

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

October 7, 2021

SUPERVISORS PRESENT: Supervisor Crushong and Supervisor Williams.

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

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Andrew Dalton, Executive Director – Adams County Historical Society

Ms. Ellen Mann from the Adams County Historical Society presented the Board with information concerning the new Museum – Archives – Education Center that was being built at 625 Biglerville Road in Cumberland Township. The Center will have an Exhibit Gallery, Education Center and an event venue overlooking the battlefield. Ms. Mann asked the Board to consider a donation from the American Rescue Funds to help with the cost of construction.

ACTPO – Sherri Clayton-Williams, Laura Neiderer, Andrew Merkel

Ms. Laura Neiderer presented to the Board the Adams County Long Range Transportation Plan and informed the Board the Adams County Transportation Planning Organization (ACTPO) was visiting all Townships and Boroughs to see if they had any suggestions about what is needed in their Townships. There was discussion about what was the plan in the area of Paramount Senior Living – Ms. Neiderer said that was still in the planning stages and she was not sure what was going to be suggested there but knew that there have been a lot of accidents in this area. The Board of Supervisors and Curt Macbeth, Roadmaster would like to know what kind of improvements that PennDot is looking to do for 2.7M in the area. Curt Macbeth, Roadmaster suggested that a round-about be considered for the intersection of Chambersburg Road and Cashtown Road. Curt also questioned the cost of the bridges on Mummasburg and Buchanan Valley Road that were sub-contracted out compared to the bridges done in house (Cashtown Road and Brysonia Road). There is a big cost difference. Ms. Neiderer informed everyone that she was not here on behalf of the State but for Adams County and she did not know what the differences were. She informed everyone that if anyone had any other suggestions about traffic improvements in the Township to let her know and she and the team at ACTPO will be glad to bring them before PennDot.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor Crushong to approve the September 2, 2021 Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes and the September 16, 2021 Workshop Meeting Minutes. Motion carried, 2-0.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST #10

MOTION by Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor Crushong to approve Bill List #10 General Account Check Nos. 37234 – 37293 totaling \$189,784.28. Motion carried, 2-0.

PRELIMINARY/FINAL PLAN

No Plans for approval.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

No Plan for review.

REPORTS

Reports will be posted on line for review

OLD BUSINESS

Strausbaughs / 5 Newman Road and 5940 Chambersburg Road

Solicitor Yannetti informed the Board that the barn at 5940 Chambersburg Road is to close tomorrow and he knows that Clem is working to get this done. The home at 5 Newman Road is to close on October 31, 2021.

American Rescue Plan Funding Act

Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed everyone that the final regulations are to be out by November. She informed everyone that she attended the Adams County Association of Townships Secretary Luncheon and the speaker was an Accountant who discussed the funds and he strongly suggested that the funds not be spent until the final regulations come from the Federal Government. He did say that the only two (2) things that he knows is not going to change is the HVAC upgrades and the Compensation to essential employees. He feels that there will be changes to the regulations in the future.

11 Mountaintop Drive – Emotional Animals

Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed everyone that the resident at 11 Mountaintop Drive was in to drop off their Zoning Hearing Board application off for the Emotional Animals.

NEW BUSINESS

Resignation of Mary Lower – Planning Commission Secretary/Member effective 12-31-2021.

Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed the Board that the Township has received the resignation letter from Mary Lower, Planning Commission Secretary effective 12-31-2021.

MOTION by Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor Crushong to accept the resignation of Mary Lower, Planning Commission Secretary effective 12-31-2021. Motion carried, 2-0.

The Board would like Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer to post on the Website and send an email blast that there will be a vacancy on the Planning Commission effective January 1, 2022.

Brittany Goulden – 765 Belmont Road

Ms. Goulden was not present to address her request. Supervisor Crushong asked what she wanted to discuss. Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed the Board that Ms. Goulden would like to build a house on her father's property at 765 Belmont Road.

