

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

**December 7, 2017**

**SUPERVISORS PRESENT:** Jerry Arrison, JR Crushong, and Chris Santay

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dominic Picarelli, KPI Technology, Bernie Yannetti, Solicitor, Jeffrey Black, Roadmaster, Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer.

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

**Personnel Policy Change – Fire Calls**

Personnel Policy change to add: An employee may respond to fire calls while they are working in the Cashtown and Buchanan Valley Fire Districts during their regular hours of employment. This permission is given contingent upon the fact that there was no response to the first call for assistance and that a second call or tone was made looking for aid. When this occurs, the employee must first obtain their supervisor's approval prior to leaving their work area to assist on the fire call. It is noted that there may be times that permission will not be granted, due to the type of work they are performing at that time or the nature of the fire call.

**MOTION by Supervisor Arrison, seconded by Supervisor Santay to approve the Personnel Policy Change for Fire Calls. Motion carried, 3-0.**

**Sign for Cashtown**

Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed the Board that she received an email from Mr. John Graham requesting that the Township allow the Vo-Tech School in Gettysburg to make Corian "Cashtown" sign at no cost to the Township. The Supervisors agreed to allow the Vo-Tech School in Gettysburg to complete this task.

**Betty Shultz Estate Subdivision:**

Solicitor Yannetti explained to the Board that this was an approved lot addition that was recorded with the understanding that the Township would receive a memorandum that the deeds would be recorded to show the lot addition. When the Township contacted the Surveyor about this he said that he was out. Solicitor Yannetti went back and looked at all the minutes and approvals and it was contingent upon this memorandum being recorded. It has not been recorded and what Solicitor Yannetti is suggesting is that the Board allow him to record a ramification of a Land Development Plan and put a notation back on the plan that it is no longer an approved plan because it failed to meet the criteria of its approval.

Matt Williams asked Solicitor Yannetti to repeat this. Solicitor Yannetti informed Mr. Williams that the Township Ordinance requires on these lot additions require deeds to be filed to follow up on the lot addition but you can't do the deeds until you have an approved subdivision plan. The Township approved the subdivision plan contingent upon the memorandum showing that the deeds were recorded but the deeds were never recorded to show the lot addition. Matt

Williams asked if these was a prior subdivision? Solicitor Yannetti informed him that this was a recent subdivision.

**MOTION by Supervisor Santay, seconded by Supervisor Arrison to have Solicitor Yannetti record a ramification of a Land Development Plan and put a notation back on the plan that it is no longer an approved plan because it failed to meet the criteria of its approval. Motion carried, 3-0.**

#### **Casino Resolution:**

A resident (who did not give his name) asked which option the Board was considering. Solicitor Yannetti informed everyone that there is only one option – to opt out or do nothing at this time. Supervisor asked for a show of hands from Township residents only of who are not in favor of a Category 4 mini-casino. There was no one in the room for a Category 4 mini-casino.

**MOTION by Supervisor Arrison, seconded by Supervisor Santay to sign Resolution No. 2017-06 to opt out of a casino coming to the Township. Supervisor Crushong asked if there were any questions. One resident (who did not give her name) wanted to know what kind of casino does this cover. Supervisor Santay informed her that it was a Category 4 casino which includes not less than 300 or more than 750 slot machines and table games. Again, Supervisor Crushong asked if there were any further questions. Motion carried, 3-0.**

#### **McKnightstown Speeding:**

Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed the Board that she had sent the traffic sign statistics to all the Supervisors to look at. Supervisor Crushong asked if the Road Crew had seen the information on the Traffic Signs. Susan Plank informed him that they had not but she would get it to them to look over. Supervisor Crushong wants to make sure that the road crew looks it over to make sure that they will be purchasing something that can be used through the Township.

#### **Changes to approval of Subdivision and Land Development Plans:**

Supervisor Crushong informed everyone that this was on agenda concerning time frames on Subdivision and Land Development Plans. Solicitor Yannetti informed the Board that this has to do with how long does the Township want a conditional final approval to languish and if you want to go ahead and change the SALDO to indicate that the Planning Commission can recommend that you approve a time limit (60, 90, 120 days) as to when conditions need to be taken care of for final approval of plans. The Township gets these conditional approved plans and they just sit there until the conditions are met like the one (1) out there for National Propane which was conditionally approved in April of 2017. Supervisor Crushong asked if they can allow Gil Picarelli of KPI to do some research on how other Townships in the area address this issue. Solicitor Yannetti informed the Board that they can. Supervisor Crushong also asked about fees for tabling something and asking for an extension. Solicitor informed the Board that he did not think that this was allowed but Gil Picarelli of KPI could look into this.

#### **Review of Nuisance/Noise Ordinances:**

Supervisor Crushong informed everyone that this will be tabled until the New Year when the new Supervisor comes on board and the Board can discuss it in greater detail.

### **Jake brake signs around the Township:**

Supervisor Santay informed everyone about these signs being put up in the Mummasburg/Goldenville Road area. Jeff Black, Roadmaster told the Supervisors that he was not instructed to get them. The Supervisors would like these installed on Goldenville Road and either end of Mummasburg Road. Matt Williams asked if the Township needs an Ordinance on this and Solicitor Yannetti informed Mr. Williams that he thought it already existed because there are other signs within the Township. Supervisor Crushong informed Jeff Black, Roadmaster to order four (4) signs. Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer asked the Board for these to be ordered after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year because of the budget. The Board said that would be okay with them being ordered after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year.

