December 17, 2024

The Franklin Township Supervisors met on the above date at the Franklin Township Administration Building located at 889 Fairyland Road. Township Officials present were Supervisors Fred Kemmerer, Robin Cressley, Leroy Kemmerer Jr. was absent; and Secretary Brenda Cressley. A list of others in attendance at the meeting is attached to the Minute Book. Chairman Kemmerer called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Approval of Minutes –
Robin Cressley made a motion approving the minutes from the November 19, 2024 Township Meeting. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 21, 2024 Zoning Amendment Workshop Meeting. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Robin Cressley made a motion to table the minutes from the December 3, 2024 Township Meeting. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary's Report –
There will be changes in Garbage Collection Pick-up for Christmas & New Year's Day, the changes are as follows:

Wednesday, December 25th collection will be Thursday, December 26, 2024
Wednesday, January 1st collection will be Thursday, January 2, 2025

Announced that Christmas Trees can be disposed of at the Phifer's Ice Dams Park using the Penn St. entrance beginning Saturday, December 28, 2024 until January 31, 2025.

Announced: the Organization Meeting will be held on Monday, January 6, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

Treasurer's Report – Robin Cressley moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Fred Kemmerer. Motion carried unanimously.

Zoning Report - Zoning Officer Paul Jarrett submitted his report as of 12/2/24. Revenue from Zoning Permits: $506.00. Variance application fees - $1,000.00. Copies are on file.

UCC Building Code Official – Received report from Paul Jarrett, Building Code Officer as of 12/2/24. Total fees turned in: $159.00. Copies are on file.

Fire Chief's Report - Received the November, 2024 reports for the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company and the Franklin Township Fire Police. Copies are on file.

Police Reports- Chief Doll, submitted the police criminal activity report from 10/13/24-11/9/24 & 11/10/24-12/7/24. Copies are on file

Reports Cont'd-
Road Crew Reports- Submitted from 11/10/24-11/23/24 and 11/24/24-12/7/24.

Central Carbon Municipal Authority – None submitted

SEO Report- Franklin Township's Sewer Enforcement Officer (SEO), Scott Bieber submitted his report from 10/8/24 –11/26/24. Total fees received: $1,250.00

All reports were approved as submitted.

Communications – None

Citizen Participation-
Township resident Daniel Sell was present to ask for help in addressing a problem he is having with his sewer backing up. He hired a company to scope his sewer line to see what is causing the problem. They found that underneath the inspection pipe the attachment is cracked which is causing the issue. Mr. Sell feels it is the Township responsibility to fix this pipe. He has approached PennDot to help with the repair because he said their trucks keep running over the pipe and that is why it is cracked. Mr. Sell said he asked PennDot if he could fix the area by adding a guardrail. PennDot told him they will not help him and told him he is not allowed to do anything in that intersection. Chairman Kemmerer told Mr. Sell we will have our Sewer Inspector, Guy Barry inspect the area in question. Daniel Sell requested a copy of where the sewer pipe and laterals are located.

Jill Renfrew was present to ask a few questions regarding the budget, the LSA grants, Recycling, and the new building. It was explained to her that the LSA grant is a very competitive grant so if the Fire Company, the Township, and Little League all apply it is just like competing against each other. So we usually just have one or the other apply so the chances of getting the grant are greater. As far as recycling is concerned we are trying to find a way to start a program. They have cleared out a spot up in the back of the Township garage to possibly have dumpsters there to collect recycling. Chairman Kemmerer stated the problem is it will be hard to police and cost money to have the recycling center. Unfortunately recycling has become very expensive. Regarding the new building the board is going to be looking at hiring a grant writer and bond counsel to enable us to apply for grants to begin building a new building in the near future. By doing this it is the Supervisors hope to find money out there so there is less impact financially on the residents.

Unfinished Business- None

New Business -

Robin Cressley made a motion giving final approval to the 2025 budget for all funds (General Fund, State Fund, (Liquid Fuels), Sewer Operating Fund, Recreation Fund, Fire Hydrant Fund, Road Equipment Fund, Capital Project Garbage Collection Equipment, Capital Reserve Police Vehicle & Equipment Fund; Capital Reserve Building Fund; and Capital Reserve Employee Benefits Fund. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried. Chairman Kemmerer noted there will be 1 mill tax increase, he noted there has been no tax increase since 2010. He also said there will be a $30.00 per year garbage collection fee increase for regular and business customers only in 2025, the senior rate will remain unchanged.

Robin Cressley made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2024-27 setting the Tax Rates for the fiscal year 2025. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fred Kemmerer made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2024-28 setting the Garbage Collection rates for 2025. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Robin Cressley confirmed the yearly amounts of $285.00 regular and $170.00 for Senior Citizens. Motion carried.

Chairman Kemmerer made a motion to give conditional approval to the Cara Lynn Serfass Lot Line Adjustment Plan. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried. Conditions are all fees will be paid in full and we receive Atty. Nanovic's response regarding that the easement requirement that is included in the Deed is satisfactory.

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve the Karen Arner Lot Line Adjustment Plan. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fred Kemmerer made a motion to table the final approval of the Fazenda Fishing Camp Land Development Plan. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fred Kemmerer made a motion to rescind the previous Resolution 2024-24 due to the amount being changed. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fred Kemmerer made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-24- Statewide LSA Grant- FTAA Phase 5- Project A- ADA Restroom for Baseball Complex. - $344,407.19. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fred Kemmerer made a motion to rescind the previous Resolution 2024-25 due to the amount being changed. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fred Kemmerer made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-25- Statewide LSA Grant- FTAA Phase 5- Project B- ADA Restroom/Concession stand for the Playground Complex- $410,262.73. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New Business Cont'd-
Fred Kemmerer made a motion to rescind the previous Resolution 2024-26 due to the amount being changed. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fred Kemmerer made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-26- Statewide LSA Grant- FTAA Phase 3 – Babe Ruth Field "Renovation"- $464,752.58. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Robin Cressley made a motion to ratify the Agreement 2024-02 between the Township of Franklin and the Fraternal Order of Police representing the Franklin Township Police Department for the time period of January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2028. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Robin Cressley made a motion to schedule a hearing date for the Cable Franchise Agreement. The date and time will be determined upon Atty. Nanovic's availability. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Robin Cressley made a motion to request an RFP for a Grant Writer. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chairman Kemmerer made a motion to request an RFP for a Bond Counsel. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chairman Kemmerer explained the reason for the RFP for a Bond Counsel is to inform the township all of our options are for purposed projects coming up and to make sure we can do it and that we are doing it correctly.

Public – Questions/Comments –

Questions from the Press - None

Robin Cressley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda Cressley

Brenda Cressley, Secretary