

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

**November 21, 20219**

**SUPERVISORS PRESENT:** Henry Crushong, Jr. and Chris Santay.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer

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

**400 Church Road**

There was much discussion on the condition of 400 Church Road and the options that the Township has to get this cleaned up. Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed the Board that she gets about one (1) complaint a week on this property. Susan Plank also informed the Board that a letter was mailed and delivered to 400 Church Road giving them thirty (30) days to clean the residence up or the Township will take other actions. The Supervisors would like Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer to contact Wilbur Slothour, Land and Sea Services about condemnation, They would also like for Susan to contact Dominic or Gil at KPI Technologies about contact DEP about the situation, Rusty Wallace with the Adams County Conservation District about run off and Chris with Dan Moul's office to ask if they have any suggestions.

Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed the Board that she is keeping a spreadsheet on the payment of fines for both 400 Church Road (Wagaman) and 5 Newman Road / Chambersburg Road (Strausbaughs). Both parties are paying bi-monthly and the court cost, constable, and State receive payments before the Township gets their citations paid. The Township has received very little in citation funds from either party.

**NAREMA Resolution Update**

Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed the Board that in front of them is a copy of the Resolution for Emergency Response. There was discussion about the Northern Adams Regional Emergency Management Association and the issue of getting in touch with Kevin Biesecker. Supervisor Crushong mentioned that he would get in touch with T. J. Pritt and Warren Bladen to discuss what needs to be done.

**MOTION by Supervisor Santay, seconded by Supervisor Crushong to table the passing of the NAREMA Resolution until Supervisor Crushong contacts T. J. Pritt and Warren Blade to discuss what needs to be done to have an active EMA Director. Motion carried, 2-0.**

**Ordinance wording changes – Weeds, vehicles, and conditional use Procedures**

There were amendments made to the Ordinances that would enforce weeds, grass height, and vehicle violations. There were also conditional use procedures that need to be put in place. These changes will be on the Board of Supervisors Agenda for action.

**E-cycling – Number of representatives from each Township/Borough needed**

The Board of Supervisors would like to stay with two (2) representatives from each Township or Borough that participates in the E-cycling events.

### **Health Insurance Renewal for January 2020**

Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed the Board that the Health Insurance quote for 2020 has come in at a 16.48% increase from what the Township offers at the present items. She informed the Board that since the Township has one (1) non-working Supervisor on the Health Insurance that the only company that will allow coverage to a non-working Supervisor is Capital Blue. There are other companies but they will not cover a non-working Supervisor. There are options that would see an increase in deductible and co-pays that the Township can look into. Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed the Board that she has sent PSATS an email about the concerns the Township has with Health Insurance and that only Capital Blue will cover a non-working Supervisor but she has not heard back from them as of this meeting. Supervisor Crushong and Supervisor Santay would like Susan to look into higher deductibles and see what the cost savings are and have a report ready for the December 5<sup>th</sup> Board of Supervisors meeting. Supervisor Crushong would like Susan Plank to contact the County to see if we can piggy-back on the County Health Insurance and also bring up to the Adams County Council of Government to see if they can go together and get a price for Health Insurance as a Group. Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer suggested that the Board consider an overhaul of the Employee Health Benefits to go into effect with new Employees and Supervisors.

### **Multimodal Transportation Fund Program**

Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed the Board that the Township received a letter from the Commonwealth to inform the Township that they are unable to act favorably on the Township Grant Request. Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed the Board that she contacted Ms. Ryan and she informed Susan that the application looked good but the funds requested were far above the \$79M available and there was \$405M requested. Supervisor Crushong asked if we know who was awarded the funds. Susan Plank informed the Board that Ms. Ryan is going to email her a list. Supervisor Crushong suggested that Susan Plank get in touch with Rebecca Morley at the Borough concerning grant writing and what may be available for the Township.

### **Beech Spring Farms**

Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer asked the Board if they would like the report to be drafted by Solicitor Yannetti. The Board responded “yes” with input from the Township Zoning Officer, Wilbur Slothour, Land and Sea Services.

Guest comments: None

The workshop was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Susan J. Plank  
Secretary/Treasurer

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_

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