

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

February 4, 2021

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Bernard Yannetti, Solicitor via Zoom and Dominic Picarelli, KPI, Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer, and Curt MacBeth, Roadmaster

CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Resident William Hewitt addressed the Board saying that he came to this Township in 2001 and has served on the Northwest Comprehensive Plan Board for three (3) years, on the School Board for seven (7) years, and on the Municipal Authority for sixteen (16) years. Mr. Hewitt informed the Board that there was an Agenda item that nominated a person to the Municipal Authority and there were two (2) nominees but only one (1) name on the Agenda. Supervisor Santay informed Mr. Hewitt that he was certain that there were two (2) names on the Agenda. Mr. Hewitt informed the Board that he is thinking about a Right to Know request because he feels that there has been some talk going on and he is going to find out what is going on. He informed the Board that according to 18 US Code Section 2071 that destroying records is punishable. Supervisor Santay asked Mr. Hewitt if that was an accusation that the Board destroyed something? Mr. Hewitt replied “No, but if you do it is against the law”. Supervisors Santay informed Mr. Hewitt that the Board is well aware of the law and he also wanted to remind Mr. Hewitt that he is still a member of the Municipal Authority and Supervisor Santay is confused about Mr. Hewitt’s concern.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor Crushong to approve the January 4, 2021 Reorganizational Meeting Minutes, the January 4, 2021 Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes and the January 21, 2021 Workshop Minutes. Motion carried, 3-0.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST #2

MOTION by Supervisor Crushong, seconded by Supervisor Williams to approve Bill List #2 Check Nos. 36843 – 36877 and State Fund Check Nos. 6623 -6625 totaling \$153,144.38. Motion carried, 3-0.

PRELIMINARY/FINAL PLAN

Store It, LLC (formerly Lazy Lipp, LLC) – Extension request submitted until April 5, 2021.

MOTION by Supervisor Crushong, seconded by Supervisor Williams to accept the Extension request for Store It, LLC until April 5, 2021. Motion carried, 3-0.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

3365 Chambersburg Road – Baier

Per Gil Picarelli, KPI Technologies the plan has been approved.

REPORTS

Reports will be posted on line for review

Gil Picarelli informed the Board that KPI Technologies sent the information to DEP concerning the Hilltown Road Bridge replacement and they have responded as to wanting more done and a bigger bridge put in place (25' wide). The Board has seen the email from DEP and Supervisor Santay informed Gil Picarelli, KPI that the Board would like KPI to call and discuss this issue to see if they can come to a compromise on the width noting that the cost is going to be much higher.

OLD BUSINESS

Strausbaughs / 5 Newman Road and 5940 Chambersburg Road

Solicitor Yannetti informed the Board that the violation has been served and that the Strausbaugh's have until February 22, 2021 to clean up the areas.

Casey Walker – 2830 Chambersburg Road – Public Sewer Hook-up

Mr. Walker informed the Board that he would like approval to access the Township Right-of-Way to run public sewer to his property at 2830 Chambersburg Road. There was much discussion about the property between Mr. Walker and the Township Right-of-Way.

MOTION by Supervisors Williams, seconded by Supervisor Crushong to give conditional approval to Mr. Casey Walker to hook-up to the public sewer accessing the Township Right-of -Way once the appropriate Easements from the Township and Mr. Ping are in place and approved by Solicitor Yannetti. Motion carried, 3-0.

