

Foster Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
Minutes
February 12, 2020
6:30 PM

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

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

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

Roll Call: Ms. Eckrote-Jones Mr. Pavuk Mr. Brogan
 Yes Yes Yes
 No No No
 Abstain Abstain 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: Ms. Eckrote-Jones Second By: Ms. Eckrote-Jones
 Mr. Pavuk Mr. Pavuk
 Mr. Brogan Mr. Brogan

Roll Call: Ms. Eckrote-Jones Mr. Pavuk Mr. Brogan
 Yes Yes Yes
 No No No
 Abstain Abstain 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: Ms. Eckrote-Jones Second By: Ms. Eckrote-Jones
 Mr. Pavuk Mr. Pavuk
 Mr. Brogan Mr. Brogan

Roll Call: Ms. Eckrote-Jones Mr. Pavuk Mr. Brogan
 Yes Yes Yes
 No No No
 Abstain Abstain Abstain

APPROVE FOR PAYMENT

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

Motion By: Ms. Eckrote-Jones Second By: Ms. Eckrote-Jones
 Mr. Pavuk Mr. Pavuk
 Mr. Brogan Mr. Brogan

Roll Call: Ms. Eckrote-Jones Mr. Pavuk Mr. Brogan
 Yes Yes Yes
 No No No
 Abstain Abstain Abstain

BUSINESS:

Repository Sale - Tabled at last meeting because it was for a multiple lots and the board wanted to know if the new owner planned on putting them all on their own deeds. The bidder Mr. Panzetta was in attendance and he stated that is what is planning to do. It would be divided within 18 months and he was going to sell the ones he doesn't already have plans for. Georgiann made the motion to approve the sale. John seconds the motion. Roll Call was Yes by all.

Motion to Advertise for Material Bids – Jerry made the motion to advertise for the usual materials. John seconds the motion. Roll Call was Yes by all.

Croftcheck Subdivision – The planning commission gave conditional approval for the waiver and the subdivision. Attny Karpowich stated that is merely a lot size change to make the two parcels more equal. Jerry made the motion to approve. John seconds the motion. Roll Call was Yes by all.

Building Repairs – Jerry stated that the building and garage are in need of some repairs and he would like to get some quotes. Georgiann stated that she is trying to schedule to meet with a contractor for a quote. If a list of items can be compiled then the twp can apply for a grant for the bigger work.

Letters of Interest for SAB – Georgiann stated that she received 4; Wilson Malloy, Gladys Burns, John Petrick and Louis Winkler. Georgiann made a motion to appoint all four of them with Mr. Winkler being the alternate.

Engineers Report - Tom Barna stated that he worked on the three subdivisions that were submitted to him, the board asked him if he could continue with applying for a grant for road repairs. Attny Karpowich stated that Peters might have been working on it and he will find out.

Sewer Report – None

Solicitors Report – Attny Karpowich stated that he has been working on the refinance to find a short-term solution, he asked the board to continue the meeting until Thursday, Feb 20th @ 5:30pm, he hopes to have a better idea of what needs to be done by then. He also stated that the first bill was received in regards to the oil spill that happened in AgMar. He sent a letter to the involved party's attorney for reimbursement. Attny Karpowich advised that 33 delinquent letters were prepared and sent out and 1/3 paid, 1/3 had liens applied and 1/3 are at the magistrate. He explained that the twp is going to get very aggressive in their collection efforts to try and get the delinquency rate down. In regards to the short-term rentals, he met with a small group of current rental owners to explain how the new ordinances will affect them, and explained that everything seems to be working correctly therefore there should be no new changes needed. Attny Karpowich suggested that the SAB look into the rate schedule and possibly the industrial rate.

Zoning Report – by Georgiann: Township checks were done with no further violations found, those pending are still being investigated. Permits issued: 1 zoning and 1 building. Mr. Wheeler had two zoning hearings one was approved with conditions and the other was denied. He had two complaints dealing with living conditions. He will be tagging the properties and giving them two weeks to collect their belongings.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Anthony Stanzola from Highland would like the voice his opposition and for the board to present an opposition to the state police rates that the governor would like to impose on all municipalities.

Greg Capozzelli would like to know if the board found out if the delinquent sewer accounts can be advertised.

Shari Petrovich asked if the board has decided not to use the plugs in the sewer. The board stated that it is definitely still an option.

John Petrick stated that the SAB will be available to listen to the residents and then he will voice back to Jerry so he can present it to the other two supervisors. He will be planning the first meeting for the end of the month.

Ryan Uricheck would like to know about a possible layoff that they were approached about. The board and Attny Karpowich stated that this is a personnel issue and cannot be discussed at a public meeting, only in an executive session. The board would be willing to meet with them after tonight's meeting.

Carlene Troell would like clarification on a statement Attny Karpowich made at the refinance. She also stated that back in the June and July minutes PennEastern was fired and she would like to know why the twp would go back to using them and what happened to Peter's? Georgiann said it was by request of PennVest for the twp to bring back the original engineer from the sewer project because of multiple items that need to be done for close out. Jerry also stated that they do know the twp better anyway.

Shawn Dawson would like to know when his alley is going to be fixed. The board stated that it would be this year.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn

Motion to Continue to February 20th 2020 @ 530 pm

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

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Municipal Secretary