

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

**May 21, 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.

**Cashtown Community Fire Company Box Cards Approval**

Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed the Board that the Township has received Box Cards from Cashtown Community Fire Company. The main reason for the updated Box Cards is that Cashtown Community Fire Company added additional units on the working fire assignment to help ensure adequate staffing. The Board reviewed the changes and would like Chief Bowling to come to the June meeting to go over the changes.

**Motion by Supervisor Santay, seconded by Supervisor Crushong to table the approval of the Cashtown Community Fire Company Box Cards until the June 4<sup>th</sup> Board of Supervisors Meeting. Motion carried, 3-0.**

**Met Ed – Pleasant Valley Road / North of Route 30**

Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed the Board that Mike Plank from Met Ed talked to Curt MacBeth, Roadmaster to ask if Met Ed needed a permit to put in an underground extension in Pine Valley Road North of Route 30 along out right of way. Supervisor Santay would like to have a sketch of where the underground extension is going to be so that in the future the Township knows where the line is if there should be any excavation in the future. Supervisor would also like to know if they are bonded for this project and if so, can the Township get a copy of the bond.

**Jeff Richards Driveway Permit**

Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer asked the Board of Supervisors if the second Driveway permit for Jeff Richards is approved. The Board of Supervisors will not approve this permit until the swale is put in per the Agreement that was signed. The Board of Supervisors would like Susan to look into the time frame of when this berm is to be completed.

**Repairs to roller**

Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed the Board that Stephenson had the roller running today but it had a miss in it. Stephenson should know more on Tuesday.

Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer asked the Board members if they received the email from Solicitor Yannetti about the Memorandum of Understanding with the Gettysburg Area School District. Ms. Plank read the email to the Board from Mr. Jason Perrin, Superintendent of Gettysburg Area School District “This is in response to your email of February 25, 2020, addressed to Belinda Wallen, Business Manager, I apologize for the delay. We mistakenly believed no reply was expected. We agree that the letter and spirit of the MOU require the

District and Township to mutually identify projects on which the designated funds are spent. We mistakenly believed we were doing so by working with the Franklin Township Youth League. All of the projects referred to were either suggested or approved by the Franklin Township Youth League. Going forward, I ask that the Township designate someone with authority to decide these matters. We will be happy to continue to work with the Franklin Township Youth League, but require them to get express permission from the Township.” Supervisor Santay informed Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer to inform Mr. Perrin, Superintendent that approval should be given by the Franklin Township Board Members: Mr. Henry (JR) Crushong, Jr., Mr. Christopher Santay, and Mr. Matthew Williams before any funds are released for any kind of work. There was much discussion on this issue and how to move forward. The Board would like the agreement to read that the Board of Supervisors must be in agreement with the Board of Supervisors before any funds are spent. The Board also feels that the funds should be returned to the account.

Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed the Board that the Township has received a letter from Mr. Gerald Deighton, 306 Jack Road asking that the improvement work on Jack Road that is planned only go to the house at 179 Jack Road. He mentioned that the land from 179 Jack Road to Moritz Road is either owned by Knouse Food Coop, the Gettysburg Municipal Authority and his Trust and chances are it will never be developed and he would like to leave it as is. The Board had no problem not with his suggestion.

### **2700 Mummasburg Road – Kershners**

Mr. Kershner was in to explain to the Board that he had a meeting with Mr. Smith but Mr. Smith did not want to hear anything that he had to say and Mr. Smith wanted the shooting to stop completely. Wilbur Slothour, Land & Sea Services, LLC informed the Kershners that they are moving on with the Zoning Hearing and that they needed a permit. Discussion at the last meeting with the Board, the Board was going to look at it to make sure that the Kershners needed a permit or not. Supervisor Williams informed Mr. Kershner that the Board was hoping that they could come to some kind of agreement with Mr. Smith. Supervisor Crushong informed Mr. Kershner that the best bet is proceed with the Zoning Hearing to get the approval which they will get because it is a Special Exception that is allowed in the Agricultural District. Supervisor Crushong informed the Kershners that once they get the approval, they will be allowed to do what they want and no one can do anything to change the decision. Supervisor Crushong mentioned that there are certain things that need to be met and he thinks those items have already been met. Once the Hearing Board approves the Special Exception it is an approved allowable use. Mr. Kershner informed the Board that they have moved the course around and further away from Mr. Smith’s property. The closet track to Mr. Smith’s is 600 yards away and the other set of tracks is Mrs. Kershner informed the Board that she has video from a neighbor’s deck and informed the Board that you can hear it but it is not loud. Ms. Kershner informed the Board that she also has decimal readings for the shooting. Supervisor Santay informed the Kershners that he finds it contradictable that Mr. Smith said he wants nothing to do with the shooting, for when he was in to the meeting he said that he has nothing against shooting or guns or anything like that. Supervisor Santay informed the Kershner to go ahead with the hearing and if they succeed then this issue is done. The Board informed the Kershners to bring the recording, decimal readings, and drawings to show the distances. Mr. Kershner informed the Board that Wilbur Slothour informed the Kershners that they should have an attorney present. Supervisor Crushong informed the Kershners that he has seen it go both ways, with and with out an attorney present. Supervisor Santay informed the Kershners that there is an appeal process in the event the decision is not in their favor and maybe that is the platform for them to bring an attorney.

