

**Franklin Township, Adams County**  
**Board of Supervisors Workshop Meeting**  
**September 15, 2022**

**SUPERVISORS PRESENT:** Matthew Williams, JR Crushong. Supervisor Santay was absent.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Susan Plank, Secretary, Gil Picarelli, KPI Technologies

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

**810 Old Route 30 Ms. Sue Nespeca**

The Board of Supervisors addressed Ms. Nespeca concerning the temporary travel trailer on her property while her house is being renovated from a fire. The Board informed Ms. Nespeca that they are willing to work with her on this issue<sup>3</sup>. The Board instructed Ms. Nespeca that she will have to get temporary electric and a way to dump the waste water. Ms. Nespeca informed the Board that she does have a Porta-A-Potty on site at the present time that is being used. Ms. Nespeca's contractor informed her that he is working on getting temporary electric service within the next couple of weeks. The Board also informed Ms. Nespeca that a one (1) year time line is what they are approving to have the work done in this time line. The Board also informed Ms. Nespeca that her contractor should get the permit process started. Ms. Nespeca inform everyone that she thought this was already started. Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed everyone that she has not gotten any applications for this project. Supervisor Crushong informed Ms. Nespeca to ask her contractor about this. Supervisor Crushong also informed Ms. Nespeca that the Township would have their Solicitor draft an agreement which will need to be signed. Ms. Nespeca thanked the Board for their desire to work with her while she gets back into her house.

**Route 30 Colvert – Bog Turtle study cost and time line**

Gil Picarelli, KPI Technologies addressed the Board about the Bog Turtle study as to whether the Township wanted to wait to see if Columbia Gas does their study. Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed Mr. Picarelli that at the Board of Supervisors meeting on September 1<sup>st</sup> that Brandon Guiher, KPI Technologies was informed that the Township did not want to wait on Columbia Gas and that the Board requested a cost estimate and time from KPI by this workshop. Gil Picarelli informed the Board that the cost would be approximately \$2,500.00 and that he would get the process started.

**WWII Museum Escrow**

Gil Picarelli, KPI Technologies has been in contact with Mrs. Loni Buck and their Engineer concerning what needed to be done to get the escrow released. The Rain Garden does not show any plants growing yet. Gil Picarelli, KPI Technologies informed the Board that their recommendation is to release \$24,572 and hold the balance of \$3,251.00 until the Rain Garden shows growth, the signs are installed, and the as-built drawings are received.

**MOTION by Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor Crushong to release \$24,572 of the WWII Museum Escrow and hold the balance until the Rain Garden shows growth, the**

**signs are installed, and the as-built drawings are received. Motion carried, 2-0 with Supervisor Santay absent.**

498 Tillietown Road – Gil Picarelli, KPI Technologies informed the Board that Brandon is going out tomorrow to meet with Ms. Medina to point her in the right direction. Gil Picarelli is not sure that this is an engineering issue or a code issue. The Board questioned that they thought this was already taken care of. Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed everyone that they had put the sump pump drain in the septic which was causing issues and then they put it back to the way it was before and it started to run on the road again. It went to court and the Magistrate gave her with the help of her plumber 6-months to come up with a solution to fix the problem. The Board directed KPI to not go out and the Board does not believe that this is the Township's responsibility to tell her how to fix the problem and that the Township should not endure the cost.

### **E-cycling Events for 2023**

Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed the Board that the e-cycling events went very well this year. She informed the Board that Dallas, Waste Connections asked that the events not be scheduled the weekend after a holiday as there is collections made on that Saturday. Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer also informed the Board that she has sent out an email to all Townships/Boroughs giving them this information and asking if April 15<sup>th</sup> and September 16<sup>th</sup> of 2023 were good dates with everyone to have the e-cycling events and that the sites stay the same; Franklin Township in April and Arendtsville Borough in September. There were a couple of Boroughs that agreed keeping them at the same locations each year would help the residents to know where they are going to be. Everyone in the group was to bring this before their Board/Council and have an answer after their meetings. The Board agreed with the dates and locations for 2023.

### **Truck Purchase**

Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed the Board that the Road Crew is looking to replace the ranger with a new truck with a lift gate. Susan gave the proposal to the Board to review and they had some questions concerning the purchase that Curt MacBeth, Roadmaster will need to answer. No decision was made and this will be on the Agenda for the October Board of Supervisors meeting.

### **2023 Budget Review**

Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer distributed the 2023 Preliminary Budgets for the Board of Supervisors to review and comment on. Susan went line by line to discuss items and increases/decreases on the General Budget. Supervisor Crushong would like to see the new building number in the Capital Purchase Account 406.570 instead of under Building Maintenance 409.373. Susan Plank responded that she would correct this. Susan Plank also mentioned that the amount would be less then shown to cover the deficit that the Budget shows. Susan Plank noted that Code Enforcement/Zoning has been increased from 25K this year to 40K next year. Susan Plank also mentioned the Cost of Living is currently at 7.1% which can change in the next few months and she will keep everyone updated each month where it is.

State Fund – Susan Plank Secretary/Treasurer informed the Board that Curt MacBeth, Roadmaster plans to repair part of Scott School Road in 2023. He has not given Susan a

budget number for this as of this meeting but normally completes what he can within the funds available.

Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer also distributed the Bottom Road Bridge repair estimate which at the present time she predicts a \$21,500.00 deficit to repair the bridge. The guardrail and blacktop will not be bid until Spring of 2023, at which time the cost will be a better estimate. Susan Plank is going to discuss with Curt MacBeth, roadmaster about hauling the stone for this project under the 2022 contract to save money if there are funds in the budget to do so.

Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed the Board that they are responsible for the wages but did remind them that the Cost of Living is at 7.1% as if June of 2022.

**GUEST**

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Susan J. Plank  
Secretary/Treasurer

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Vice-Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_