

FOSTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
December 14, 2016
6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Call to order the monthly meeting followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a Moment of Silence.

ROLL CALL

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| Ms. Eckrote-Jones | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present | <input type="checkbox"/> Absent |
| Mr. Uricheck | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present | <input type="checkbox"/> Absent |
| Mr. Brogan | <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.

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| Motion By: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ms. Eckrote-Jones | Second By: | <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. Eckrote-Jones |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Uricheck | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Uricheck |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Brogan | | <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Brogan |

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READING OF TREASURER'S REPORT

- Motion to *dispense* with the Treasurers Report due to availability to public.
- Motion to *read* the Treasurers Report.

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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.

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| | <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Uricheck | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Uricheck |
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APPROVE FOR PAYMENT

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

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NEW BUSINESS:

1. **MMI Crossing Guard Request:**

Solicitor Karpowich recommended specifying that MMI would be responsible for hiring, training and paying crossing guards, as well as reimburse the Township for expenses relating to advertising Ordinance. Jerry made the Motion to advertise the Ordinance. Ryan seconds the Motion. Roll Call was yes by all.

2. **Demolition Permit Fee Resolution:**

Jerry made the Motion to approve a Fee Schedule Resolution, which defines demolition permit fees for accessory, residential and commercial structures. Georgiann seconds the Motion. Roll Call was yes by all.

3. **Motion to Adopt Various Ordinances:**

“An ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of 2015 to prohibit vacation home rentals in the R-1 and R-1A zoning districts” There was discussion about non-conforming use laws. Both Luzerne County and Foster Township Planning Commissions expressed support for the Zoning Amendment. Attorney Ferdinand asked to have the Motion tabled until case files regarding property owner’s rights were reviewed by the Board. Solicitor Karpowich recommended approving the Ordinance for now; he agreed to review the case files and discussed leniency regarding the timeline for an appeal. Jerry made the motion to adopt the Ordinance; Ryan seconded the motion. Roll Call was yes by all.

“An ordinance amending ordinance 1 of 2013 Sewer System Rules and Regulations” Foster Township Planning Commission expressed support for the amendment. Georgiann made the motion to adopt the Ordinance; Ryan seconded the motion. Roll Call was yes by all.

“An ordinance regulating vacation home rentals within the township” Solicitor Karpowich reviewed proposed regulations as advertised. Attorney Ferdinand sought clarification on the permitting process and discussed various concerns with the proposed Ordinance. Substantial changes were proposed. Jerry made a motion to table the Ordinance; Ryan seconded the motion. Roll Call was yes by all.

“An ordinance to prohibit on street parking of certain large vehicles in residential zoning districts” Foster Township Planning Commission expressed support for the Ordinance. The maximum fine was lowered to \$300. Ryan made the motion to approve Ordinance #6; Georgiann seconded the motion. Roll Call was yes by all.

“An ordinance regulating noise within the township” There was discussion regarding measurement of decibel levels and noise associated with specific activities. Georgiann made the motion to approve Ordinance #7; Jerry seconded the motion. Roll Call was yes by all. Noise complaints are enforceable by the State Police and the Code Enforcement Officer. Residents reported shooting near their homes and were directed to call the Game Commission.

4. **Engineers Report:** Bob Dougherty stated that grant funds from DCNR should be received within the next 2 weeks. Franzosa has been notified. LSA Grant paperwork has been prepared and is awaiting signatures (Ag Mar Roads).
5. **Solicitors Report:** There was discussion about Zoning Ordinance Amendments to include the dispensing and processing of medical marijuana. Something will be drafted up and the Board may vote to advertise at the next meeting.
6. **Zoning Report:** Approved 3 building permits, 1 zoning permit, posted 2 properties for delinquent sewer bills. Quality of life checks were done on the east side of Upper Lehigh and Highland. Jerry talked about having the road department and Zoning Officer watching license plates.

CORRESPONDENCES:

CPA for 2016 Audit: Georgiann stated that she sent out RFPs and the lowest bid was \$13,000 from Grevera and Associates in Kingston. Georgiann made a motion to appoint Grevera and Associates to perform the 2016 Audit; Jerry seconded the motion. Roll Call was yes by all.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sherrri Petrovich asked for an update on Keith's progress with Hickory Hills. Georgiann said that she would email Ron Stetson with details.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn

Motion to Continue to December 28, 2016 at 6:00 PM

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

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

Roll Call: Ms. Eckrote-Jones
 Yes
 No
 Abstain

Mr. Uricheck
 Yes
 No
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Mr. Brogan
 Yes
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Respectfully Submitted,

