

**Franklin Township, Adams County
Board of Supervisors Workshop Meeting
April 5, 2018**

SUPERVISORS PRESENT: Chris Santay, JR Crushong, and Matt Williams

OTHERS PRESENT: Bernie Yannetti, Solicitor, Gil Picarelli, KPI Technologies, Curtis MacBeth, Road Foreman, Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer

The workshop, held at the Franklin Township Municipal Building, was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Supervisor Santay.

Tractor Maintenance – Injectors – Cost Approximately \$2,000

Curt MacBeth, Road Foreman informed the Board that the John Deere needs to have new injectors put in it because it has been cutting in and out and the estimate is \$2,00.00. He also told the Board that the Tractor's transmission is pulsating, Smith's computer system will not let them fix this problem and he was told by Smith's that it is just a matter of time before the transmission needs to be replaced. Curt has looked into different options to getting the injectors fixed by a shop near Newville but he said because of the year and make of the tractor that they are probably going to have to be repaired by a John Deere Dealer. Curt has looked into rental and for the mowing in the Township it would cost approximately \$22k a year for rental and a new tractor would cost approximately \$130K, so in five years the Township would have bought a new tractor. On the rental it is \$2300 a week, \$5400 a month and deliver and pick up charge and if the Township breaks anything they are responsible for the repair. Supervisor Santay informed everyone that the Township can operate with two (2) pieces of equipment being financed and next year the Township will have paid off Unit #6 and can finance another piece of equipment. The road crew was hoping for another tandem dump truck but maybe now the Board and Road Crew need to rethink the next big purchase. Curt mentioned that if the stone hauling is handled differently that he thinks the road crew can get the stones hauled with the trucks that the Township has and be fine with considering purchasing a new tractor for mowing. Supervisor Crushong asked if the tractor can come with a blade to snow removal or three (3) point hitch for other uses besides mowing. Supervisor Crushong would like to see more uses for this piece of equipment then just mowing. Supervisors would like Curt to contact PennDot to see who they contract out to do their mowing and get some pricing. The Supervisors said there would have to be more discussion on this once Curt has the information that they are requesting. The Supervisors agreed to repair the injectors at this time.

Purchase of hydraulic broom for new backhoe - \$4,248. Manual broom will be returned.

Supervisor Santay informed everyone that awhile ago a proposal was given to the Township for a backhoe with a manual broom. The Supervisors were advised about the manual broom and thinks that it is a good idea for safety reasons to have a hydraulic broom so that the road crew does not have to get off and on the backhoe to adjust the broom to sweep the roads and intersections. Curt MacBeth, Road Foreman informed the Board that Devin from Cleveland Brothers okayed the Township to use the manual broom if necessary until the hydraulic broom comes in. The estimated time for delivery of the hydraulic broom is six (6) to eight (8) weeks.

MOTION by Supervisor Crushong, seconded by Supervisor Williams to authorize the purchase of a new hydraulic broom for the backhoe and return the manual broom in the amount of \$4,248.00. Motion carried, 3-0.

Road crew – four (4) ten-hour days – 6:00 am to 4:00 pm – beginning April 26, 2018 through October 10, 2018 at which time the Road Crew will go back to five (5) eight (8) hour days from 6:00 am to 2:00 pm Monday through Friday.

MOTION by Supervisor Crushong, seconded by Supervisor Williams to have the road crew work four (4) ten hours days – 6:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Thursday – beginning April 26, 2018 through October 10, 2018 at which time the Road Crew will go back to five (5) eight (8) hour days from 6:00 am to 2:00 pm Monday through Friday. Motion carried 3-0.

McKnightstown Traffic Speeding Issue Update:

Supervisor Santay informed everyone that Mr. Jon Painter from Traffic Logistics gave a presentation last month and indicated that there was a 6-mph window that the traffic sign would keep people within the speed limit. With the data that the Township has gotten from their traffic counter before and after PSP enforcement the average speed is 41 mph and is within the window now. There is a benefit to the sign, whereas; it would capture the information if our machine would not function properly or break. The Township has been told that the current traffic counter is old and there are no parts for it if it should break. Supervisor Santay was thinking to wait until the current traffic counter breaks and then consider buying a new sign and that would give the Township some time into getting sponsors for the sign i.e., this sign is sponsored by such and such. Supervisor Santay has seen this kind of advertising on other traffic speed signs and would like to look into this to help cover the cost of the signs which has not been budgeted for purchase this year. The Township would solicit local Insurance Companies to see if they would come on board for this type of advertisement. Supervisor Williams does not think that the sign is going to make a difference in the speed through McKnightstown. Supervisor Santay and Crushong agreed.

Park and Recreation Plan Update:

Supervisor Santay informed everyone that the BOS just closed a public hearing on the Park and Recreation Plan and told everyone that only one (1) person attended with his comments and that was Mr. Brian Redding. Supervisor Santay said that was up on the table if anyone would like to see it. It essentially gives the BOS the guidance if there were to be a development in the Township, to receive funds/land for recreational purposes and fund to manage the property if need be. Supervisor Santay informed everyone that the only thing in the Township are the ballfields at Franklin Township Elementary School and the Township has enter in to an Agreement of Understanding with the Gettysburg School District that any funds given to GASD would be used solely for the improvement of the ballfields and playground there at Franklin Township Elementary School. Resident Jaime Gebhart wanted to know who was monitoring the funds. Solicitor Yannetti informed everyone that the funds would be put in a separate account just for the Franklin Township Elementary ballfields and playground and GASD would have to provide a receipt for any monies spent to the Board for approval. It was also mentioned that it will be governed and audited by the School District and Franklin Township.

Review of Nuisance/Noise Ordinance: Supervisor Santay informed everyone that this is something that the Board is going to have to block some time out for this discussion. Supervisor Crushong suggested a workshop on this matter. Supervisor Santay asked if anyone present had any comments on this matter since there are different faces at this meeting. Resident Arrison asked how it would be enforced. Solicitor Yannetti informed everyone that it would be very difficult to enforce and it would depend on how it was written. Supervisor Santay said that would be enforced through the Zoning/Code Enforcement officer. These days maybe it can be written

that you could capture the violation on your phone and there could be something done. As far as getting immediate relief it is going to be very difficult. There has to a lot of discussion as to how it would be enforced and what it would cover before anything can be drafted.

Ms. Neller – Organize clean-up project:

Resident Johanna Neller was questioning where the Township was with her organizing a clean up day in the Township. Supervisor Santay gave Solicitor Yannetti the floor. Mr. Yannetti explained that he thought it was a good idea to get the residents involved in cleaning up the Township and worked with their residents, however, it would have to be recognized that this is not a Township event and that the Township could supply trash bags, gloves, signs, and pick up of the trash that was collected. The waiver from adults is a good idea releases to the Township of any obligations. PennDot would be willing to pick up the trash that was on PennDot roads but not on Township Roads. PennDot would also supply signage, gloves, bags, etc. There was much talk about when and time frame and how it would be organized.

The Board went into executive session at 6:40 pm to discuss personnel issue. The Board came from Executive Session at 6:58 p.m.

The Workshop was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Susan J. Plank
Secretary/Treasurer

Chairman _____

Supervisor _____

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