Jake Brake and Deer Signs in the area of 6700 Chambersburg Road – Mr. Marcinko

Mr. Marcinko was not present but Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed the Board that Mr. Marcinko would like to see signs prohibiting Jake Brakes in the area and also deer crossing signs as several deer have been hit in this area. The Board does not agree with the Jack Brake or Deer Crossing Signs.

CSX Complaint

Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed the Board that there is a phone call on the 14th of October concerning the complaint that the Township sent to PUC. Supervisor Crushong wanted to know what time? Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed the Board that she would resend the information concerning the phone call with CSX and PUC.

Bids for sale of the 1975 Grader – Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed the Board that the Municibid was \$11,000 and it did not make the reserve.

MOTION by Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor Crushong to reject the bid of \$11,000.00 for the grader which was advertised on Municibid. Motion carried, 2-0.

Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed the Board that the Township received a letter from Hamiltonban Township offering \$15,000.00 for the 1975 Grader.

MOTION by Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor Crushong to accept the offer of \$15,000.00 for the 1975 grader from Hamiltonban Township. Motion carried, 2-0.

Trash Contract

Supervisor Crushong, Supervisor asked Solicitor Yannetti why Adams County is not doing anything to help the Townships. The Board agreed that the County has dropped the ball again and has put everyone in a bind. The Board would like Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer to push the County for the information needed to bid the Trash Contract.

Constable Proposal

Solicitor Yannetti informed the Board that this will be additional expense and that there is a chance to liability issues. Solicitor Yannetti is not saying that it is a bad idea but he needs to make sure that the Township is aware of the liabilities. Solicitor Yannetti informed the Board that maybe this is something that the Township can try for 6 months and then re-evaluate. Supervisor Williams asked Solicitor Yannetti if the Township would have that same liability if the Township would have an agreement with another Township/Borough Police Department. Solicitor Yannetti replied that the Township would have an inter-municipal agreement and there is some protection from immediate prosecution for a Police Department that doesn't extend to Constables. Supervisor Williams would like to have more conversation about this issue when Supervisor Santay is present.

MOTION by Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor Crushong to table the discussion on the Constable Proposal until Supervisor Santay is present. Motion carried, 2-0.

2022 Preliminary Budget – Susan Plank Secretary/Treasurer informed the Board that there have been some adjustments for the Constable cost and also Curt MacBeth, Roadmaster is looking into adding on to the equipment shed and thought the cost would be around \$60,000, but the costar price came in at \$170,000. There will need to be some more research on this project. The Board also needs to discuss wages so that they can give Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer final numbers to put in the budget.

Curtis MacBeth, Roadmaster replied that when the Board is doing wages that they take in consideration cost of living and everything that has increased in the past year. Curt and the road crew feel that what they are getting paid currently the Township would never be able to replace them for. The work that the road crew complete on a yearly basis is saving the Township money. He would rather see the Township give the employees what they deserve instead of replacing them. Supervisor Crushong asked Curt if they have discussed wages and Curt's reply was just looking around at the job openings and the fact that they can't get help is the only thing they have been looking at. Supervisor Crushong

asked Curt to give Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer what he has in mind for raises so that they can look at it at the Workshop.

Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed the Board that the Kenworth – tri-axle has been paid off.

Curt MacBeth, Roadmaster informed the Board that he has talked to Rick Springer concerning single axles and if the Township would order a truck now the earliest the Township would take delivery would be spring of 2023. The Board would like for like for Curt to work on numbers and let them know what they are.

GUEST

Resident Carol Rebert asked about the speed limit signs on Green Ridge Road. She said that several years ago she was told a traffic study needs to be done to have speed limit signs put up. Curt MacBeth, Roadmaster informed Ms. Rebert that she is correct that a traffic study does need to be done to enforce the speed limit. They were placed because of site distance for a driveway permit.

Ms. Rebert asked about the round-a-bout, that if it was placed at Chambersburg and Cashtown Road what would happen with the structures that are there. Curt MacBeth, Roadmaster replied that a road study would have to be done and that the Township doesn't has an answer to that question at the present time but he didn't think it would affect any structures.

ADJOURN

MOTION by Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor Crushong to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. Plank
Secretary/Treasurer

Chairman _____

Supervisor _____

Supervisor _____