

**Franklin Township, Adams County
Board of Supervisors Workshop Meeting
August 15, 2019**

SUPERVISORS PRESENT: Henry Crushong, Jr., Matt Williams, and Chris Santay.

OTHERS PRESENT: Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer

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

Knouse Fruitlands – Dog Dock Diving Events

Supervisor Crushong informed everyone that the Board has read the agreement. Supervisor Crushong then asked Wilbur Slothour of Land and Sea Services, LLC if he had reviewed the final draft and Mr. Slothour said that he had and he had no further changes. Supervisor Crushong then asked Knouse Fruitlands if they had seen the final draft and they responded “no”. Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer then gave Mr. Kevin Knouse a copy of the agreement to look over. Mr. Kevin Knouse addressed the Board and the only change that he would like to see is that the Township add May to the months in Item No. 1. Everything else looks fine to him. Supervisor Crushong informed Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer to send the change to the Township Solicitor for review and informed Knouse Fruitlands that the Board will motion on the agreement at their September 5, 2019 Board of Supervisors Meeting.

Supervisor Crushong asked Wilbur Slothour, Land and Sea Services, LLC if the items on his list are being taken care of. Wilbur responded that they have been in contact via email and things are being completed.

Road Occupancy Permits – Columbia Gas

The Township has received two (2) Road Occupancy Permit Applications from Columbia Gas for Old Route 30. Curt MacBeth, Roadmaster drafted a list of things that should be done by Columbia Gas when they work in the Township roadways. The list is as follows:

1. Roadway must be saw cut.
2. Area dug out must be backfilled with 2A stone in 6-inch lifts and compacted every 6 inches.
3. The top three (3) inches must be filled with 9.5 mm blacktop and be level-finished grade with current roadway surface.
4. Join/seam around cut out area must be tar sealed.

Supervisor Williams asked where the work was going to be performed and what was going to be done. Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer responded that the work was going to be performed at 2425 Old Route – repair leak on the main and 3505 Old Route 30 – abandon gas service line. The Board agreed with the list that Curt MacBeth, Roadmaster had and informed Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer to send to Columbia Gas with their approved permits.

COG – 10th Anniversary Invitation

Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed everyone that the Adams County Council of Governments will be having their 10th Anniversary Celebration on August 29, 2019 at 8:30 am and all are invited to attend.

Land & Sea Services – Code Enforcement, Conditional Use / Court Date Reminders

Supervisor Santay informed Wilbur Slouthour and Tim McCauslin of Land & Sea Services, LLC that he has just gotten back from his tour overseas and he has noticed some Enforcement issues in the Township and just wanted to get an update to how things are progressing. Supervisor Santay asked where the Township was on at 5 Newman Road and 400 Church Road. Tim McCauslin informed the Board that he took in his 8th violation for 400 Church Road and for 5 Newman Road (Tara Strasbaugh) and 5940 Chambersburg Road (Charles Strasbaugh he has written his 7th violation. Tim McCauslin also informed the Board that he had taken in three (3) violations for residents up on Oak Drive. Supervisors asked if Tim knew what the fines were for these violations. Tim informed the Board that he had called to find out what the fines were and he was told that he needed the docket number and some other items and the clerk acted as if she didn't want to look up the fines that were handed out. Tim informed the Board that R & B Enterprises has been issued a violation for not cutting the grass on the corner of Crooked Creek Road and Chambersburg Road. The court date for this is September 17, 2019 at 11:00 am. Wilbur Slothour, Land and Sea Services suggested that the Township solicitor should attend the court dates. Land and Sea Services has also cited the Strasbaugh's for grass being too high also. Supervisor Santay asked about 408 Old Route 30. Code Enforcement Officer McCauslin informed the Board that he has to get in touch with her son as she is unable to mow and he lives out of town and it is very hard to get anything achieved with him living out of town. Code Enforcement officer can send a citation to his last known address as he is listed as the Owner of the property. Supervisor Crushong also asked about both 545 Fairview Fruit Road and 140 Fairview Fruit Road which have not been mowed in months. Tim McCauslin, Code Enforcement officer said that he would look into these properties also. Supervisor Santay also asked about Proscapes and what was going on with finishing this building. Wilbur informed the Board that he had talked to the Builder and the Landscaper and the last word he got was they were going to finish up once it dried up and at this point nothing has happened. Supervisor Santay informed Wilbur and Tim that the weeds and trash are starting to look really bad and would like something done to get this taken care of. Supervisor Crushong asked Tim, Code Enforcement office if he rides the entire Township when he is out. Tim responded that he rides certain areas on certain days when he is out doing inspections. Wilbur Slothour informed the Board that of all the Townships that they work in this is the most challenging Township pertaining to this issue of getting things cleaned up. Supervisor Crushong responded with "We believe that and we know that" but it is something that the Supervisors will continue to address. The Board wants to look at what other options there are for getting things cleaned up and would like to set up a meeting Judge Beauchat to discuss fines and options.

