

Foster Township Board of Supervisors

Regular Monthly Meeting

Minutes

May 10, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Called 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. Malloy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Mr. Pavuk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent

READING OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING

Motion to Dispense with Reading of 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. Malloy		<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Malloy
	<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Pavuk		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Pavuk

Roll Call:	Ms. Eckrote Jones	Mr. Malloy	Mr. Pavuk
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
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	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain

READING OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion to Dispense with Reading of the Treasurer's Report due to availability to public
Motion to read the Treasurer's Report

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

Roll Call:	Ms. Eckrote Jones	Mr. Malloy	Mr. Pavuk
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READING OF LIST OF BILLS

Motion to Dispense with Reading of List of Bills due to availability to public and add PPL bill
Motion to read List of Bills

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

Roll Call:	Ms. Eckrote Jones	Mr. Malloy	Mr. Pavuk
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	<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. Malloy		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Malloy
	<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Pavuk		<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Pavuk

Roll Call:	Ms. Eckrote Jones	Mr. Malloy	Mr. Pavuk
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READING OF ZONING REPORT

- Motion to Dispense with Reading of the Zoning Report due to availability to public
- Motion to read the Zoning Report

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

Roll Call:	Ms. Eckrote Jones	Mr. Malloy	Mr. Pavuk
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READING OF POLICE REPORT

- Motion to Dispense with Reading of the Police Report due to availability to public
- Motion to read the Police Report

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

Roll Call:	Ms. Eckrote Jones	Mr. Malloy	Mr. Pavuk
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READING OF FIRE REPORT

- Motion to Dispense with Reading of the Fire Report due to availability to public
- Motion to read the Fire Report

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

Roll Call:	Ms. Eckrote Jones	Mr. Malloy	Mr. Pavuk
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READING OF ROADMASTER REPORT

Motion to Dispense with Reading of the Roadmaster Report due to availability to public

Motion to read the Roadmaster Report

Motion By: Ms. Eckrote Jones
 Mr. Malloy
 Mr. Pavuk

Second By: Ms. Eckrote Jones
 Mr. Malloy
 Mr. Pavuk

Roll Call:	Ms. Eckrote Jones	Mr. Malloy	Mr. Pavuk
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BUSINESS

Award Paving Bids – Tom Barna explained that the project was listed on PennBid and was opened at 2pm. Six bids were received. M & J Excavation \$248,154; Pennsy Supply \$267,450; H&K Group \$297,101.09; Lehigh Asphalt \$335,007.50; American Asphalt \$336,591.50 and Pioneer Construction \$513,240.70. The board made a motion to tentative award the contract to M&J Excavation pending solicitor review. John made motion. Georgiann seconds the motion. Roll Call was yes by all. Wilson explained that this will be curb to curb and ADA compliant.

Recycling Center Bid Packets – The board would like to readvertise for recycling bids to see where the market is at. Attny Karpowich stated that he will revamp the bid packet from last time and advertise.

Resolution #4 of 2023 – This is for a new plan revision for the Embark land development. Dominic Yanuzzi explained that this is for a septic for the existing building. This paperwork is required by DEP.

Engineers Report – None

Sewer Report – Attny Karpowich is still talking with Aqua for a possible sale.

Solicitors Report – Attny Karpowich stated that H&K is working with Blaschak Coal under a mining permit that is in place. They are looking to put in a holding tank, but this needs to be considered under an ordinance one of which the twp doesn't have. Therefore, he asked the board if it would be ok to draft one for next meeting. John made the motion to prepare the ordinance. Wilson seconds the motion. Roll Call was yes by all. Attny Karpowich stated that the union contract for the road dept is up in October and needs to be negotiated. The board will be meeting to discuss this in May and will be meeting with the employees next month. The paperwork for the green house on Fern Street was submitted and he is hopeful that the bid will be accepted. The twp then can proceed to get estimates for the demolition of it. Attny Karpowich stated that he is in negotiations to purchase the other Heller property with the house on it and then demo.

CORRESPONDENCES

A letter was received from the Freeland recreation board:

Dear Supervisors.

Once again spring is here. Our annual Easter egg hunt is the kick-off of our outdoor events. We host many events for children and adults in the public park, concerts, dances, movies, concession stand, etc... These events are attended by residents of Freeland Borough and Foster Township, Hazle Township, Butler Township etc We currently have 9 members who volunteer to make these activities happen.

All upkeep at the park and on buildings, and the food and supplies are bought with money raised through donations. We are asking for a yearly monetary donation of \$500. or whatever your budget allows. We look forward to seeing you at one or all of our events.

At this time John made the motion to approve a \$100 donation. Georgiann seconds the motion. Roll Call was yes by all.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Wendy Nowak asked if there is an ordinance regulating drones? Attny Karpowich explained that this is something that is regulated by the state. They are not allowed to hover over private property and they are not allowed to be out of the operator's sight. They are allowed to do fly overs and the police should be able to get involved if the aforementioned is happening. Wendy and more Sandy Valley residents stated that the person is hovering over properties and it is making them feel uncomfortable, therefore they called the police, but they were told there is nothing they can do except ask the person to stop. Attny Karpowich is going to speak with the police and inform them that they can enforce the state law. At this time several residents spoke about the police just sitting and not patrolling. The board will speak to them about that as well, because they are being paid to patrol.

Maria Peters asked when her road is going to be taken over. She explained it's the one across from Veterans Rd. Tom Barna explained that there is no ownership to the road, therefore between legal fees and repairs to the road, the money that the twp would get in liquid fuels wouldn't even be worth it. John asked if a survey can be done to find the property owners. He would like to see if it is even possible to take ownership of it first.

Wendy Nowak asked about the noise ordinance, because there was an issue and the police were called, and they told her that they do not have the equipment to measure noise. Attny Karpowich explained that it would be a code enforcement issue and a complaint form should be filled out.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn

Motion to Continue

Motion By: Ms. Eckrote Jones
 Mr. Malloy
 Mr. Pavuk

Second By: Ms. Eckrote Jones
 Mr. Malloy
 Mr. Pavuk

Roll Call: Ms. Eckrote Jones
 Yes

Mr. Malloy
 Yes

Mr. Pavuk
 Yes

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany Majewski

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Municipal Secretary