

Foster Township Board of Supervisors  
Regular Monthly Meeting via Zoom

**Minutes**

April 14, 2021

6:30 PM

**CALL TO ORDER**

Call To Order The Regular Monthly Meeting via zoom.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Attny Karpowich, Brittany Majewski, Brian Maso, Mary Peters and members of the public were also present.

**READING OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING**

Motion to *dispense* with Reading of the 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. Pavuk                    |            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Pavuk |
|            | <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Brogan                   |            | <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Brogan           |

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| 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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| 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           |

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|            | <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.

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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. Pavuk                    |            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Pavuk |
|            | <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Brogan                   |            | <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Brogan           |

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| Roll Call: | Ms. Eckrote-Jones                       | Mr. Pavuk                               | Mr. Brogan                              |
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1 Aircraft Incident, 1 Terroristic Threats, 1 Mental Health, 1 Disabled Vehicle, 3 PFA Inv, 1 Fraud, 4 MVA, 1 911 Hang Up, 1 Wires, 2 Welfare Check, 3 Open Burning, 1 MV Theft, 1 Drug Inv., 1 Firearms, 1 Possession, 2 Public Drunkenness, 7 Parking, 3 Assault, 4 Assist EMS, 9 Suspicious Vehicles, 8 Follow Up Inv., 7 Disorderly, 2 Burglar Alarm, 2 Arrest Warrant and 1 Impersonating Police. Attny Karpowich suggested that some items could be handled by the fire company and codes, since they are over on hours. The board agrees that the WHPD is doing a fantastic job and everyone appreciates it.

**Sewer Report** – Jerry stated that he received an email from John Petrick, asking him to make a statement at the meeting that water shut off notices will be going out on the West End and Plugs will also start being placed on the East End. He states that he will post the properties on the East End. Jerry also stated that there was an email from FMA regarding a meeting that was held last year and items that FMA was looking for corrective measures on. He would like to discuss with the SAB at their next meeting and he would also like Tom Barna to attend because he believes some of the issues were addressed. Attny Karpowich stated that Mary is working on an overlay of the West End sewer system, because some questions were raised from PA American Water regarding easements. The twp wants to make sure all documents and maps are clear so that once the sale goes through the twp can be completely done with the system. Mary is hoping to have everything completed by Friday.

**Solicitor's Report** – Attorney Karpowich stated that the twp applied for the grant for police equipment with the support of senator Yudichacks office. He has also been assisting Brian with the transition into his new position.

**Zoning Report** – Brian reported that the following permits were issued: 6 Zoning, 3 Building, 2 Stormwater, 2 Occupancy for a total of \$3,870. In the month of March there was 1 zoning hearing and 22 code complaints received. Those complaints ranged from animals to unsecure structures. Attny Karpowich stated that the property owner of the unsafe structure across from Citterios was in contact with him and they would like to dedicate the property either to the twp or any other possible party that is interested. He believes that the twp does not have the funds to be able to raise the building, but there is possibly an interested organization nearby. Attny Karpowich will reach back out regarding the property. Brian stated that the NOV that was sent to the house on Cedar St, was received and the property owner contacted him to work something out with the twp, he will be calling him back during his office hours tomorrow. He will also be posting the property on Fern Street tomorrow. Attny Karpowich stated that the Fern Street property seems like it could be a desirable building lot if the twp wanted to acquire it, raise it and sell it.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Georgiann stated that she had correspondence from Merri and Angel regarding the roads in AgMar, but that issued was addressed earlier in the meeting.
- Georgiann stated that she received one letter of interest for the vacanted Auditor position from Alice Lachewitz. Georgiann made the motion to appoint Alice Lachewitz as Auditor. Jerry seconds the motion. Roll Call was yes by all.
- Georgiann stated that she received two letters of interest for the vacated seat on the Zoning Hearing Board, one from Paul Malloy and another from Anthony Piccione. She said she shared both letters with the members of the ZHB and they recommended that the board appoint Paul Malloy. Georgiann made the motion to appoint Paul Malloy to the Zoning Hearing Board. John seconds the motion. Roll Call was Yes by all.
- At this time Georgiann stated that for the past 29 years she has organized, on her own not as a twp supervisor, Keep PA Beautiful cleanup for Foster Township. As of 2019 the state has changed the way things are done, and all of her personal contact information was posted online and she was bombarded with requests and date changes, and these are things that are just not possible because of the dates the state comes out to collect the garbage. Since last year was canceled because of the pandemic, she thought after a year off she would be able to proceed with it this year, but she just cannot do it anymore. If anyone is interested in doing it, they can contact Mark Yager or Megan Eckert @ PennDOT 570-826-2386 or Michelle Dunn in Harrisburg @ 1-877-772-3673 ext 113. Jerry would like to thank Georgiann for taking the time to organize it from all these years and he understands why she needs to step back from it.
- Brittany asked for a motion to update the twp Code of Ordinances. She stated that she was in contact with the company that did it in 2009, General Code, and they were able to provide her with a quote for one hard copy and a digital copy. The last ordinance that was put into the code book was ordinance 5 of 2007, so there is quite a bit of information that needs to be updated and they estimate the work to take approximately 15 months. They quoted the work at \$9,820. The board agrees that this is something that needs to be done. Attny Karpowich stated that once it is

updated, he will prepare all ordinance in the format that is used, this way the twp can continually update it as needed. Jerry made the motion to have the work done. Georgiann seconds the motion. Roll Call was yes by all.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Jerry made the motion to continue tonight's meeting to Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> @ 6pm for general purposes. Georgiann seconds the motion. Roll Call was yes by all.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Brittany Majewski*

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Municipal Secretary