Conditional Use in the Ag Zone

Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed the Board that the Township has received drawings for the Buck property – Museum in the Ag District and there is some confusion about the process of issuing a Conditional Use. Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer thought that this would go before the Zoning Hearing Board. Solicitor Yannetti informed Susan Plank that the Board of Supervisors will hear, examine, and issue conditional uses. Solicitor Yannetti also informed Susan Plank that there would need to be a hearing for the Conditional Use. Wilbur Slothour, Land and Sea Services informed the Board that his understanding is that there would be a

hearing, notices to neighbors would need to be mailed, the property would need to be posted, there would need to be a stenographer present at hearing, and a there would need to be a decision memorandum sent out. The conditional use is saying 'yes' they can have it but the hearing is to establish what conditions are to be met before the construction starts. The Board was not under the impression that the items Wilbur Slothour mentioned would need to be done. Supervisor Crushong suggested that the Board talk to Solicitor Yannetti at the Board of Supervisors meeting in September to determine what needed to be done to be in compliance. Wilbur informed the Board of Supervisors that for other Townships he would take care of all aspects of the Conditional Use Hearing. Supervisor Crushong responded that the Township would have to create a new section in the Zoning Ordinance that explains how the procedure for a Conditional Use is handled within the Township. There are many questions that will need to be answered by the Township Solicitor and Engineer.

481 Church Road – Copy of Estimated Cost

Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed the Board of Supervisors that both herself and Gil have been in contact Ms. Crystal Shelton-Hill about having the cost estimate to the Township by tonight's meeting and a signed contract by September 19, 2019. Ms. Shelton-Hill called the Township wanted to know if the Township put a lien on the property could she make payments until it is paid off. Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed Ms. Hill that this was not decided and the once the lien goes on the property it would stay until the property is sold. The Board of Supervisors would like for Susan Plank to email both Gil Picarelli, Sewage Enforcement Office and Solicitor Yannetti to see what the next steps are going to be and how the Township can get Ms. Hill to fix this problem.

Richards SWM, Impervious Surface and Driveway Options

Supervisor Williams questioned whether the Board should question Wilbur Slothour, Land and Sea Services, LLC about the Richards Zoning Hearing decision. Supervisor Crushong informed everyone that the Zoning Hearing Board will make their decision on August 22, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. and that, depending on the decision, the Board would need to take action once the decision is made.

Zoning Hearing Board Fees

Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed the Board of Supervisors that the Township may have to raise the Zoning Hearing fees. The attorney and stenographer fee for the Richards Hearings was approximately \$1,200.00 and the Township had not gotten Solicitor Yannetti's bill for his time as of this meeting. Supervisors would like for Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer to look in the Zoning Ordinance to find out if the Township is allowed to bill cost over and above the \$750.00 that is collected at the time of application and report back to the Board at the September Board of Supervisors meeting.

2020 Preliminary Budget

Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed the Board of Supervisors that this is just a preliminary budget for the General Account. The budget includes \$20K for the doors on the equipment shed. Susan Plank is in the process of getting quotes for fixing the fence around the upper buildings. This cost is not included in the preliminary budget. Susan Plank also informed the Board of Supervisors that the budget is looking good for 2019. Supervisor Santay asked about the Worker's Compensation cost due to the death of Firefighter Wagaman. Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed the Board that she has talked to Kathy with Hockley and O'Donnell

and the Township can expect the Firefighter's coverage to at least double. Kathy with Hockley did not know for sure whether the Township would see the increase for 2020 or not until 2021. Kathy with Hockley does not expect to have those numbers until October. Susan Plank has not put that cost in the budget at this time but will do so for the next updated budget. Susan Plank also distributed to the Board of Supervisors a spreadsheet that shows the total fire tax, gas expense, and contributions made to the Fire Companies during the year and informed the Board of Supervisors that she did conduct a survey asking the other Township how they handle gas for the Volunteer Fire Companies. 99% of the Townships that were contacted do not supply the Volunteer Fire Companies gas for free.

Noise Ordinance

Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer distributed the draft copy of the Noise/Nuisance Ordinance for the Supervisors to review and take action on at the September 5, 2019 Board of Supervisor meeting.

Guest comments: None

The workshop was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Susan J. Plank
Secretary/Treasurer

Chairman _____

Supervisor _____

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