

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

October 6, 2022

SUPERVISORS PRESENT: Supervisor Santay, and Supervisor Williams. Supervisor Crushong was absent.

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

CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Resident Brian Redding asked is the Zoning Change, is this part of a formal map amendment or something like that or has anyone tested the water on that and why is it on the agenda? Supervisor Santay informed Mr. Redding that the Owner has requested the change, Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer commented that it is a request from a potential buyer of the property. Supervisor Santay informed Mr. Redding that the potential buyer would like it re-zoned from Ag to Industrial and the property borders Industrial. This is for the Board to take action on this evening and the Board is looking for guidance from the Township Solicitor and Engineer. Mr. Redding questioned that most uses are found both in Commercial and Industrial and he wanted to know what use it was that couldn't go in the Commercial district. Other Townships require that the owner/potential buyer show that there are no other areas in the Township that are available for the use. This specific use is already allowed in Commercial, Supervisor Santay replied "yes".

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Supervisor Santay, seconded by Supervisor Williams to approve the September 1, 2022 Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried, 2-0 with Supervisor Crushong being absent.

MOTION by Supervisor Santay, seconded by Supervisor Williams to table the approval of the September 15, 2022 Workshop minutes until the October 20, 2022 Workshop Meeting. Motion carried, 2-0.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST #10

MOTION by Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor Crushong to approve Bill List #10 – General Account - \$412,609.60 Check Nos. 37887 – 37941, WWII Museum Escrow - \$24,572.00 Check Nos. 6 for a total of \$437,181.60 with the understanding that \$260,820.37 was received from the COVID Stimulus money and placed in a separate account marked American Rescue Fund. Motion carried, 2-0.

PRELIMINARY/FINAL PLAN

Knouse Food Subdivision

MOTION by Supervisor Santay and seconded by Supervisor Williams to approve the Knouse Food Subdivision. Motion carried, 2-0.

Baumgardner Subdivision Extension Request

MOTION by Supervisor Santay and second by Supervisor Williams to table the request for the time extension for the Baumgardner Subdivision until December Board of Supervisors Meeting. Motion carried, 2-0.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

Kravchuk – 656 Orrtanna Road was approved.

REPORTS

Reports will be posted on line for review

OLD BUSINESS

American Rescue Plan Funding Act: No update

1. Route 30 Culvert Repair – Dominic Picarelli, KPI Technologies has contacted Mr. Roamer to complete the Bog Turtle study. Mr. Roamer has it on his schedule and it should be happening in the next week or two. Dominic commented that Mr. Roamer thinks with everything that KPI has told him it is just going to an administrative thing and there shouldn't be any issue. Dominic also commented that KPI should have any update by November.
2. Purchase of two (2) new plow trucks – Estimated delivery March/April 2023.

Constable Memorandum of Understanding – No Update

Columbia Gas – No Update

NEW BUSINESS

Municipal Authority – Letter sent to customer

Supervisor Santay asked if there was anyone in attendance to discuss. There was no one present to discuss.

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2110 Chambersburg Road – Zoning change from Ag to Industrial

Supervisor Santay read the request from the potential buyer which stated that they would like to have an office, shop, potential fruit and vegetable stand near the entrance and to build a metal building on the property. Dominic Picarelli, KPI Technology informed the Board that the lot is 3.62 acres. Solicitor Yannetti's recommendation to the Board is that the Board of Supervisors make them submit a formal request with the buyer's proposal for map change and there will have to be a separate hearing on this issue if you are going to change the Zoning Ordinance to allow public comment. A formal application for change be made per Section 609 and this outlines the procedure.

MOTION by Supervisor Santay, seconded by Supervisor Williams that the Board has received the request for change from Alam B. Roofing and that the Township Solicitor and Zoning recommend that they make a formal request for change. Motion carried, 2-0.

2533 Mummasburg Road

Supervisor Santay would like Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer to invite Mr. Brister to the Workshop to discuss his plan to clean up the property.

Adams County UCC Appeal Board Fee – Change from \$800 to \$1,050 on Fee Schedule

Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed the Board that Lynda Beckwith, PMCA informed her that the cost for the Adams County UCC Appeal Board Fee is \$1,050.00. Resident Brian Redding questioned what this fee covers since the resident/contractor has already paid the fees for the permit process. Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer did not have a breakdown. The Board asked that Susan get this breakdown for the Workshop in two (2) weeks.

Set Halloween date and time – Monday, October 31, 2022, 6 pm to 8 pm

MOTION by Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor Santay to the Halloween Trick or Treat date and time as Monday, October 31, 2022 from 6 pm to 8 pm. Motion carried, 2-0.

Truck Purchase – 2023 Ram 3500 Pick-up with lift gate

Supervisor Williams questioned if the road crew needed at 3500 series, diesel motor, and he was not in favor of a 6'4" bed. The Board would like Curt MacBeth, Roadmaster to get the cost difference in a 2500 series, gas motor, and 8' bed.

