

FERGUSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Regular Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, March 1, 2022

7:00 PM

MEETING PARTICIPATION OPTIONS

VIRTUAL:

Join Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87031665680>

Meeting ID: 870 3166 5680

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IN-PERSON:

Ferguson Township Municipal Building

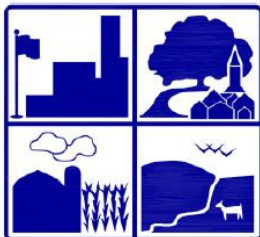
Main Meeting Room

3147 Research Drive

State College, PA

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- I. CALL TO ORDER**
 - II. CITIZENS INPUT**
 - III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - IV. AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, AND COMMISSION REPORTS**
 - a. State College Borough Water Authority Report
 - V. SPECIAL REPORTS**
 - a. COVID-19 Local Response Report
 - b. Township and Fiscal Responsibility – Snetsinger Butterfly Garden Presentation; 2021 State of Planning Report
 - VI. COG REGIONAL REPORTS**
 - a. Executive Committee
 - b. Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization
 - VII. STAFF REPORTS**
 - VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - 1. Authorization to Proceed with Procuring Ornamental Streetlight for Pine Grove Mills
 - IX. NEW BUSINESS**
 - 1. Consent Agenda
 - 2. C-NET Board Member Vacancy
 - 3. Authorization to Submit Variance Application for Park Hills Drainageway Project
 - 4. Board Member Request – Proclamation Recognizing Women’s History Month of 2022
 - X. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD**
 - XI. CALENDAR ITEMS**
 - XII. ADJOURNMENT**





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- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
- II. **CITIZEN'S INPUT**
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. February 1, 2022 Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Minutes
 - b. February 15, 2022 Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Minutes
- IV. **AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS REPORT**
 - a. State College Borough Water Authority Report, Ford Stryker
- V. **SPECIAL REPORTS** 30 minutes
 - a. COVID-19 Local Response Report – Centrice Martin, Interim Township Manager
 - b. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusionary Initiatives – no report.
 - c. Township and Fiscal Responsibility – *2021 State of Planning Report by Jeremie Thompson, Chairman of Planning Commission*
 - d. Community and Economic Development – no report.
 - e. Environment – *Snetsinger Butterfly Garden Presentation by Doug Ford.*
- VI. **COG AND REGIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS** 5 minutes
 1. **COG COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - a. Executive Committee
 - b. Centre County Metropolitan Planning Committee
 2. **OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- VII. **STAFF REPORTS**
 - a. Manager's Report
 - b. Public Works Director Report
 - c. Planning and Zoning Report
- VIII. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED WITH PROCURING ORNAMENTAL STREETLIGHT FOR PINE GROVE MILLS STREETLIGHT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

David Modricker, Director of Public Work

15 minutes

Narrative

The Board allocated funding in the 2022 Operating Budget for the Pine Grove Mills Streetlight Project. The project will remove streetlights from the Electric Service Tariff through the installation of meters, power disconnects, and wirings that will allow Public Works Department to repair and service the streetlights. Additionally, Ferguson Township Public Works intends to remove twenty-five (25) existing High-Pressure Sodium (HPS) streetlight tops and replace with Emitting Diode (LED) heads which requires selecting a lighting option.

At its Regular Meeting held on February 15th, Ms. Jennifer Harrington, Lighting Engineer with Barton Associates, presented lighting options to the Board of Supervisors. Ms. Harrington provided a lightbox to the Township for public viewing from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Friday, February 25, 2022, and upon request. The lightbox displayed a visual sample of the proposed 2700K LED lighting option as well as the 4000K LED alternate lighting option. The Board is asked to give staff direction on the installation of 2700K LED ornamental streetlight tops for the existing lights on Pine Grove Road.

Recommended Motion: That the Board of Supervisors authorize staff to proceed with the design of Contract 2019-C21, Pine Grove Mills Streetlight Improvement Project, to include replacement of twenty-five existing high pressure sodium fixtures with 2700K LED ornamental streetlight fixtures.

Staff Recommendation

That the Board of Supervisors **authorize** staff to proceed with design of Contract 2019-C21 as recommended.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. CONSENT AGENDA

5 minutes

- a. Voucher Report – Jan 2022
- b. Donation Request – Ferguson Township Senior Citizens

2. C-NET BOARD MEMBER VACANCY

Centrice Martin, Interim Township Manager

10 minutes

Narrative

The Township received the resignation of Mr. Thomas Giles as the C-Net Board Representative for Ferguson Township. The C-NET Board meets quarterly, and the next meeting is scheduled for April. Provided with the agenda packet is a copy of the Board's policy on Authorities, Boards, and Commission (ABC) Appointments. The Board is asked to appoint a Board or staff member to attend the next two C-NET Board meetings which are scheduled for April and July of 2022. This would allow adequate time for staff to advertise the vacancy, receive applications in advance of the scheduling interviews. The Board is asked to discuss filing the vacancy.

Staff Recommendation

That the Board of Supervisors **discuss** filing the vacancy on the C-NET Board.

3. AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT VARIANCE APPLICATION FOR PARK HILLS DRAINAGEWAY PROJECT

David Modricker, Director of Public Works

30 minutes

Narrative

The Park Hills Drainage Improvement Project is well into design with permitting, right of way acquisition, utility relocation, and construction planned to start in 2022. A variance from the Township floodplain ordinance is required by the Township to work in the floodplain. All necessary permits from Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PaDEP), United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will be obtained, and work will be performed in accordance with the permits. Based on the limits of the modeled 100-year floodplain after improvements, and while the overall impact of flooding to property owners is less, certain stormwater easements are required on private property. Since some of the work to construct the project will be performed on property owned by others, the Township has requested those property owners to support the Township in the effort to obtain the required variance. Five of the seven property owners have consented to date. For those that do not consent in advance, the acquisition of the easement will provide us the authority to request the variance.

Recommended Motion: That the Board of Supervisors authorize the Acting Township Manager to submit a variance application to the Zoning Hearing Board to perform work within the floodplain on lands owned by the Township and on private property where permission has been granted.

Staff Recommendation

That the Board of Supervisors **authorize** Interim Township Manager to prepare and submit variance to the Zoning Hearing Board.

4. PROCLAMATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FERGUSON, CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA TO OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZE WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH OF 2022.

Centrice Martin, Interim Township Manager

5 minutes

Narrative

Ferguson Township recognizes the importance of celebrating the contributions women have made in the United States as well as the achievements women have made over the course of American history in a variety of fields. The Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors also fully embraces and enjoys its historic first all-female Board as of 2022, marking the first time in the township's 220-year history this occurrence has taken place. Women's History Month had its origins as a national celebration in 1981 when Congress passed Public Law 97-28 which authorized and requested the President to proclaim the week beginning March 7, 1982, as "Women's History Week." The Board of Supervisors is asked to consider the proclamation provided with the agenda.

Recommended motion: That the Board of Supervisors adopt the Proclamation of the Township of Ferguson, Centre County, Pennsylvania officially recognizing Women's History Month.

Staff Recommendation

That the Board of Supervisors **adopt** the Proclamation.

X. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

XI. CALENDAR ITEMS – March

- a. Fire Safety Event at Baileyville Community Hall on Saturday, March 12, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- b. Ferguson Township Upcoming Meetings
 - 1. Planning Commission, Monday, March 14, 28
 - 2. Board of Supervisors Worksession, March 8
 - 3. Parks and Recreation Committee, March 10
 - 4. Tree Commission, March 21
 - 5. Pine Grove Mills Small Area Advisory Committee, March 24

XII. ADJOURNMENT