

Foster Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
Minutes
May 11, 2022

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
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READING OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion to Dispense with Reading of 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. 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 LIST OF BILLS

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

Yes

No

Abstain

Mr. Malloy

Yes

No

Abstain

Mr. Pavuk

Yes

No

Abstain

BUSINESS

Burning Ordinance – Wilson made the motion to table because there were changes that needed to be made and readvertised. Georgiann seconds the motion. Roll Call was yes by all.

Stop Sign Eastbound on Carbon St @ Fern St. – Attny Karpowich asked the audience if there was any public comment. No public comment at this time. John made the motion to approve the ordinance for a stop sign eastbound on Carbon Street. Georgiann seconds the motion. Roll Call was yes by all.

Act 537 Update – This update is for the sale of the sewer west end sewer system. Mary explained that there were 3 comments received from Freeland Borough asking if there will be support throughout and forward from Foster Twp with various projects and updates. The board agreed that the Twp will always work with all parties. John made the motion to approve Resolution 6 of 2020. Wilson seconds the motion. Roll Call was yes by all.

Sewer Agreements - Attny Karpowich stated that there have been many over the years and this particular one from 2009 needs to be done for the sale of the system, because no party has a fully executed copy of the document. John made the motion to approve. Wilson seconds the motion. Roll Call was yes by all.

Code Red Alert System – Wilson explained that right now there is no twp wide system set up for emergencies. This will be a system that is free of charge to all residents and free to the twp. It will be an email or text alert that residents can sign up for. The county plans for the twp system to go live on 5/27 if not sooner. Information is available on the table and on the twp website.

Engineers Report – Tom explained that he has been working on certain twp roads that were questioned previously. First being Coal Mine Rd. This road is not 16ft in certain areas, so that would need to be done by the twp if they are looking to collect liquid fuels for it. Parts of the road have broken pieces of asphalt; therefore, portions could have been paved previously. This road was previously a twp road back in the 1950's that was abandon at some point. He stated that it is approximately 780 ft or .25 of a mile. There may be possible grants to help the twp bring up to spec. Another road that he observed was a portion of Hazlebrook Rd that serves 3 homes. All documents that he can find on this road reference it as a private road. It is not on any liquid fuels map for the twp. If the twp would like to look into taking the road over and submitting it for liquid fuels it would need to be 250ft wide and a cul-de-sac would need to be put in. At this time Mr. Parosky stated that the twp has always maintained this portion of the road and they are the ones that originally widened the road. Tom explained that the owner on record would be the Jeddo – Highland Coal Co. He explained it would take approximately \$50K to \$80K to bring up to spec for it to be accepted for liquid fuels. Ms. Parosky would like to know what they pay taxes for if the twp will not maintain their road? Wilson made a motion to further look into the ownership of the road and who should be maintaining it. John seconds the motion. Roll Call was yes by all. The final issue that was looked into was the lake backing up in AgMar. He stated that he was down to look at the pipe and it is confirmed that it is not a township issue. The reason this

was looked into is because DEP called regarding a resident complaint. He advised the board that there is not action to be taken by the twp. At this time, Mary Peters did not have anything else to report.

Sewer Report – Attny Karpowich stated that everyone is working hard towards the sale and he is hopefully that it will be completed within the next quarter. The board asked the progress on getting the 940 extension finished with the grant money that is available to the twp. Mary Peters stated that it would take an additional \$8,500 for her firm to complete the work and put out for bid. Wilson made the motion to move forward with the final 940 extension plans. John seconds the motion. Roll Call was yes by all.

Solicitors Report – Attny Karpowich explained that the recodification needs to be advertised and to do so an actual copy of the code needs to be available at the Standard Speaker for public review. He will be taking a copy that Brittany has for advertisement for adoption at next month’s meeting. He stated that there were some last minutes changes to the update on the burning ordinance, therefore it will need to be readvertised for adoption next month. Attny Karpowich explained that he received some samples for the inspection rental ordinance which he is using together with other samples that were draw up for the twp and never adopted before. He will be discussing with Brian and will hopefully have something for the board to review prior to the next meeting for discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Wilson announced that there will be a 2-minute time limit to give everyone a chance to speak. Anthony Stanziola requested that the street sign on the south side of Main St in Highland be moved so the hydrant that he clears of brush and snow can be accessed. He stated that it is also a school bus stop. The board thanked him for clearing the hydrant and they will look into getting to sign moved.

Pat King asked if the road at Valley and Sandy Valley can be repaired and also, the road is breaking apart at Sunrise. The board stated they will have the road looked at.

Ed Rossi asked what the price was for the sale of the sewer system? Mary stated that it was \$3.750M. He asked where that money is going to go? Attny Karpowich stated that the board is unsure of where it will go at the moment.

Paul Parosky stated that the intersection is question is also where the school bus turns around.

Alice Lachewitz asked what happens with properties that have liens on them? Will the twp have to send those customers a letter every year? Attny Karpowich stated that a lien is good for 21 years and the twp does not have to send a letter each year.

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	Mr. Malloy	Mr. Pavuk
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Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany Majewski

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Municipal Secretary