MOTION by Supervisor Santay, seconded by Supervisor Williams to table the purchase of the 2023 Ram 3500 Pick-up with lift gate until other proposals are obtained by Curt MacBeth, Roadmaster. Motion carried, 2-0.

GUESTS

Resident Willie Heckman commented that she saw in the paper something about properties coming out of Ag Preservation. Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasury informed everyone that the Township has to place an ad to review the Ag Security properties in the Township. The review is required every seven (7) years and it does not have anything to do with Ag Preservation.

Gettysburg Times Reports, Jim Hail and Kelly Freihofer commented that they would like to ask some technical background questions after the meeting.

Board of Supervisors Meeting continued

2023 Budget – Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer gave the Board the preliminary 2023 Budget for their review.

Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed the Board that the 2023 Budget was presented and discussed at the September Workshop and some changes were made to balance the budget. Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed everyone that she had budgeted \$50K towards a new building but had adjust this amount. Supervisor Crushong requested that \$2k be assigned to EMA cost for the vehicle (which will be used in an emergency by Northern Adams Regional Emergency Management Agency's) and supplies. With the adjustment and to balance the budget for 2023, Susan made everyone aware that approximately \$5k is budgeted to the new building. Susan Plank reminded the Board that they have to look at wages. Supervisor Santay asked if review have been started. Susan Plank handed him the Road Crew reviews and the paperwork for the Board to complete their review of the Roadmaster and Secretary/Treasurer. Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed the Board that the State Fund, Curt MacBeth, Roadmaster normally completes the work within what is received from Liquid Fuels. The plan is to complete work on Scott School Road in 2023. Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed the Board that the bridge project on Bottom Road, which the Township has a contract for the bridge, looks to be approximately \$21K in the red. This project is something that will need to be kept a close watch on. Susan Plank informed everyone that as it sits right now the Budget is balanced at this time. Susan Plank informed the Board that they will need to authorize to advertise at the November Board of Supervisors meeting. Supervisor Williams asked what increase amount was used for the Budget. Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer replied that 7.1% (cost of living) is the number that she used for the budget at this time. She also minded the Board that this can change at any time. Supervisor Santy asked Curt MacBeth, Roadmaster if he had any concerns with the budget and getting done what he has planned for 2023. Curt MacBeth, Roadmaster replied that he had no concerns at this time.

Gettysburg Times reporter Jim Hail introduced himself and Ms. Kelly Friehofer. Supervisor Santay asked if either one was residents of the Township and Mr. Hail's reply was no.

1. Mr. Hail asked the Board if he was correct to assume that the Township is getting ready to pass a budget with NO tax increase? Supervisor Santay replied that the

Board is working diligently to do so and noted that this is pre-liminary stage but they are hoping to do so. Supervisor Santay informed Mr. Hail that the budget at this time is balance with no cuts in services.

2. Mr. Hail asked if the Board authorized to advertise. The Board replied that they did not and this will be done at the November Board of Supervisors Meeting.
3. Mr. Hail asked about the Knouse Foods subdivision and who the buyer was. The Board replied that they did not know the buyer and as far as the Township knows it is just a property transfer and there were no plans for development.
4. Mr. Hail wanted to know what the Baumgardner Subdivision was. Supervisor Santay informed Mr. Hail that the sketch plan that he has seen is for some small homes along the 3400 block Chambersburg Road.
5. Mr. Hail informed the Board that they had received some information about a big development that would change the character of Cashtown. This is one of the reasons that they wanted to come this evening. Supervisor Williams asked where the proposed development was to be. Mr. Hail replied that he had sketchy information and they said somewhere between Old and New Route 30. Supervisor Santay informed Mr. Hail that they have seen a sketch plan but nothing final. Mr. Hail requested to see the sketch plan. Supervisor Santay informed Mr. Hail that the seller presented it to the Planning Commission over a year ago and the Township has not heard anything since. Supervisor Santay informed Mr. Hail that it has been idle for the better part of eighteen months.
6. Mr. Hail asked the total for the American Rescue Funds would be double of the \$260k that was mentioned to have been received in September. Supervisor Santay replied approximately \$500K. Supervisor Santay that the funds would be used for two (2) single axle dump trucks w/snow plows which will replace two (2) 15 to 20 years old vehicles. Also, funds will be used to repair culvert at approximately at the 2400 block of Old Route 30.
7. Mr. Hail asked who was the petitioner for the Zoning Change at 2110 Chambersburg Road. Supervisor Santay informed Mr. Hail that Alam B. Roofing was the petitioner.
8. Mr. Hail asked what the issue was at 2133 Mummasburg Road. Supervisor Santay replied it is rubbish to be cleaned up.
9. Mr. Hail asked when the Township has their last tax increase. Susan Plank, Secretary Treasurer replied that it was in 2012.

ADJOURN

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

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. Plank
Secretary/Treasurer

Chairman _____

Vice-Chairman _____

Supervisor _____