Constable

Supervisor Santay informed everyone that the elected Township Constable has been off for some time and does not have the necessary certification for Court appearances. Supervisor Santay also read verbatim an email, dated February 4, 2021; sent by Mike Redding indicating his plan to be re-qualified by April of this year. Because of this the Township has had to reach out to another Constable at the pleasure of the Board. With some of the issues in the Township the Township has reach out to Constable Josh Fittings to serve some violations. Supervisor Santay informed everyone that there are services that a Constable can do for the Township

Constable Josh Fittings, elected in Tyrone Township is here to explain to everyone the history of the duties of a Constable. Constable Fittings explained that there are gaps that need to be filled between Law Enforcement, Pennsylvania State Police, Code Enforcement. He explained that the Constables have reached out to the Courts and asked what they can do to help. Constables are helping the courts with arrest warrants, disputes between homeowners, assist in civil issue, forestry laws, and Mr. Fitting is helping with sewage enforcement in Tyrone Township. Mr. Fittings is not suggesting that this will take the place of any current service but to help fill in the gaps and to help each other in Law Enforcement, Fire Departments, and Code Enforcement. Tyrone Township is considering working on a grant for a Pilot Program to help with the expense of a Constable in their community and is entertaining the thought of another Township going in with them on the Grant and there may be a better chance to obtain the grant to sustain a Pilot Program for both Townships. Supervisor Santay informed everyone that with Constable Redding not being able to serve or have the certifications needed at this time, Constable Fitting will serve at the pleasure of the Board. Supervisor Santay informed everyone at this time the Board is considering being the co-writer of this grant to see if the Township can obtain some funding for a Pilot Program within the Municipalities.

Ordinance No. 2020-07 – Solar Energy Systems – Supervisor Santay informed everyone that there was some good conversation and recommendations concerning this topic at the January Workshop concerning acreage and use. Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed the Board that the most acreage in the Industrial Zone is approximate 98 acres. After much discussion the Board informed everyone that changes that are going to be written are no acreage limit and conditional use in the Agricultural Zone. The Board would like Solicitor Yannetti to write the draft as Industrial use with no acreage limit and conditional use in the Agricultural area.

Rescind Motion on Well Ordinance from Workshop

MOTION by Supervisor Crushong, seconded by Supervisor Williams to rescind motion that was made at the January 21, 2021 Workshop Meeting concerning the Well Ordinance. Ordinance has not been advertised. Motion carried, 3-0.

Advertise Ordinance No. 2020-08 – Well Ordinance

MOTION by Supervisor Crushong, seconded by Supervisor Williams to Advertise Ordinance No. 2020-08 – Well Ordinance. Motion carried, 3-0.

Hiking Trail – Thirsty Farm to Hauser Estate to Boyer’s Nursery

There was more discussion on the trail and how the Township can make sure that they are not liable in any way for anything. The Board of Supervisors instructed Susan Plank, secretary/Treasurer to contact Ms. Sarah Kipp and inform her that the Township would like a complete Land Development Plan for review.

Wings Unlimited Building Project at 3161 Chambersburg Road

Supervisor Crushong informed everyone that he had talked to Mrs. Baumgardner and she informed him that he is more than welcome to visit the site. Supervisor Crushong also mentioned that the project is being built per plan. Supervisor Crushong will be visiting the site in the near future.

NEW BUSINESS

Arendtsville Box Cards

Buchanan Valley Box Cards

Cashtown Box Cards

MOTION by Supervisor Crushong, seconded by Supervisor Williams to accept the Box Cards from Arendtsville Fire Company, Buchanan Valley Fire Department, and Cashtown Fire Department. Motion carried, 3-0.

Antique Tractor Ride – May 2, 2021 – 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

MOTION by Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor Crushong to approve the Antique Tractor Ride event to be held May 8, 2021 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Motion carried, 3-0.

GUESTS

Bruce Strausbaugh and Jeff Bowling, Cashtown Community Fire Department wanted to Thank the Township for all their support during the years.

Mike Spielman, Buchanan Valley Volunteer Fire Department also wanted to Thank the Township for all their support.

Resident Brian Redding wanted to Thank the Board for their quick response when the 911 Center was down and he wanted to let Josh Fittings that he is all for the Grant Pilot Program if it should become something that the Township can get a grant for.

ADJOURN

MOTION by Supervisors Crushong, seconded by Supervisor Williams to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. Plank
Secretary/Treasurer

Chairman _____

Supervisor_____

Supervisor_____