

Franklin Township, Adams County

Board of Supervisors Workshop Meeting

November 16, 2023

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

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

The workshop, held at the Franklin Township Municipal Building, was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Vice-Chairman Crushong

Winding Road Discussion

Curtis MacBeth, Roadmaster explained the Low Volume and Dirt and Gravel Road Grant that the Township has applied for. Curt explained that Deb Musselman, County Representative is requesting that the Township get Landowners permission slip signed for the drain tile that would be put in the Township right-of-way. Residents Bicky Redman, Steve Gruver, Joan Bushey, and Larry Bushey were present at the Workshop and Erin Mistry was present via Zoom. All resident is in opposition of any improvement to Winding Road from Bridgeport Road to the bridge at Narrows Road.

Ordinance No. 2023-01 – Approval – Raising Livestock in the Industrial Zone

MOTION by Supervisor Santay, seconded by Supervisor Crushong to approve Ordinance No. 2023-01 – Adding Raising Livestock in the Industrial Zone. Motion carried 2-0, Supervisor Williams was absent.

Decision on the Curative Amendment – Challenge on substantive grounds 175-69 (A)

Supervisor Santay commented that a hearing held on November 2, 2023 at which time comments and exhibits were provided regarding the proposal text amendment request by Arend Visher. The date of request was September 7, 2023 and subsequently received by the Township.

MOTION by Supervisor Santay, seconded by Supervisor Crushong to deny the request made by Mr. Arend Visher based on Counsel recommendation, County comments, and Zoning comments. At the request Mr. Visher the Township is doing a review of the Zoning Ordinance at this time and this may or may not come up during that review. Supervisor Santay is not comfortable to grant this request while the Township is reviewing the entire Zoning Ordinance. Motion carried 2-0, with Supervisor Williams was absent.

Solicitor Yannetti commented that the request is not approved and the request will be addressed during the Zoning Ordinance review that is presently being done.

2024 Preliminary Budget

Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed the Board that there were two (2) changes to the 2024 Preliminary Budget concerning 2024 SPCA Contributions and Fire Relief Contribution should be the same number.

Candidates for Planning Commission Alternate and Zoning Hear Board Alternate

Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed the Board that the Township has received two (2) requests for candidates for Planning Commission and Zoning Hearing Board Alternates. Supervisor Santay asked Bicky Redman if she is willing to serve for another term. Ms. Redman commented that it may be time for some new blood on the Planning Commission but if there is no one that the Board would appoint then she would be willing to continue to serve.

Resident Arend Visser asked how do the residents apply for a position. The notice is under Announcements/Vacancies on the Website. Residents can send in a resume to the Township via mail or email. Email address is info@franklintwp.us and the mailing address is P.O. Box 309, Cashtown, PA 17310.

SPCA Contribution for 2023 – Increase to \$125.00

MOTION by Supervisor Santay, seconded by Supervisor Crushong to increase the 2023 Contribution to the SPCA to \$125.00. Motion carried, 2-0 – Supervisor Williams was absent.

Other Request for Contributions

Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed the Board that the Township has received two (2) additional requests for contributions. The Board will take these requests into consideration.

RFP Request for Engineering, Zoning Code Enforcement, and Solicitor


Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer gave the RFPs for Engineering, Zoning Code Enforcement and Solicitor to the Board for the review.

GUEST

Resident Arend Visser made a request to be on the Agenda for the December 7, 2023 Board of Supervisors Meeting to discuss creating a Communication Committee.

The Workshop Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Chairman _____

Vice-Chairman  _____

Supervisor  _____

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Board of Supervisors Workshop Meeting

October 19, 2023

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Curtis MacBeth Roadmaster, Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer was absent.

The workshop, held at the Franklin Township Municipal Building, was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chairman Williams.

2024 Budget

MOTION by Supervisor Santay, seconded by Supervisor Crushong to table Budget discussion as Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer was not present.

The Workshop Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Chairman Matthew Williams

Vice-Chairman [Signature]

Supervisor [Signature]