

FERGUSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Regular Meeting Agenda
Monday, November 2, 2020, 7:00 PM

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I. CALL TO ORDER

1. Notice of October 19th and October 27th Executive Sessions

II. CITIZENS INPUT

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. October 19, 2020, Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Minutes

IV. SPECIAL REPORTS

- a. COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Response Report
- b. State College Borough Water Authority Report
- c. Penn State University West Campus Development Update

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Continued Discussion – Stormwater Management Utility Fee
2. Review of DRAFT Recreational Fire and Open Burn Ordinance

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consent Agenda
2. Public Hearing – Resolution Authorizing a Sub-Recipient Agreement with COG for Disbursement of Centre County CARES Act Relief Block Grant Funding
3. Review of 2021 Centre Region COG Summary Budget
4. Scheduling of Interviews for Vacancies on Township Authorities, Boards, and Commissions
5. Award of Contract 2020-C15, Street Tree Pruning

VII. REPORTS

1. COG Committee Reports
2. Other Regional Reports
3. Staff Reports

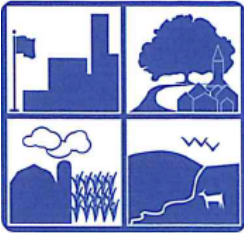
VIII. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

IX. CALENDAR ITEMS – NOVEMBER

X. ADJOURNMENT



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1. Notice of October 19th and October 27th Executive Sessions

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IV. SPECIAL REPORTS

25 minutes

1. COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Response Report – David Pribulka, Township Manager
2. State College Borough Water Authority – Ford Stryker
3. Penn State University West Campus Development Update – Neil Sullivan, University Planner

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. CONTINUED DISCUSSION – STORMWATER MANAGEMENT UTILITY FEE

30 minutes

Narrative

At the October 19th Regular Meeting, the Board scheduled the public hearing on the Stormwater Management Utility Fee Ordinance for Monday, February 1, 2021. Additionally, the Board requested opportunities to discuss several components of the fee structure and consider additional changes. These include the hardship exemption and credit policies; billing unit methodology; and program schedule. Provided with the agenda is a rough draft of a hardship exemption policy for initial review by the Board this evening. Also provided with the agenda is a proposed schedule for considering the different components of the ordinance prior to the public hearing on February 1st. This item is for discussion only and no action is required by the Board.

Staff Recommendation

That the Board of Supervisors **discuss** the DRAFT hardship policy and tentative schedule for a public hearing on an ordinance enacting the stormwater management utility fee.

2. REVIEW OF DRAFT RECREATIONAL FIRE AND OPEN BURN ORDINANCE

10 minutes

Narrative

During the August 3rd Regular Meeting, the Board received a report on Fire Code and Safety Regulations. Some deficiencies were identified. At the September 8, 2020, meeting, a Board member offered suggestions for additional burning regulations. Provided with the agenda are some recommendations for updating the Township's burning regulations. The Board is asked to review the recommendations and provide comments to staff. Additional amendments can be incorporated into a draft ordinance for review and authorization for public hearing at an upcoming meeting. This item is for discussion only and no action is required by the Board.

Staff Recommendation

That the Board of Supervisors *review and comment* on the draft ordinance.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. CONSENT AGENDA

5 minutes

- a. Special Events Permit – Winter Market at The Rivet
- b. Request for C-NET Sponsorship – PSU Weather Service

2. A PUBLIC HEARING ON A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FERGUSON, CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARY TO EXECUTE A SUB-RECIPIENT AGREEMENT FOR THE DISBURSEMENT OF CENTRE COUNTY CARES ACT RELIEF BLOCK GRANT FUNDS TO THE CENTRE REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS.

10 minutes

Narrative

Provided with the agenda is a copy of a resolution advertised for public hearing authorizing the Chairman and Secretary to execute a sub-recipient agreement for the disbursement of Centre County CARES Act Relief Block Grant Fund to the Centre Region COG. The item was referred to member municipalities at the September 29th General Forum meeting. Ferguson Township was eligible for \$183,158 in CARES Act Block Grant funding and has used the funds to offset unforeseen expenditures in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. These expenditures included additional personal protective equipment for Township staff; cleaning supplies and materials; and other related costs. Under the Act, COG is not an eligible recipient of funds allocated to this grant, but some COG agencies have received assistance through other federal programs. The Township would be permitted to reallocate a portion of its funding to the COG, pending the execution of a sub-recipient agreement (attached). Due to local needs for the funding, staff is not recommending that the Board designate the COG as a sub-recipient agreement, as the full reimbursement for the Township has been allotted by the grant and is already accounted for.

Recommended Motion: That the Board of Supervisors adopt the resolution authorizing the Chairman and Vice Chairman to execute a sub-recipient agreement for the disbursement of Centre County CARES Act Relief Block Grant Funds to the Centre Region Council of Governments.

Staff Recommendation

That the Board of Supervisors *does not adopt* the resolution.

3. REVIEW OF 2021 DRAFT CENTRE REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS SUMMARY BUDGET 30 minutes

Narrative

At the October 26th COG General Forum Meeting, the draft 2021 COG Summary Budget was reviewed and referred to the member municipalities for consideration. Comments are due back to the COG Executive Director by November 17th. Eric Norenberg, COG Executive Director and Joe Viglione, COG Finance Director will be present to respond to any questions the Board may have. Below is a link to the 2021 Summary Budget.

[2021 DRAFT Centre Region Council of Governments Summary Budget](#)

Recommended Motion: That the Board of Supervisors direct the Township Manager to forward its comments on the draft 2021 COG Summary Budget to the Executive Director.

Staff Recommendation

That the Board of Supervisors **review and comment** on the 2021 COG Summary Budget.

4. SCHEDULING OF INTERVIEWS FOR APPLICANTS TO VACANCIES ON TOWNSHIP AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS 10 minutes

Narrative

The Board has been provided with the applications for the upcoming vacancies on Township Authorities, Boards, and Commissions. Per the Board's adopted policy (attached), interviews of interested applicants are to be scheduled prior to the appointments being made at the Reorganizational Meeting each January. Board members are asked to have their calendars available at the meeting so a date or dates may be coordinated to conduct the interviews.

Staff Recommendation

That the Board of Supervisors **schedule** the interviews for the upcoming vacancies on the Township's Authorities, Boards, and Commissions.

5. AWARD OF CONTRACT 2020-C15, STREET TREE PRUNING 5 minutes

Narrative

On October 27, 2020, bids were opened publicly and read aloud for contract 2020-C15. The bid was advertised in the Centre Daily Times and was sent to potential bidders. The contract involves pruning street trees at various locations. Provided with the agenda is a memorandum from David Modricker, Public Works Director, dated October 27, 2020, recommending the contract.

Recommend Motion: That the Board of Supervisors award Contract 2020-C15 Street Tree Pruning to Dincher and Dincher Tree Surgeons, Inc., in accordance with their bid in the amount of \$23,380.00.

Staff Recommendation

That the Board of Supervisors **award** the contract to Dincher & Dincher Tree Surgeons, Inc.

VII. STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

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| 1. COG COMMITTEE REPORTS | 10 minutes |
| a. Executive Committee | |
| b. Joint Parks Capital Committee and CRPRA | |
| 2. OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS | 10 minutes |
| a. Climate Action & Adaption TAG | |
| b. Spring Creek Watershed Commission | |
| 3. STAFF REPORTS | 15 minutes |
| a. Manager's Report | |
| b. Public Works Director | |
| c. Planning & Zoning Director | |

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