

**Franklin Township, Adams County
Board of Supervisors Meeting**

September 7, 2023

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer, Curt MacBeth, Roadmaster, and Bernie Yannetti, Solicitor.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

265 Seven Stars Road – Zoning Amendment Change

Zachary Rice of the Law Firm of Saltzman Hughes commented that his colleague Sam Wisner was present at the last meeting representing a potential buyer for 265 Seven Stars Road who would like to operate a Dairy Farm at this location. The property is in the Industrial Zone which does not allow Raising of Livestock. The Board directed Mr. Wisner to present the change to the Planning Commission of which they did and now Mr. Rice is asking for a Public Hearing to be schedule to hear the Curative Text Amendment request for this change. Bicky Redman, Planning Commission Member commented that the Planning Commission recommend the use be approved contingent upon a Manure and Nutrient Management Plans and a Water Resources Impact Study.

MOTION by Supervisor Crushong, seconded by Supervisor Santay to send this to the Planning Commission and to have Solicitor Yannetti to set a Public Hearing Date. Motion carried, 3-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Supervisor Santay, seconded by Supervisor Crushong to approve the August 3, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes and the August 17, 2023 2023 Workshop Meeting Minutes. Motion carried, 3-0.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST #9

MOTION by Supervisor Santay, seconded by Supervisor Crushong to approve Bill List #9 – General Account - \$166,897.56 Check Nos. 38474 – 38526, State Fund - \$1,429.75 Check Nos. 6645, and Fire Tax Fund - \$98,000.00 Check No. 57 for a Grand Total - \$266,327.31. Motion carried, 3-0.

PRELIMINARY/FINAL PLAN

None to report

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer reported that there was one (1) Minor Stormwater Management Plan for Duggin on Oak Drive that was approved by KPI Technology.

REPORTS

Reports will be posted on line for review

OLD BUSINESS

Adams County Conservation District Memorandum of Understanding – No Update

NAREMA – Acquisition of Emergency Operations Center Truck – Supervisor Santay informed everyone that there needs to a decision on whether the Township is on board with being partial Owner of or a pay as you go acquisition of the Emergency Operations Truck. He informed everyone that Huntington and Menallen Township are in conditionally. Tyrone Township, and Biglerville Borough are on board. Butler Township has this as an Agenda Item for their next meeting and York Springs has not responded. is work being done on the language of the Memorandum of Understanding and the members were hoping to have this for their August 9th meeting at Huntington Township. They also determined that the truck would be store at the Biglerville Volunteer Fire Company. The purchase cost of \$7,000 would be divided six (6) way if purchased. The use charge would consist of fuel, maintenance (inspection, tires, brakes), etc. Supervisor Santay would like to make the decision at the Workshop. He has asked Jed Smith to reach out to Warren Bladen, County Emergency Center and ask him to attend the meeting. The Board agreed to move this to the Workshop Meeting on September 21, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

498 Tillietown Road – No Update

808 New Road – Mr. Owen – Septic Pumping

Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed everyone that this was pumped on August 8, 2023 by Shealer's and the Township has received the necessary paperwork.

6195 Chambersburg Road, Sew N Place – Trees

Mr. Sneeringer commented that he wanted to know if the Township made a decision about the requirement to plants trees since he has bought the property next to Sew N Place and hopes to open a BNB. Mr. Sneeringer asked what needed to be done so that he could move forward. Supervisor Williams commented that he would need to submit a plan without the trees. Solicitor Yannetti informed Mr. Sneeringer that he should consult with his Engineer to find out if the necessity of a buffer is present due to Subdivision/

Land Development Ordinance or Zoning Ordinance. He may need to get a variance or waiver whichever is applicable according to the Ordinances. Mr. Sneeringer is working with his Engineer and Attorney in getting a Bed N Breakfast and he will talk to them about this item also.

NEW BUSINESS

Winding Road / Bridgeport Road - Trees

Residents Joan and Larry Bushey commented that they had concerns about the road project for Winding Road and the removal of trees. They are concerning about erosion, stabilization, changing the look, more traffic. Curtis MacBeth, Roadmaster explained in detail what the project consisted of and that the Township has applied for a Low Volume, Dirt and Gravel Road Grant for this project. If approved through this program the Township will received approximately 200K to improve this road. Curt MacBeth, explained that the trees that will be taken down are in the Township right-of-way. The Board instructed Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer to supply the residents with concerns with the contact information for Dirt /Low Volume Grant Program.

Curt MacBeth, Roadmaster also comments about another issue on Bridgeport Road. There were trees planted within the Township right-of-way. The road crew took white paint and marked the right-of-way and the trees should be moved back beyond that white mark. Curt comment that the Township would appreciate if the trees were moved beyond the Township right-of-way. Resident Joan Bushey informed the Board that they will take the trees out.

Flex Employee

Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed the Board that the Township has not received any response to the Help Wanted Ad for a Flex Employee. Susan Plank asked if they wanted to try other means of advertising. No response was given.

Fire Companies – 2nd (Fall) budgeted Contributions – Cashtown - \$10K and Buchanan Valley – 10K

MOTION by Supervisor Santay, seconded by Supervisor Crushong to approve the budget fall Contributions to Cashtown Community Fire Department and Buchanan Valley Volunteer Fire Company in the amount of \$10k each. Services. Motion carried, 3-0. Supervisor Crushong would like Arendtsville Volunteer Fire Company included in these contributions on the 2024 Budget.

2024 – Preliminary Budget

Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer presented the Preliminary Budget to the Board for their review. She informed the Board that there are some changes: Clothing Allowance for the road crew, budgeting for scanning records and to update the website. The tractor is paid in full this year (2023).

GUESTS

Residents Arend Visser presented a denial letter from Lynda Beckwith, PMCA concerning his application to add 30' to the front of the property at 6194 Chambersburg Road. He does not understand the denial. After reviewing, the Board had some questions and asked Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer to contact Lynda Beckwith or Clem Melot with PMCA and have them better explain the denial.

Resident Darrin Flake commented that he is an alternate on the Zoning Hearing Board and requested that he be made a member of this Board. The Board instructed Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer to put this on the Agenda for the Workshop Meeting.

ADJOURN

MOTION by Supervisor Santay, seconded by Supervisor Crushong to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. Plank
Secretary/Treasurer

Chairman _____

Vice-Chairman _____

Supervisor _____