

Foster Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
Minutes
August 11, 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 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:	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Mr. Brogan		<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Brogan
Roll Call:	Ms. Eckrote-Jones	Mr. Pavuk	Mr. Brogan
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	<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.

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	<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Pavuk		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Pavuk
	<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Brogan		<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Brogan
Roll Call:	Ms. Eckrote-Jones	Mr. Pavuk	Mr. Brogan
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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.

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APPROVE FOR PAYMENT

- Motion to *Approve* Bills for Payment with the addition of Franzosa for \$2,300; Team Supply for \$433; Kislán Repair for 3,237.94; and Eckert & Seaman for \$1,116.50.
- Motion to *Disapprove* Bills for Payment.

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Roll Call:	Ms. Eckrote-Jones	Mr. Pavuk	Mr. Brogan
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BUSINESS:

Recycling Center – Jerry made the motion to put the service out for bid for opening at the next twp meeting. John seconds the motion. Roll Call was yes by all.

Engineers Report – Tom Barna stated that we did not receive any of the LSA grant that were put in for, so for the next round he is going to adjust some numbers, in hopes that they will award the twp something. Attny Karpowich thanked Tom for helping with some things that have come up with PA American Water regarding the sewer system.

Police Report – by Jerry: The twp was covered for 250 hours. Incidents consisted of: 9 Domestic, 1 Lost Property, 1 Wreckless Endangering, 2 Abandon Vehicles, 1 Civil Issue, 4 Suspicious Persons, 6 Noise Complaints, 1 Overdose, 1 Identity Theft, 4 Criminal Mischief, 17 Traffic Offense, 1 Disabled Vehicles, 1 Trespassing, 4 Fraud, 3 MVA, 2 911 Hang ups, 3 Burglary, 4 Welfare Checks, 2 Open Burning, 2 Theft, 3 Warrants, 1 Harassment, 2 Mental Health, 2 Assault, 4 Parking, 1 Custody Dispute, 2 Assist EMS, 5 Suspicious Vehicle, 12 Follow Up Investigations, 6 Disorderly, 1 Burglar Alarm, 1 Animal Complaint, 4 Assist FD, 1 Terroristic Threats, 1 Assist Other PD, 1 Unattended Death, 2 Admin Reports, 5 Drug Possession, 1 Illegal Dumping and 1 Fireworks Complaint. Chief Szoke was in attendance to answer any questions that the public may have. Carlene Troell asked about the side-by-side purchase and what it will be used for. Chief Szoke explained that it will be used for rescues, trespassing on private property, damage and littering on private property. They will not be patrolling private property; they will only respond to calls made by a property owner. All property owners must be given the same coverage. He stated that the side by side would have been easier to use last week at the rescue in Eckley, and they wouldn't have damaged their one vehicle trying to get out to where they needed to be. He stated that police are usually the first to get to a scene because they are already in their vehicles. Carlene stated that even if they are the first to get there, there is nothing they can do because they need the FD or EMS. Chief Szoke explained that she is wrong; him and everyone else on the department are trained in the basics and can help a victim on scene. Greg Capozzelli asked about the distributon of fines collected. Chief Szoke explained that for a \$25 speeding ticket, the twp would retain \$12.50 of that, everything else on the ticket goes to the state. For the code violations, 100% goes to the twp. He would like to thank the Fire Dept for their help on the rescue last week, everyone worked together well and the only issue they had was the communication because of the area it was located. Mark Lachewitz would like to thank them for everything they are doing. He also asked about homeless people that are living on the other size of the lake in Hickory Hills, he would like to know what can be done to help them. The Chief explained that he should give him a call at the station, this way he can get more info and possibly go talk to them. A resident asked about the stop sign by the playground in AgMar, cars fly through it all the time and he was wondering if they can patrol it. Barbara Roma asked if deer crossing signs can be placed on 940. The chief stated that he will contact the state and see if they can put some up. Carlene asked if the side by side is going to be used for patrolling. The Chief stated that no, it will not be used for patrolling, only calls that are made by property owners.

Sewer Report – John Petrick stated that right now they are waiting for a good date to start plugging lines, everything is very confusing right now with the eviction stay. He stated that the office has been doing a good job with their end of collections. He asked if liens and judgments can be combined? Attny Karpowich stated that there is no need to, liens are good for 20 years and judgments are good for 5 years but can be renewed.

Solicitor's Report – Attny Karpowich explained that the twp had to do an emergency demo on the Heller property. Mike Spock was able to help the twp out and complete the demo work. He asked for a motion to lien the property for the amount of Mike's bill which was \$14,500. This will ensure that if anyone tries to purchase the property the twp will be reimbursed. The environmental specialist is in phase one of his work and that will determine if a phase two is required. Jerry made a motion to lien the property. John seconds the motion. Roll call was yes by all. Jerry asked about the house and what is being done since it is in such disrepair. Attny Karpowich explained that he is working with codes to get a condemnation on the other half and then it will eventually need to be torn down. He also stated that there will be zoning cases for properties on Kalmia and 940 coming up, but he believes they will be in litigation so he does not want to discuss them at the meeting. He stated that the board had an executive session on the Hazlebrook road maintenance issue with Hazle Twp. It was his recommendation that the twp repair the road and continue to let Hazle Twp collect the LF for the plowing. Jerry asked that Hazle Twp help in doing the repairs He was contacted by the roads dept to prepare an agreement with Pagnotti for the use of the shale pit by Brickyard Road. He will prepare it if the supervisors want to make a motion. Jerry made the motion. John seconds the motion. Roll call was yes by all.

Zoning Report – by Jerry: 3 zoning, 3 building, 2 stormwater, 1 Other permit was issued. He received 14 code complaints that are being taken care of and there were several patrols of the twp for other issues as well.

CORRESPONDENCE

MMI is requesting assistance in closing St. Ann's Rd from Carbon to St. Anthony's on 9/29 for their annual meet. This will take place from 3:30-5:30pm. Jerry suggested that the police should be informed of this as well. Jerry made the motion to approve the closure. Georgiann seconds the motion. Roll call was yes by all.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ed Rossi asked if there are any plans to pave Carbon Street? Jerry believes it was on the list of roads that the twp submitted a grant for. Tom Barna stated that yes it was on the list for the grant. Ed stated that there are 3 manholes that need to be fixed as well. Attny Karpowich suggested that the utilities be alerted that we may be paving the road and they need to get their repairs done before hand.

A resident asked if the lights are going to be turned on at the AgMar playground. Jerry stated that no they are not because the full-time residents do not want them to be. Therefore, the twp is only looking to get a light installed here at the Woodside playground. Georgiann stated that PPL will be out to do a site visit to see where the pole should go.

Wilson Malloy asked if the twp received any of the recovery funds yet? Georgiann stated no, not yet. Attny Karpowich explained that the twp will receive half now and half later on. The use for the funds is not completely determined yet, he is hoping that they will allow it to include road repairs. Attny Karpowich stated that right now it can be used for sewer, water and broadband, but they haven't ironed it all out the details. He did state that stormwater will be included therefore maybe the twp can do drainage work and then repair the roads afterwards.

Ed Rossi asked about the stormwater ditch from 940. The board stated that it is Freeland's problem, and they need to repair it.

A resident asked if the east end sewer system is being sold? Attny Karpowich stated that it is in the process, but he does not have a timeframe. The resident asked if it was Aqua that it is being sold to? Attny Karpowich stated that yes and it would make sense if they were to buy it because they already treat and maintain the lines.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany Majewski

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Municipal Secretary