

**Franklin Township, Adams County  
Board of Supervisors  
Special Meeting  
February 21, 2018**

**SUPERVISORS PRESENT:** Chris Santay, Matt Williams, JR Crushong (via telephone)

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer, Curt MacBeth, Road Foreman, Dale Byers, Jeff Black, and Larry Dillon, Road Crew.

The meeting, held at the Franklin Township Municipal Building, was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Supervisor Chris Santay. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in unison.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

**B & M DIESEL – Road Hazard** Supervisor Santay informed everyone that Curt was hauling stone from the quarry when his latch came loose and he lost some of his load. One of Carl Woerner's truck was in Chambersburg for service at B & M Diesel. The mechanic was on a test drive and ran over the stones that were lost and it ruined the two (2) front tires of Woerner's truck. The Township Insurance Company says it was a road hazard and it will not cover the tires. B & M Diesel replaced the front tires out of his own pocket. Supervisor Santay informed JR that Brett brought the tires and they have look at them and in his opinion B & M replaced two tires that should have been replaced by Carl, but there is no dispute that the damage was caused by the truck running over the stone. It was consensus that the tires were wore and would pass bare minimum inspection. Supervisor Santay informed everyone that he was okay with paying half the cost, Supervisor Williams feels that the Township should pay all the cost to keep in good standing with B & M Diesel and Carl Woerner Hauling and Supervisor Crushong agreed. Supervisor Crushong asked if any one contacted Carl Woerner about paying for one (1) tire. Supervisor Santay replied that no one had contact Carl Woerner. B & M Diesel replaced the tires out of his own funds it was agreed that Franklin Township would reimburse B & M Diesel for the cost of the tires and the B & M Diesel would be responsible for the labor cost.

**MOTION by Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor Crushong to reimburse B & M Diesel for the cost of the tires only in the amount of \$1,510.91. Motion carried, 3-0.**

Supervisor Crushong asked if someone was going to reach out to Carl Woerner about the tires. Supervisor Santay informed everyone that he is in agreement that the Township reach out to Carl Woerner about paying for one (1) tire. Supervisor Santay asked B & M Diesel to leave the tires here at the Township so that they can be shown to Carl that they were wore, which they agreed to.

**BOB SHARRAH – ZONING CHANGE** - Supervisor Santay informed everyone that Bob Sharrah requested a Zoning Change to allow two (2) driveways on the parcel located at Hilltown Road and Chambersburg Road. Supervisor asked for thoughts on this. It was agreed to table and wait for comments from the Planning Commission which meets this evening at 7:00 p.m.

**MOTION by Supervisor Crushong, seconded Supervisor Williams to table the decision on the Zoning Change requested by Mr. Bob Sharrah until the Planning Commission meets and gives their recommendation. Motion carried, 3-0.**

**PSP Coverage – Governor to propose \$25 per capita fee for coverage:**

Supervisor Santay informed everyone that he would like to be pro-active and asked is there any desire to RFP any neighboring Townships/Boroughs for coverage and then in an event that we are forced into this we would have an option to opt out for a lesser per capita cost with a neighboring Municipality. Supervisor Crushong asked Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer if this is acceptable to use a neighboring Municipality or are you required to have the Police Department in your own Municipality? Susan Plank replied that she did not know the specifics but would be willing to contact Melissa Morgan at PSATS and get more detailed information on this.

**Equipment Purchase:**

Kevin Kessler – CAT Representative presented to the Board of Supervisors a quote for a new Caterpillar 420F2 IT Backhoe Loader. After much discussion to make sure that the loader has everything that was needed by the Township there was a question if the loader had a beacon light and an am/fm radio. Supervisor Santay asked Mr. Kessler if he could include the beacon light and radio for the price of \$120,500. Mr. Kessler said that there would be no problem with that.

Supervisor Crushong asked about rental equipment and whether we had to use Cleveland Brothers for rental equipment. There are no provisions to use Cleveland Brothers for rental equipment. They have rental equipment but the Township does not have rent from Cleveland Brothers.

**LTAP – Box Culvert Demonstration** - There is no interest among the road crew to hold a demonstration here at the Township for LTAP.

**Donation CCFD for Sewer Fees:** Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed everyone that when the Sewer Authority disbanded, Jaime Gebhart asked the Township to continue the donation of \$500 yearly toward the sewer bill. Last year 2017 the Board asked Susan to contact PAWC to see if they can give the Fire Company a discount on their water bill. Susan informed the Board that PAWC will not give a discount but they do have a grant program which Cashtown Community Fire Department received \$500 last year and this

year they have asked for a \$1,000 grant. The Supervisors decided to wait to see if CCFD receives their \$1,000 grant before addressing the \$500 donation for the sewer bill.

**Laptops for Township Supervisors/Employees:**

Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed everyone that any Township Supervisor/Employee who access their emails through a personal computer is susceptible to having their personal computers confiscated through the Right to Know Law. It has been brought up to the Board that the Township should supply Supervisors and Employees who access their email away from the office a laptop/tablet/etc. Supervisor Crushong informed Susan that there should be a Sprint Township Rep for her to contact and find out pricing on such items. Supervisors would like Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer to look into the cost and the availability of such items.

**Equipment purchase:**

**Loader/Backhoe Purchase:**

There was further discussion on the Loader/Backhoe. Larry Dillon asked if Cleveland Brothers would let the Township demo a hoe ram for the bridge project. Supervisor Santay replied that that could be a possibility and thought it was a good idea. The entire road crew are okay with the specs of the Cat Loader/Backhoe.