### **Mountaintop Drive:**

Matt Williams addressed the Board about Mountaintop Drive and asked if there was an Ordinance that references only three (3) houses on a shared driveway? Craig Hartley said there was an Ordinance in 1995 that only allowed three (3) house on a shared driveway. The Supervisors were not sure if that was changed when the new SALDO was done and Gil Picarelli of KPI could not put his fingertips on it right away. Mr. Williams also asked why a waiver of given to Mr. Parr? He feels that the waiver should have never been given and there is no reason why the waiver was given. There is no notation as to why the wavier was given in the minutes of Planning Commission or the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Williams also asked about a road maintenance agreement for all of Mountain Top Drive. The Township should consider an operation and maintenance agreement for all properties connecting from Mountaintop Drive. Per Mr. Williams there is only an agreement between Bill and Luke Parr; Randy Williams, Matt Williams, Amy Williams. Brian Redding, and Charlie Williams is not involved in the agreement. Mr. Williams wants to know how this all happened because now it is a EMS/Fire Truck issue because they cannot pass to get to an emergency. Per Mr. Williams Dominic Picarelli and Mr. Yannetti both asked for an agreement and it was not done and he wants to know how this was not addressed. Solicitor Yannetti informed Mr. Williams that he does not understand the documents that are recorded at the Courthouse and that Mr. Yannetti and Brian Redding's Lawyer have looked at the documents and the subdivision is allowed. Solicitor suggested that he and Mr. Williams meet and he will explain the documents to Mr. Williams. Solicitor Yannetti informed Mr. Williams that they are not on a right of way but they are on a private road. Per Mr. Yannetti and private road is different and that is what he will explain to Mr. Williams if he would like to meet.

### **Forsythe Property on Bingaman Road**

This is a property where the water is running down the driveway into the Township roadway. Gil Picarelli, KPI Technologies gave Supervisors and Roadmaster some suggestions on ways to keep the water from running into the roadway for their review (copy is on file for review). Supervisor Crushong asked if there should be a meeting between the Owners, Supervisors and Roadmaster concerning this matter.

Supervisors would like for Susan to set up a meeting with Ms. Forsythe for the January 2018 Workshop at noon.

### **Park and Recreation Update:**

Supervisor Crushong asked if the Board could address some of the items on the Regular Meeting Agenda such as the Park and Recreation Update. Solicitor Yannetti informed the Board that this is something that they will need to vote on. Giving Solicitor Yannetti permission to inform GASD that the agreement that the Supervisors viewed is acceptable. Supervisor Crushong explained to the residents present that the Township is terminating the Traffic Impact Fees and they are implementing a Parks and Recreation Fee that will be put back into Park and Recreation to help maintain the ball fields at the Franklin Township fields behind the Elementary School. This will help the leagues to upgrade the fields and equipment. The fields were put in years and years ago for the sole use of Franklin Township.

### **Hickory Bridge Road Bridge Repair:**

There was discussion that the Board will be tabling the bids for the Hickory Bridge Road bridge repair. The Supervisors feel the bids are high and they want to meet with Hamiltonban to discuss this further. Franklin Township Board of Supervisors feel they can complete the bridge with their own forces for less cost and a better product at the end result. Supervisors feel that the road crew is capable of doing this. Supervisor Arrison informed everyone that it has been the goal to save the residents funds and keep taxes low and this is why the bridge is going to be discussed further. The life span of a new bridge is 100 years compared to a rehab bridge that will last 5 to 10 years before having to replace it again. Hamiltonban Representatives Ed Deardorff and Ray Herr, Roadmaster came in at the end of the Workshop and Supervisor Crushong asked when their next Workshop was. Mr. Deardorff mentioned that they will be meeting on December 28<sup>th</sup>. It was agreed that both Hamiltonban and Franklin Township will meet on December 28, 2017 at 6:00 pm at the Hamiltonban Township Office. Supervisors asked Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer to advertise the meeting and to call Hamiltonban's office to confirm.

### **2018 Budget:**

Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed everyone that she advertised the 2018 Budget and it has been at the office for residents to review. She informed the Board that the Budget for 2018 is very tight but it is balanced. The budget shows an income of approximately \$986,850 and expenses to be approximately \$985,973. A resident asked (no name given) where does most of the revenue come from. Supervisor Crushong informed everyone that a large portion comes from Liquid Fuels (\$365K) and also from taxes. Road repairs are being done inhouse and this saves money and utilizes our equipment and resources of other Townships. This keep cost down for everyone

### **Vacancies on Zoning Hearing Board and Auditor:**

Supervisor Crushong mentioned that there are two (2) openings on the Zoning Hearing Board and a position for Auditor. Zoning Hearing Board meets once a year to set Officers and then they are on a on call basis whenever there may be a Zoning issue. Auditors meet once a year to set mileage rate based on the IRS rate and to set wages for Supervisors when they are called in to work such as snow removal, cover to Secretary if she is unable to be in, and emergencies.

There being no further business the Workshop Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Susan J. Plank  
Secretary/Treasurer

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

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