

**Franklin Township, Adams County**  
**Board of Supervisors Workshop Meeting**  
**September 21, 2023**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Susan Plank, Secretary and Lynda Beckwith, Zoning Officer, Franklin Township

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

**6194 Chambersburg Road – Visher Denial Letter**

Resident Arend Visher did not understand the denial letter and presented the Board with some documents concerning code and commented on what he thought pertained to the property. Lynda Beckwith, Zoning Officer, PA Municipal Code commented that he needed and Land Development plan and she explained the Code and Sections that she was pertaining to. After much discussion Mr. Visher commented that he understood.

**Kathleen Reilly – Alternate Planning Commission Member Request**

Susan Plank informed the Board that the Township received an email from Planning Commission member Eric Miller requesting the Board to consider Ms. Kathleen Reilly for the Alternate Position on the Planning Commission. The board would like to have Ms. Reilly to submit her resume before they make a decision.

**MOTION by Supervisor Crushong, seconded by Supervisor Santay to table the decision to add Ms. Kathleen Reilly as an alternate to the Planning Commission. Motion carried, 3-0.**

**Darrin Flake – Zoning Hearing Board – Alternate – Member**

Resident Darrin Flake commented that he serves as an alternate to the Zoning Hearing Board and would like to become a member of the Board.

**MOTION by Supervisors Crushong, seconded by Supervisor Santay to appoint Darrin Flake as a member of the Zoning Hearing Board. Motion carried, 3-0.**

Supervisor Santay requested Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer to sent out an email blast and post on the Website that there is still an alternate position available on the Planning Commission and also on the Zoning Hearing Board.

**NAREMA – Acquisition of Emergency Operations Center Truck**

There was much discussion on this Agenda Item. Supervisor Santay informed everyone that all members of NAREMA are on board in considering buying the Operations Center Truck except York Spring Borough and Franklin Township. Supervisor Williams has some concerns of if this is necessary and what exactly the cost and need would be. The decision to participate in this acquisition of the truck was postponed until further discussion concerning the actual cost.

**2024 Budget**

Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer presented the Board with an updated 2024 Preliminary Budget with some changes to include a donation to Arendtsville Volunteer Fire Company in the Fall and some other minor changes.

**Other discussions:**

There was discussion about the work on Route 30 by Columbia Gas and the affect it was having on the roads. The Township does not at the present time have an ordinance concerning Utility Companies working along the Township Roads and the affect it has on them. Supervisors requested Susan Plank to work on drafting an Ordinance concerning Utility Companies being bonded for work being done in Franklin Township.

Resident Darrin Flake asked the question if the Township has been in contact with PA American Water about extending their line to the three (3) new houses along Chambersburg Road near the bypass and if houses with just sewer or water should also have both. The Board commented they have not contacted PA American Water nor do they feel that residents need to be burden to have both water and sewer. Supervisor Santay commented that he would not put that kind of burden on the residents of the Township. Supervisor Santay commented that he had a sand mound that was working with no issues but was forced to hook-up to public sewer which cost 10k at that time. He commented can you imagine what it would cost for a resident to hook-up to public sewer now? No, he will not put that burden on the residents.

**MOTION by Supervisor Santay, seconded by Supervisor Crushong to adjourn at 8:15 pm. Motion carried, 3-0.**

Respectfully submitted by

Susan J. Plank  
Secretary/Treasurer

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

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

Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_