking it off. Attny Kaprowich stated that the road cannot be blocked off, but if the twp wants to, we could go after the property owner to clean it up.

At this time a discussion occurred regarding the abandon property on Fern St and what the twp can do to mitigate the problem. The board would possibly consider taking it over and tearing it down if they can get an estimate on how much it would be worth after the building is gone and if it would cover the costs.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Pat King would like to know what was done with the violation notice for the property in Sandy Run, the one with the tarp over the RV? Georgiann stated that she mentioned it to Keith and he said it was fine. Pat stated that he couldn’t be more wrong. Jerry asked the location so he can drive by and see it. Pat stated that Keith should see it on his way to the office and back home. The property also has high grass and weeds along with garbage. Jerry stated that he will talk to Keith about it.

Alice Lachewitz asked if the police presence will be seen in Hickory Hills. Jerry stated that yes, they will be able to police in Hickory Hills but they cannot do traffic because they are private roads. She also asked about the turnout of the hearings from last month? Georgiann stated that she did not have Keiths report from last month with her to see what hearings were listed, but she will look tomorrow and get back to her.

ADJOURNMENT

Jerry made a motion to continue until 11/25 @ 6:00pm.

Motion to Adjourn

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