

Franklin Township, Adams County

Board of Supervisors Workshop Meeting

February 15, 2024

SUPERVISORS PRESENT: Supervisor Crushong, Supervisor Williams and Supervisor Santay.

OTHERS PRESENT: Curtis MacBeth Roadmaster, Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer.

The workshop, held at the Franklin Township Municipal Building, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice-Chairman Crushong

Broadband – Adams County Commissioner Marty Qually

Commissioner Qually gave a presentation on Broadband for better cellphone and internet service in the Rural areas of the Township. The area targeted at the present time is the Buchanan Valley area. Supervisor Williams asked what the approximate cost would be for the area of Buchanan Valley. Commissioner Qually informed everyone that the approximate cost is \$7.5 million dollars. Commissioner Qually commented that anyone can access the following website to see what is happening with broadband: <https://broadband-connectivity-initiative-adamsgis.hub.arcgis.com/>.

Amy/David Masenheimer and Joe Riddlemoser / Brightspeed

There were many comments from the residents of Tillietown Road concerning Brightspeed running fiber optic along Tillietown Road:

Resident John Haslup wanted to know if this could be run underground and would like a more detail of the box that will be used to do so.

Resident Amy Masenheimer is not interested in fiber optic.

Resident Mark Bucher commented that he did not want anymore pedestals in his yard and he would do what he could to stop it.

Resident Joe Riddlemoser commented that there were poles to access along Seven Stars Road out to Chambersburg Road.

Resident Danny Shriner had questions about the boxes and what they are.

Resident Chris Abell had questions about the implementation of the service. He would like to see no poles and for it to run underground.

There were a lot of questions that the Board could not answer and there was no representative from Brightspeed to answer these questions. Supervisor Crushong commented that the Township did not know why the representative from Brightspeed was not present but that maybe they are considering another route for the service. Until the Township hears from Brightspeed

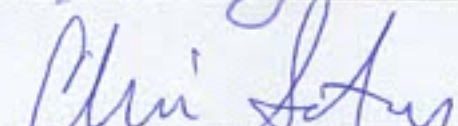
and know exactly what they want to do there can be no decision. The Board thanked everyone who showed up to voice their opinion on this issue and told everyone that they would keep Amy Masenheimer up to date on the issue and she would then let them know what is going on.

Mr. Francis Miller – 519 New Road

Mr. Miller wanted to discuss the snow being thrown up against his barn at 519 New Road. Mr. Miller commented that he is tired of the snow being thrown up against his barn and wanted it to stop. Mr. Miller commented that the barn has been there since 1954 and has had no repairs or upgrades since then and he did not want it damaged and wanted the snow plow driver to slow down. Mr. Miller was asked by the Board how fast he thought the driver was going and he replied maybe 45 mph. Supervisor Williams replied that there was no way that the truck was going that fast when plowing snow. Mr. Miller; when asked how far the barn was off the road, commented “about 3’ off the road”. This turned into a heated discussion and Mr. Miller threatened Curt MacBeth, Roadmaster after Curt commented that a remedy to the situation could be that Mr. Miller come work for the Township. Mr. Miller’s reply to this comment was “I wouldn’t work for you for nothing, the Township couldn’t pay me enough to come down here and work for you, you know why because I’d kill you and bury your ass”. Curt commented “Is that a threat?” Mr. Miller replied “No that’s not a threat”. Curt commented “because this is being recorded”. Mr. Miller commented “No that’s not a threat, it’s a promise”. The Board informed Mr. Miller that another driver would be on his route during this next snow event and will see how it goes.

The Workshop Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Chairman 

Vice-Chairman 

Supervisor 