## **NAREMA – EMA DIRECTOR**

Supervisor Santay asked the other members of the Board if they should take action to appoint the new EMA Director. Supervisor Crushong replied that the other members are waiting until their June meeting to do so. It was agreed that the Board would wait until the June meeting to appoint the new EMA Director. Supervisor Crushong informed everyone that he has sent all the paperwork to Mr. Smith for his review. Supervisor Crushong informed the Board that Mr. Smith presented himself very well and had no problem answering questions that were asked. All the members were very pleased with Mr. Smith. Supervisor Crushong informed the Board that Mr. Smith comment at the meeting was that he was not there for a paid position but he wanted to give back to the community. There was a lot of talk about what the Townships/Boroughs would agree to in reference to reimbursing for travel, lodges, and class cost. Supervisor Santay mentioned that according to Mr. Smith's resume that he would be the kind of person to set up a successful plan for everyone to follow. Supervisor Crushong informed the Board that the next meeting is June 16<sup>th</sup> at Franklin Township at 6:00 pm.

## **Military Museum on Crooked Creek Road**

Supervisor Crushong presented to the other members of the Board the drawings for the proposed Museum on Crooked Creek Road. The Planning Commission gave conditional approval at their May 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting. Supervisor Crushong informed the Board that there was back and forth about the Traffic Study and it came to a conclusion that the road cannot take the traffic. The drawings show that all signage is going to show the exit and entrance is to be off Mummasburg Road. Supervisor Crushong informed the other members that there will 30 to 50 vehicles per day in and out of the Museum. There are going to signage to say no left turn and no buses out of the Museum. All tours that are schedule will be advised to use Mummasburg Road to enter the Museum. The Museum is going to have to complete some road work but what the Bucks want to do is come up with a cost to widen the road, shoulder work and any other road work. Supervisor Crushong informed everyone that the best thing to do is have Curt and an Engineer come up with a plan and how much it is estimated to cost and put the funds in escrow until the work can be completed. Supervisor Crushong will get the Curt and set up a meeting with the Bucks, an engineer and the Board to come up with a plan. Supervisor Santay mentioned that what is a bus from Ohio or other areas going to do if they follow GPS and it tells them to come in from Chambersburg Road. Supervisor Crushong mentioned that there is no guarantee that this will not happen. Supervisor Crushong informed everyone that everything has been met and the only thing that they are waiting on is a report from McMahon concerning the road study. There was much discussion about how to eliminate bus use off Route 30 to Crooked Creek Road and then to the Museum.

Supervisor Crushong informed the Board that there is another Mini Storage going in at 3416 Chambersburg Road. Supervisor Santay asked if that wasn't wet lands? Supervisor Crushong responded that only the very back portion is wet lands.

Supervisor Crushong informed the Board that there was also a small subdivision for Dennis Kump on Buchanan Valley Road.

Supervisor Crushong also informed the Board that the Adams County Winery has drawings in for an addition and alterations.

Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed the Board that the Township received a call from Solicitor Yannetti concerning the Wagamans. The property has been turned back over to Mr. Dan Keys and Mr. Keys plans on cleaning the place up. Supervisor Williams wanted to know if

there was a timeline on this and Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed the Board that she did not have a timeline for this.

The workshop was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Susan J. Plank  
Secretary/Treasurer

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

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