**Franklin Township, Adams County**

**Board of Supervisors Workshop Meeting**

**April 15, 2021**

**SUPERVISORS PRESENT:** Chris Santay, JR Crushong, and Matthew 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. p.m. by Supervisor Santay.

PMCA

Supervisor Santay asked Clem Malot and Sharon Hamm, PA Municipal Code Alliance to start with what they wanted to address this evening. Clem informed the Board that they were here to answer any questions that the Board may have and to share an updated report on the activities that they are addressing at the present time. Clem also informed the Board that he had a violation matter that he would like to discuss in Executive Session. Supervisor Santay informed Clem that they could do that at the end of the Workshop.

Sharon Hamm, PA Municipal Code Alliance gave each of the Board Members a checklist that they have created to be used by Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer. The main topic that was discussed was the need to better inform the Township residents what is needed to get a permit approved. The Supervisors believe that the checklist is a good start. Communication is the key so that the Township does not have residents that are upset with the process.

Darrin Catts – Masonic Lodge

Mr. Catts informed the Board that he was at the Supervisors Meeting and that at that time the Board invited him back to this meeting and he wanted to Thank the Board for that. He wanted everyone to know that the vast majority of his submission has been re-crafted from the Bucks to resolve the Ownership issue. Supervisor Santay wants everyone to be able to get in front of the Zoning Hearing Board as long as all the documentation is there to determine an outcome. Mr. Catts again wanted to thank the Board for their help in this matter.

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:46 pm concerning a violation action and came out of Executive Session at 8:04 pm.

Update on Mack Truck

Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed the Board that Curt MacBeth, Roadmaster took the Mack out loaded and had no issues. It is scheduled to go to MGR in Harrisburg on Tuesday, April 20th to have the hydraulics and pan repaired.

Supervisor Santay informed everyone that #15 has an oil leak which is costing 3k to fix and he requested that they put a new clutch in it also.

Water Authority Vacancy

Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed the Board that the Water Authority has a vacancy as the Township received an email from Deb Hahn, Secretary for the Municipal Authority letting the Township know that Caitlyn Brown has turned in her resignation. The Board would like for Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer to put out an email blast informing the residents that there is a vacancy on the Municipal Authority and if anyone is interested that they should turn their resume in.

SPCA request for donation for operating expenses because of COVID

Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed the Board that the Township received a request from the SPCA concerning donations for operating expenses because of COVID. The Board informed everyone that the Township does in fact make a donation to the SPCA at the end of the year and will consider their contributions at that time. The Board would like to see how things go concerning the Budget this year before making any commitment.

Complaint concerning blinking light at High Street and Chambersburg Road

Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed the Board that the Township invited the complainant to the Township but she sent an email saying that she was unable to attend and gave the reasoning for her complaint as excessive speed, sunlight, and tractor-trailers crossing Route 30. The Board would like to have more information from PennDot as to the cost of engineering and replacement and who would be responsible for the cost. Supervisor Santay informed everyone that he and Roadmaster, Curt MacBeth installed LED lights at the intersection which makes it much brighter at the intersection.

Constable – Email

Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed the Board that the Township received an email from Constable Redding informing the Township that he will not be recertifying as a constable and to advise him as to what the needs of the Township are at this time. The Board of Supervisors would like Susan to email Mr. Redding to let him know that since he is not going to recertify that the Board would like for him to turn in his resignation.

Coronavirus Relief Package – Separate account for funds, accurate record keeping – list of uses

need to be made.

Again, there was a lot of discussion on uses for the money that is to be received by the Township sometime in June of 2021. Chairman Santay asked the other Board members to start to think about uses for the funds and come up with ideas. There is concern that there have been on regulations concerning the funds and how there are to be used. The Township must be very careful to use the funds in the correct ways as to not have to return any funds if used. These funds will need to be accurately kept records of how there are spent and how much is spent, which everyone agreed to.

Chris Santay, Supervisor asked Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer if the Township received any response from Hamiltonban concerning the grading of Newman Road. Susan replied that the Township has not heard anything.

Supervisor Santay also informed everyone that he spent Monday through Wednesday here with the Road Crew helping with locating Knouse Foods water line and everything went well. The line was located and the project is complete and everyone worked well together. Supervisor Santay approved the purchase of the five (5) yards of fillable concrete to put around the water line. Knouse Foods paid for the hydro-truck for two (2) days. The Board would like Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer to send Charlie Bennett, Knouse Foods a Thank You email for working so well with the Township on this project.

Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed the Board that she has received a call from a resident wanting speed limit signs on Orchard Road because of the speeding traffic. She also had a resident come in asking for a stop sign on Bingaman Road at Orchard Road near the barn. There was no immediate decision on either item.

**MOTION by Supervisor Santay, seconded by Supervisor Crushong to adjourn at 9:05 pm.**

Respectfully submitted by

Susan J. Plank

Secretary/Treasurer

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