

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

February 20, 2020

SUPERVISORS PRESENT: Henry Crushong, Jr., Chris Santay, and Matt Williams

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 Williams.

PUBLIC COMMENT OF AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Supervisor Williams explained to everyone in attendance that the Property Maintenance and Vehicle Nuisance proposed Ordinances are verbiage changes and the Board is looking to make these change so that the Township has a case when a violation it is taken to the Magistrate's office. These ordinances are already in place. The Board has a new draft that they are working on at this time but it is not ready for comments. Supervisor Santay informed everyone that it is the same Ordinance that would need to catch everyone and that it goes back to discretion and enforcement with the Township's Code Enforcement Officer.

Resident Ron John commented on the Property Maintenance proposed changes. Mr. John would like to see wooded lots excluded in the Ordinance along with the Agricultural Land.

Supervisor Williams informed everyone that if anyone should get a violation notice and feels it is unreasonable, they should come to a meeting or call the office and the Township will look into the violation notice.

Supervisor Crushong informed everyone that the way the Ordinances read at the present time it is not broad enough to have it enforced at the Magistrate's office.

Mr. John Murphy – Jeff Richards

Mr. Murphy informed the Board that he did file a brief and presented revised settlement agreement concerning 2730 Chambersburg Road to Solicitor Yannetti and also presented a copy to the Board for their consideration. Mr. Murphy mentioned that there was some concern with line "4". Mr. Murphy informed the Board that he has adjusted that so that Mr. Richards does have to get the Township's approval if he adds any additional impervious surface. Mr. Murphy informed the Board that they are still asking for an exemption to stormwater. Supervisor Crushong still fees that something needs to be done for the water runoff of the property. Supervisor Crushong informed Mr. Murphy and Jeff Richards that he would like to have a small swale between the driveway and the fence to have the water from the stone lot and blacktop area to run down the swale into the pipe at Fairview Fruit Road. Mr. Murphy has no problem with extending the deadline for the Township's brief. Solicitor Yannetti was kind enough to do it for Mr. Murphy and Mr. Richards and he will extend the same courtesy.

5 Newman Road / 5940 Chambersburg Road – Barn / Home

Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed the Board that Wilbur Slothour, Land and Sea Service, LLC. was at the site on February 11, 2020 to take pictures of the present conditions. There has been little change in the area around the barn and home. Most items have been moved

behind the barn and house. Resident Ron John asked the Board if they knew if the Barn is structurally sound because it looks as if it is going to fall down. Supervisor Santay informed everyone that this would take a Structural Engineer to determine the condition of the barn. Supervisor Santay also informed everyone that this is what the Township is working on at the present time to get this property cleaned up and explained the process and where the Township is at the present time. Supervisor Crushong mentioned that the Township has taken all the necessary legal actions to the point that the Township can now go in and clean up and put a lien on the property for expenses which would be a burden on the Township and the taxpayers. There was two (2) residents that said someone should go up and mow and clean up for them. The Supervisor said that is a good idea and maybe one of them can organize a group to do this. The residents that were present do not want to see the Township take on the expense of cleaning this area up.

Outside wood stoves

Resident Joan McDannell asked about outside wood stoves and if there is anyway to prevent the resident using them to stop using them during the warmer months. The smoke comes in her windows and it makes for an unpleasant experience. The Supervisors suggested to ask her neighbor to lengthen the pipe so that the smoke rises more. The EPA governs all outdoor wood burning units and this is something that the Township cannot regulate. Ms. McDannell also asked about open burning outside. The Supervisors informed Ms. McDannell that the Township will call County in respect to the burning of unlawful items.

Rec Fee – GASD

Supervisors would like Solicitor Yannetti to send the School District a letter concerning the Agreement that the Township has with the School District for Rec Fees and that the expenses are to be mutually agreed upon by the Township and School District before any expense is incurred. The Supervisors are not in agreement with some of the cost that have been taken out of the fund.

Pension – New Administrator

Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed the Board that Karen DePaola, Retirement Plan Services, LLC gave notice that she will not be handling the account. The Township needs to advertise for Request for Proposals for services to handle the State and IRS required documents and complete year end statements for employees. Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer will draft a Request for Proposal and have Solicitor Yannetti, Pension Auditor, and the Supervisors review before advertising.

Supervisor Crushong asked if the Township audit has been completed and if one of the Supervisors needed to be present when it was presented. Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed the Board that the audit is almost complete but the Township is waiting on the final Pension Plan reports to give to Erica Thornton, Rotz/Stonesifer, CPA and then once it is complete Erica will present to the Township and one (1) Supervisor should be present.

Supervisor Crushong informed everyone that he has reached out to two (2) candidates for the EMA Director position and is waiting on their responses. The Northern Adams Regional Emergency Management Agency will be meeting on March 10, 2020 at Biglerville Borough at 7:00 pm to discuss the appointment of a new EMA Director.

Guest comments:

Resident Ron John mentioned that at the Board of Supervisors meeting on February 6, 2020 that the Board went into Executive Session concerning the Wagaman's on Church Road and wanted to know if the Board could give any information on that Session. Supervisor Santay said it was mainly to respect their privacy and it is another situation that the Township is working on getting cleaned up.

Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed the Board that the Township received prices on the garage doors and the carpentry work for the equipment building. The low estimate on the carpentry work was Dan Fetter at \$4,860.00 and the low estimate on the garage doors was Interstate Garage Door at \$9,576.00 for a total cost of \$14,436.00. The Board gave the okay to proceed. The Supervisors informed everyone that the Township is upgrading the equipment shed, poured concrete last fall, enclosing with doors so that the equipment is not sitting on bare ground and causing rust and other maintenance issues.

The workshop was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Susan J. Plank
Secretary/Treasurer

Chairman _____

Supervisor _____

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