

Foster Township Board of Supervisors

Regular Monthly Meeting

Minutes

July 12, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Called 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Mr. Malloy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Mr. Pavuk	<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

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

Roll Call:	Ms. Eckrote Jones	Mr. Malloy	Mr. Pavuk
	<input checked="" 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 Reading of the Treasurer's Report due to availability to public
 Motion to read the Treasurer's Report

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

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

Roll Call:	Ms. Eckrote Jones	Mr. Malloy	Mr. Pavuk
	<input checked="" 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 ROADMASTER REPORT

Motion to Dispense with Reading of the Roadmaster Report due to availability to public

Motion to read the Roadmaster Report

Motion By: Ms. Eckrote Jones
 Mr. Malloy
 Mr. Pavuk

Second By: Ms. Eckrote Jones
 Mr. Malloy
 Mr. Pavuk

Roll Call:	Ms. Eckrote Jones	Mr. Malloy	Mr. Pavuk
	<input checked="" 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

BUSINESS

Recycling Center Bids – GFL/County Waste was the only submission and it is for an 8yard open top dumpster to be emptied twice a week @ \$275 per empty. Donnie made the suggestion that the board rebid differently, since no company seems to want to do the single stream. Wilson made the motion to reject the bids and rebid. John seconds the motion. Roll Call was yes by all.

Holding Tank Ordinance 1 of 2023 – This ordinance is required for a building that Blaschak would like to put across from the Eckley Village. They are going to be doing work for H & K and the SEO allows this up to 800 gal per day as long as approved by ordinance. If the SEO ends up denying the tank, then they can come to the board to appeal. John made the motion. Georgiann seconds the motion. Roll Call was yes by all.

Township Manager Ordinance 2 of 2023 – This ordinance creates a position for Township Manager. It allows the appointment by the board for a 2-year term. Qualifications are listed in the ordinance and this position will be considered a liaison to the board of supervisors. Ed Rossi asked if this is a full or part time position. Attny Karpowich explained that it can be either. Another resident asked about the cost of the position. Attny Karpowich explained that is not set by the ordinance that will be set with a contract between the candidate and the board. Wilson made the motion to approve. Georgiann seconds the motion. Roll Call was yes by all.

2023-2024 Winter Maintenance Agreement w/ PennDOT – This agreement is for year 2 of 10 for Main Street in Upper Lehigh. This was agreed upon last year and will be renew each year moving forward. John made the motion to enter into the agreement. Wilson seconds the motion. Roll Call was yes by all.

Draft & Advertise Revision to Street Cut Ordinance – Wilson explained that he would like to see revisions to this ordinance because of the money we are investing in our roads currently. He wants to make sure that any street cuts are repaired in a timely manner and done correctly. Attny Karpowich explained that this puts the obligation on the Municipality to make sure they notify all utilities in a timely manner prior to work being done. He will draft for the board to review next meeting.

Engineers Report – Tom Barna explained that M & J is finishing up the paving work and there will be a final inspection scheduled. He explained that there was an issue on Washington St. that there was no pavement left once it was milled down. This creates an issue and he suggested that core samples be done randomly on the twp roads, therefore in the future this can be an avoided surprise. He is looking forward to getting started on the LSA grants that were awarded for the building/garage repairs and the Centre St revitalization.

Sewer Report – Mary Peters was not present but contacted Attny Karpowich prior to the meeting. She stated that the phase II sewer extension project is going to start on 7/17. Once this is completed then the board can start the process of turning it over to PAWC.

Solicitors Report – Attny Karpowich stated that he is in negotiations with the owners of the old Heller property on Centre St. he is looking for them to turn it over voluntarily or if need be, the

twp can take it by eminent domain. He will be getting specs together for the tank removal as well.

CORRESPONDENCES

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Alice Lachewitz asked about the winter maintenance agreement, the board explained that it is just for Main Street in Upper Lehigh. She also asked about the STR's and that their bylaws do not cover them. She asked Attny Karpowich how this should be handled. She stated that there is someone living in an RV at 24 Shade Tree Rd and she has talked to Brian about it before but nothing has been done, therefore she is filing an official complaint at the meeting tonight. The complaint was given to Tom Barna to investigate. Alice stated that there were STR's that were sent to Brian and they have not heard anything on them, when does Foster get involved, because they are not permitted. Attny Karpowich said that HH needs to exhaust all their resources before Foster will come in. She stated that the board received the letter from Mr. McHugh. Attny Karpowich said he is still reviewing the letter as it was just sent to him. She would like to know when a property is sold and it was previously a single-family home, can it become a rental with the new owner. Attny Karpowich stated that it cannot be considered a STR if it was a single-family home previously.

Tim Robinson asked when Foster can step in to help with the home that burned at 66 Vacation Drive. Attny Karpowich stated that the board needs to try and get the homeowner to clean it up first. If all of the HOA's resources have been used and they still cannot get them to clean it up within the timelines that are given to them, then Brian can come in and help. Tim also asked about a property at 1229 Woodhaven that is building without permits. Tom Barna stated that he can go check out the property and see what is being done and what is needed.

Ed Rossi stated that the guys did a really good job on the storm drains. He would like to see the center line on Carbon St. get painted and some of the brush be cut back.

Donna Ferrero asked about proving the STR's. She said they are being advertised, isn't that enough proof? She said the HOA doesn't police anything. Wilson stated that Brian previously told everyone that they need to go to their HOA and the HOA will need to send a letter. She believes that the burden of proof should not be on the residents. Wilson said he will sit down with Brian and see what needs to be done.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn

Motion to Continue

Motion By: Ms. Eckrote Jones
 Mr. Malloy
 Mr. Pavuk

Second By: Ms. Eckrote Jones
 Mr. Malloy
 Mr. Pavuk

Roll Call: Ms. Eckrote Jones
 Yes

Mr. Malloy
 Yes

Mr. Pavuk
 Yes

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany Majewski

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Municipal Secretary