**MOTION by Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor Crushong to purchase a new Caterpillar 420F2 IT backhoe loader with broom, coupler, and plate compactor in the amount of \$120,500. Motion carried, 3-0.**

**Lawn Mower:**

Supervisor Santay informed everyone that Supervisor Crushong was in favor of purchasing a Kubota Zero Turn Mower with Kawasaki Engine from Messick's Equipment and Supervisors Santay was in agreement with this purchase. Road Foreman, Curt MacBeth informed everyone that the pricing was State pricing. Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed everyone that the Township does not have to bid this out. Anything over \$10,900 the Township needs three (3) written or telephone quotes and anything over \$20,100 the Township needs to bid. Supervisor Crushong asked Road Foreman, Curt MacBeth if the mower from Messick's is the best price and is a State contract price. Road Foreman MacBeth replied yes. The road crew is in agreement with the purchase of the Kubota Zero Turn Mower from Messick's which is close by if there are any problems with the mower.

**MOTION by Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor Crushong to purchase a Kubota Zero Turn Mower from Messick's with a hitch and trade-in of old mower in the amount around \$6,000.00. Motion carried, 3-0.**

Supervisor Santay informed everyone that Curt and himself have had some discussion about grant money to construct a wash bay at the Township. There was much discussion on this that if the Township moved forward with such Grant that it would

leave the Township open for an Environmental Audit. The consensus of the road crew was that this is something that they did not feel should be done at this time. Road Foreman MacBeth informed the Supervisors that the salt shed should have tarps across the front so the rain does not get into the salt shed and dilute the salt in the summer, the Township has single wall fuel tanks with no containment. Road crew member Larry Dillon informed the Board that the fuel tanks should be updated for next year's budget which would cover the double wall tank issue for fuel. Being close to a creek there are all kinds of issues that could be discovered if the Township has an Environmental Audit. Supervisor Santay informed the road crew that if they felt that the Township was in compliant and wanted to address a grant for a wash bay please let the Supervisors know. Supervisor Crushong asked is there were any other Townships that have a wash bay in their Townships and the answer was Hamiltonban. Hamiltonban got their wash bay when they built their building. Larry Dillon informed everyone that since the Township has concreted the truck building a wash bay is not as important as it was before. The concrete floor has made a world of difference in deterioration of trucks from moisture.

Supervisor Santay informed the road crew that the Township is in a position since they have approved the purchase of the loader/backhoe that it will be able to finance one (1) more item after Curt's truck is paid off in September, but he wanted to everyone to know that once the Township does that there will be no more big purchases until the Township can build up their Capital Purchase fund or pay the new Kenworth off which will be a couple of years. With that being said the road crew needs to decide what is needed first in the future. Here are some things that have been mentioned and up for discussion:

1. Tandem dump truck which has a year lead time and will cost approximately \$193,000 fully equipped. Payment would not be due until delivery.
2. New Mower.
3. New Grader.
4. The 550 Truck will need to be replaced 16 years old.
5. Trailer.
6. Finish equipment building.

Supervisor Santay informed everyone that he was talking to Mike Spealman, Chief at BVFD and they are in the need of some new doors and just maybe the Township and the Fire Department could make a joint purchase to save both some money. Supervisor Santay also told the Road Crew that they have a Board in place that is committed to the equipment, facilities and its employees, the infrastructure of the Township and maybe it's time to get buildings that will preserve the equipment and items that are costing lots of money.

Dale Byers, road crew, mentioned that if you buy a tandem dump truck now then the Township could get rid of one of the older trucks and the Township would have space for a new truck. Supervisors informed the road crew that they are depending on them to give the Board feedback as to what they are thinking should and will be the best move for the Township equipment, building upgrades, etc. Supervisors Santay and Williams told everyone that Carroll Valley's Manager informed them at the Boot Camp that once their trucks are six (6) years old and out of warranty they put them for sale. This is something that maybe Franklin Township would want to look into for a back-up vehicle at

approximately \$30K. Supervisor Crushong informed everyone that he thinks the Township needs to look at the buildings and get them up to par and maybe add on if need be. Concrete floors make a big difference in the wear and tear on the vehicles.

Curtis MacBeth, Road Foreman addressed the Board to ask them if they would like the road crew to go to the PA1 Call safety days on June 28<sup>th</sup> in York. Curt says that it is pretty much the same thing every year. Dale responded that he doesn't need to go. Supervisor Crushong asked is one person is going and it looks as if Jeff is going to represent the Township. It's vendors that give demonstrations and classes. Supervisor Santay said that it is up to the road foreman if he sends someone or attends himself.

Curtis MacBeth, Road Foreman addressed the Board about stone hauling saying that they have approximately 3,000 ton of 2-A to haul from St. Thomas and 2,300 ton of Anti-Skid to haul from York. The crew can get the 2A haul but he doesn't think he can get the anti-skid hauled and still get the side ditches and trees cut up on Pine Tree for the road project. Curt is looking for approval to call Thomasville and say haul the anti-skid for the Township. Susan Plank informed everyone that this would cost approximately \$18,000 more then budgeted. Curt is thinking they would get approximately three (3) loads a day. Curt is to run to Thomasville one (1) day to see how many loads he can get in a day. There was discussion about pushing the paving job back a couple weeks. There was talk about part time driver which the Township does not have. Supervisor Crushong asked what the budget says about spending the extra money? Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed everyone that the budget does not have the extra money to support such a decision. There was talk about moving the road project back 30 days.

It was calculated that it would take three weeks to haul the 2-A out of St. Thomas and another three (3) week to haul the anti-skid out of Thomasville. There are funds to support the road crew to work long enough to get five (5) loads a day which will help to get the stone hauled. The road crew was given the okay to run five (5) loads a day to help with getting the stones needed for the projects this year.

There being no further business to conduct, meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. Plank  
Secretary

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_