

Foster Township Board of Supervisors

Regular Monthly Meeting

Minutes

July 10, 2024

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

Mr. Titus	<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 the public
 Motion to read Minutes

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

Roll Call:	Mr. Titus	Mr. Malloy	Mr. Pavuk
	<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 Reading of Treasurer's Report due to availability to the public
 Motion to read Treasurer's Report

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

Roll Call:	Mr. Titus	Mr. Malloy	Mr. Pavuk
	<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 List of Bills due to availability to the public
 Motion to read List of Bills

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

Roll Call:	Mr. Titus	Mr. Malloy	Mr. Pavuk
	<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

The Planning Commission also recommends granting the following waivers from the requirements of the SALDO:

1. Section 210-45Q – Wetlands – If no wetlands are located within the site, a certification of the absence of wetlands shall be so noted upon the plan, which is certified by a person with appropriate training and experience in the identification of wetlands.
2. Section 210-46K – Sewage Planning Module – An appropriate planning module for land development, approved by DEP.
3. Section 210-45F – Provide bearings and distances for overall parent track.

John made the motion to approve the plan with the conditions set forth. Todd seconds the motion. Roll Call was yes by all.

2024 Paving Bids – Bids were received on PennBid and opened at 11 am by the township engineer. The following are the bid tab results:

	TOTAL BID	FERN ST	CARBON ST	REMARKS
M & J Excavation Inc	\$ 190,895.0	\$137,457.00	\$53,438.00	LOW BIDDER
Pennsy Supply, Inc	\$ 236,381.0	\$178,186.80	\$58,194.20	2ND LOW
Gaver Industries Inc. dba Barker & Barker Paving	\$ 237,930.0	\$168,092.00	\$69,838.00	3RD LOW
American Asphalt Paving	\$ 247,640.0	\$185,967.50	\$61,672.50	
Don E. Bower, Inc	\$ 248,415.85	\$171,645.14	\$76,770.71	
kobalt construction inc	\$ 267,550.0	\$187,575.00	\$79,975.00	

John made a motion to award the bid to M & J Excavation. Todd seconds the motion. Roll Call was yes by all.

Listing of Property for Sale – The board would like to make a motion to list the property at 321-323 Fern Street for sale. Attny Karpowich explained that he would get an appraisal done and then list it. John made the motion to proceed. Wilson seconds the motion. Roll Call was yes by all.

Investments – Brittany explained that the board would like to invest some of the sewer sale money approximately \$500,000. She asked for a motion to invest with two different banks for a 12 month term. Todd made the motion. John seconds the motion. Roll Call was yes by all.

Repository Sales – There are 3 sales for vacant lots in Hickory Hills. They are located on Hickory Hills Dr, Indian Drive and Prescott Rd. John made the motion to approve the sale. Todd seconds the motion. Roll Call was yes by all.

Replace Playground Equipment – John made a motion to table. Wilson seconds the motion. Roll Call was yes by all.

August Meeting Date Change – Wilson explained that due to some scheduling conflicts, the meeting for August will be changed to Tuesday, August 6th at 6pm. John made the motion to approve the change. Wilson seconds the motion. Roll Call was yes by all.

Engineers Report – No one present for a report

Sewer Report – No report.

Solicitors Report – Attny Karpowich explained that Attny Senape was here tonight with the owner of the Centre Street property that the twp is taking my eminent domain. Attny Senape explained that he is representing Ms. Gagnay and she is here tonight to let the board know that she understands what is going on. Ms. Gagnay stated that she owns 9 properties in the township and that this is the only one she is not paying taxes on because Attny Karpowich told her not to. She asked the board if they could give her more for the property. They explained that they have to go by the appraisal that was done. Closing for the property will take place on or before July 19th

CORRESPONDENCES

Dear Supervisors:

Once again, we are contacting you to request funding assistance for our 2024 Food 'n Fun program to be held at the library this summer for all area children ages 6 through 18.

2024 will be the third consecutive summer for this worthwhile community program. The basic framework remains as a partnership with the Wyoming Valley YM/YWCA. Their involvement has been reliant on grant funding they received to promote this program throughout their catchment area. Unfortunately the amount of

funding they received is not as robust as it has been in the past two years. In order for the library to maintain the high quality of the program, we will need to increase our financial commitment.

This year the Y will continue to provide the lunch and 2 snacks per day for 50 children; however, they will finance only the Director's position. We will need to provide the wages for 3 Program Assistants. The Y personnel hopes to provide us with \$400 for supplies; however, that is not guaranteed. In order to compensate for less funding, the Y staff has offered to host our children at Camp Kresge for four days of activities, which is an experience many of the area children are unable to afford, so that is great.

The Library Board recognizes the importance of a program like this for our community and has designated it as a top priority in our 2024 budget. In order for us to meet those budgetary needs, we are reaching out to our community and asking for assistance. The budget for the 2023 Food 'n Fun program was \$15,200. We are projecting a 2024 Food 'n Fun budget to be over \$17,000.

John made a motion to send a \$500 donation. Todd seconds the motion. Roll Call was yes by all.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ed Rossi would like to ask that the brush cutter make its way to Carbon Street.

Alice Lachewitz asked what it meant in the office report that accounts over \$300 were sent to the attorney.

Brittany explained that these are the sewer accounts that are delinquent over \$300, they went to Attny Karpowich's office for processing. Alice also asked if there was any movement on the 66 Vacation Drive property. Wilson stated that the board had a company down to look at it to give a quote and there will be another one going there next week to give a quote. Alice stated that the person is again living in the camper at 26 Shade Tree Rd and they are concerned about the sewer. Brittany stated that the last time she had Dave Popiak go out 5 different times, but each time the pipe was disconnected, therefore he could not site them for anything. John said that Dave should try to go out again.

Mark Lachewitz stated that out of the 9 properties that Ms. Gagnay owns, it shows that she only pays the taxes on one of them.

Pat & Ed Kmetz wanted to let the board know that they feel the road crew did an amazing job on Veterans Road and they are thankful for it.

Russell Smith asked what the zoning hearing for Generoso is for on 940? Attny Karpowich explained that he is looking to have two types of businesses in the garages, which requires a special exception.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn made by John. Wilson seconds the motion. Roll Call was yes by all.

Motion to Continue

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany Majewski

Foster Twp Manager