

Franklin Township, Adams County

Board of Supervisors Workshop Meeting

May 20, 2021

SUPERVISORS PRESENT: Chris Santay, JR Crushong, and Matthew Williams

OTHERS PRESENT: Robin Crushong, Standing In Secretary; Tim Johnson, Mike Redding and Sharon Hamm, PA Municipal Code Alliance

The workshop, held at the Franklin Township Municipal Building, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Santay.

Tim Johnson - PMCA Invoice

Supervisor Williams requested that Tim Johnson come to the meeting tonight so that the Board could understand how the permitting process worked in his case and discuss an issue that came up as a result so that maybe it can be avoided in the future. Mr. Johnson was charged a fee of \$120 denying his review because he did not file a signed & sealed set of plans with his application. Mr. Johnson was not aware that signed and sealed plans were required for his project. Sharon Hamm, PA Municipal Code Alliance was present and able to explain that for some commercial projects (accessibility/structural) the UCC (Uniform Construction Code) requires signed and sealed plans. Unfortunately, the way this application came in as a "patio", the front desk customer assistant at PA Municipal Code Alliance did not know that this application would require signed and sealed plans. This was discovered by the reviewer of the application. The Board would like to see this stream lined at the beginning of the application process so that this does not occur in the future. As noted last month, communication is the key so that the Township does not have residents that are upset with the process.

Constable – Mike Redding

Supervisor Santay stated that Constable Redding was invited to the meeting tonight so that the Board could understand better what he, as the elected Constable for Franklin Township, is able to do and what he is not able to do. Constable Redding stated that he was not certified and was not looking to recertify. The only thing that Constable Redding could do for the Township would be to serve process. Constable Redding informed the Board that the expenses incurred by a Constable, i.e., training, vests, vehicle, gas, etc. could total between \$8,000-\$10,000. It is hard to recoup this kind of expense. Supervisor Crushong asked how the Township could use a constable assigned to another township when Constable Redding was elected to Franklin Township. Constable Redding stated that every municipality has a Constable elected to it but any municipality can use any Constable. Constables are considered Law Enforcement "Peace Keeping" however, they are not a Police Officer. Constable Redding has about 2 years left on his term. He plans to finish out his term and then not running again. He would like to continue to be the Constable and not resign. Constable Redding requested that the Board reach out to other constables in the area for their assistance in matters that come up in the township. Supervisor Santay stated that the Board wanted to be sure Constable Redding was alright with the township using other constables before moving forward. The Supervisors thanked Constable Redding for coming out tonight and discussing this matter with them.

Resolution No. 2021-04 – PennDOT Business Partner ID No.

Supervisors Santay indicated that the Board needs to adopt a resolution to apply for a PennDOT Business Partner ID No. for the road widening needed in connection with the Buck Museum going in on Crooked Creek Road. The developer, through the township, must have this number in order to proceed with the widening of the intersection at Crooked Creek Road (township road) and Mummasburg Road (State Road). There is no cost to requesting this number and the cost of the widening will be on the developer not the township. **Supervisor Crushong moved, seconded by Supervisor Williams to adopt Resolution No. 2021-04 to request a PennDOT Business Partner ID No. Motion carried unanimously.**

Follow up from meeting with Joe Zima, PennDOT – Sewer Facility Access Road

Supervisor Santay met with Joe Zima from PennDOT and learned that the road has to be improved when three (3) homes have gone in. At this time there are two (2) homes and a new home is being built. The improvements would consist of 2 lanes, 33' wide going back 50'. The Board decided that this needs to be discussed with Solicitor Yannetti concerning liability, who is going to pay for this, etc. The Board needs to know how to move forward.

American Rescue Plan Funding

Chairman Santay went over the draft list of possible uses of the American Rescue Plan Funding that the township should be receiving next month:

New Pick-Up Truck – priced at \$53,000.00. The Board was not sure what category this could fall under.

Base units for all equipment – The Board was not sure this could be justified

Annual and Semi-annual contributions to Fire Companies, Library, SPCA, Office of Aging etc. – The Board questioned if these organizations would need to show their losses in order to receive the funds.

HVAC update – The Board agreed this could be a funded expense

Loss of Revenue – The Board was not sure if the township has any loss of revenue

Complaint concerning blinking light at High Street and Chambersburg Road

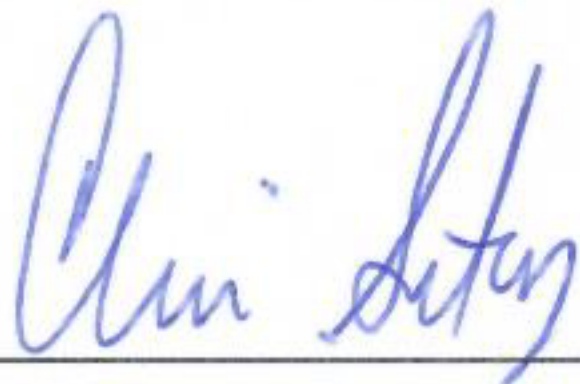
Chairman Santay stated that one complaint received on this matter does not obligate the township to upgrade the traffic signal.

MOTION by Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor Crushong to adjourn at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Robin K. Crushong
Standing In Secretary

Chairman



Supervisor



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