

Foster Township Board of Supervisors  
Regular Monthly Meeting via Zoom

**Minutes**

June 9, 2021

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	<input type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent
Mr. Pavuk	<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 the Minutes due to availability to public.

Motion to *read* Minutes.

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

Roll Call:	Ms. Eckrote-Jones	Mr. Pavuk	Mr. Brogan
	<input 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 Treasurer's Report due to availability to public.

Motion to *read* Treasurer's Report.

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

Roll Call:	Ms. Eckrote-Jones	Mr. Pavuk	Mr. Brogan
	<input 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 the List of Bills due to availability to public.

Motion to *read* List of Bills.

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

Roll Call:	Ms. Eckrote-Jones	Mr. Pavuk	Mr. Brogan
	<input 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

## APPROVE FOR PAYMENT

■ Motion to *Approve* Bills for Payment with the addition of Franzosa for \$16,613.75

□ Motion to *Disapprove* Bills for Payment.

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

## BUSINESS:

**Engineers Report** – Mary Beth Peters explained that the 940 extension will start to move along within the next week or two. The easement has been executed and records. She asked for a motion to award and proceed after the review of the documents. Jerry made the motion. John seconds the motion. She stated that she has not gotten any flow reports on the east end, therefore things must be going well.

**Police Report** – by Jerry: The twp was covered for 279.55 hours. Incidents consisted of: 4 Domestic, 3 Burglary, 2 Criminal Mischief, 3 Harassment, 3 DUI, 5 Suspicious Persons, 3 Noise Complaints, 2 Trespassing, 1 Overdose, 1 illegal Dumping, 44 Traffic Offenses, 1 Disabled Vehicle, 1 Lost Firearm, 6 MVA, 2 911 Hang ups, 2 Welfare Checks, 2 Theft, 1 MV Theft, 1 PFA Investigation, 5 Abandon Property, 4 Parking, 1 Landlord/Tenant, 3 Assist EMS, 16 Follow up Investigations, 4 Disorderly, 2 Burglar Alarms, 2 Code Violations, 5 Assist FD, 1 Assist Other PD, 4 Admin Reports, 2 Drug Possession, 2 Damage Private Property, and 1 Bicycle Offense. Jerry asked about a noise ordinance and if the twp has one to enforce. Attorney Karpowich review what was on file and yes there is a noise ordinance but it will be hard to enforce it with decibel levels.

**Sewer Report** – John Petrick stated that there was a SAB meeting held on 5/27 of which Hickory Hills was present to discuss plugging sewer lines. He stated that the twp plans to purchase ten plugs to start with and to plug the top ten delinquent accounts as per ordinance 1 of 2019. This will be in all areas not just Hickory Hills. Water will start to be shut off in the areas that have public water in July. He would like to see the twp receive as much of the delinquent monies owed before the sale of the system, because the new owners of the system will not take on the delinquent accounts, it is up to the twp to recoup those funds. He stated that all liens should be put in place before the sale also, so that money is secured to the twp. He stated that the board is being forced to take these measures, and no one is happy about it but it has to be done. He believes anyone over \$300 needs to be taken into consideration. He stated that liens do work when they are placed on properties. He explained that the monies that will be left in the Foster Twp sewer account once the sale goes through can be used to help the residents, by possibly offering a discounted rate for paying their bill in full for 11 straight months. The question was raised about homes that are in foreclosure, doesn't the mortgage company hold priority with liens. Attny Karpowich stated that there is no yes or no answer and its complicated.

**Solicitor's Report** – Attny Karpowich stated that he sent a letter to Solomon giving them a time period to remove their equipment so the twp can become operational again with their recycling program. He received a letter from Attny DeCosmo from four residents of Hazle Brook. He forwarded a copy to the attny or Hazle Twp along with the agreements and other letters that have been sent. The ZHB issued a decision on the NSUJL case, but they appealed it, therefore the board needs to make a motion to have him intervene on the board's behalf in support of the ZHB. Jerry made the motion to intervene. John seconds the motion. He also received a letter on behalf of Shelia Weaver in regards to a land development that was approved years ago, but now the sewer service has been discontinued to the development. Apparently when Foster and White Haven redid the Act 537 plan this happened. She is asking for help from Foster to get the sewer line back to the property. The original LD was in 2003 and the line wasn't decommissioned until 2011, therefore the twp gave more than enough time for the project to be completed. Attny Karpowich stated that the twp does not have to do anything. Attny Karpowich stated that the board had an executive session regarding the former Hellers garage. He stated that he was in contact with the owner and she would like to dedicate it t the twp. There is an anonymous donor that is willing to pay for the demolition of the property. Although he suggests the twp hire an environmental specialist because there are underground tanks there, and they would have to make sure they were properly decommissioned. He said there may be possible grants to clean up if need be. John made the motion to hire the specialist. Jerry seconds the motion. Roll Call was yes by all.

**Zoning Report** – by Jerry: 8 zoning, 6 building, 2 stormwater, 1 occupancy were issued. He received 9 code complaints that are being taken care of and there were several patrols of the twp for other issues.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

none

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ed Rossi asked about a 10-ton weight limit sign for Carbon Street. He stated that Umbriac Trucking is using the road as a short cut to Citterios and it is severely ruining the road. Attny Karpowich stated that he will draw up an ordinance to be approved at the next meeting. John made the motion. Jerry seconds the motion.

The question was also asked about box trucks parking in a residential zone, is it allowed? There is one parked on Juniper St and it is not only close to the intersection but it is also blocking a good portion of the road. The issue will be looked into.

A resident asked about the issues with recycling. Attny Karpowich explained that a final letter went out to Solomon to remove their equipment, and if they fail to do so, then the twp has the right to declare it abandoned property.

Alice Lachewitz thanked the board for having the White Haven Police Dept, she appreciates the extra layer of protection they are providing to the community.

**ADJOURNMENT**

John made the motion to adjourn. Jerry seconds the motion. Roll Call was yes by all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany Majewski  
Municipal Secretary