

**Franklin Township, Adams County
Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting
November 5, 2015**

SUPERVISORS PRESENT: JR Crushong and Ed Sharrah

OTHERS PRESENT: Brandon Guiher, KPI Technology; Walton Davis, Solicitor; and Susan Plank, Secretary

The meeting, held at the Franklin Township Municipal Building, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Henry Crushong, Jr. The pledge of allegiance was recited by all in unison.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Supervisor Sharrah, seconded by Supervisor Crushong, to approve the minutes for the meeting held October 5, 2015. Motion carried, 2-0.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST #11

MOTION by Supervisor Sharrah, seconded by Supervisor Crushong, to approve Bill List #11 General Fund Checks 33190-33267 totaling \$96,307.86. Motion carried, 2-0.

PRELIMINARY/FINAL PLAN - No Preliminary/Final Plans were presented to the board.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN - No storm water management plans were presented to the board.

REPORTS

Supervisor Crushong read the Buchanan Valley Fire Department report. They responded to 17 calls in September and 21 Calls in October. Total responses year to date are 262. Seventeen (17). Members attended annual auto extrication refresher. Members completed 80 hours of Certified Training and 96 hours of in house training in September. Pump Service and Testing completed per National Standards on Brush, Engine, and Engine Tanker. All Passed. Annual hazardous materials operations refresher completed in October.

Supervisor Crushong read the Cashtown Community Fire Department report. They responded to 12 Fire/Rescue Calls, 1 Fire Police Assist, and 9 Medical calls for a total of 22 calls for the month of October.

Supervisor Crushong read the ARMS EMS report for October 2015. They responded to 10 calls for Franklin Township with a total of 435 calls total for their region.

Supervisor Sharrah read the Zoning Officer's report for the month of September. There were a total of 8 zoning hours worked, total UCC hours of 16.5 and code enforcement 7 hours reported for a total hours worked of 31.5.

Supervisor Sharrah read the Code Enforcement Officer's report. Active violations include six (6) Property Maintenance and two (2) for inoperable vehicles. Eight (8) certified Letters have been sent.

Supervisor Crushong read the road report for October, 2015. Activities included replacing tile on Crooked Creek Road using 30' x 18" squash tile, 30' x 24" plastic tile. Covered tiles with warm mix and repaired spots with warm mix asphalt on Crooked Creek Road. Call received from County Control for trees down on Jack Road. Worked on bed gate latches on 2012 Kenworth Truck (Unit #6) due to rust and they would not move open or close gate. Install slow signs along Winding Road off of Narrows Road. Cut brush along township roads. Repaired low spot at the intersection of Jack and Hickory Bridge Roads. Replaced drain tile on Belmont Road using 15" x 26' and 15" x 42' plastic drain tile. Covered the tile with warm mix asphalt and filled pot holes along Belmont Road. Ordered and installed plates on the rear corners of the bed to Unit #6 and also installed heated wipers, rear backup lights, emblems on doors, and radio from truck on Unit #6. Dug out spot at the inlet box, covered with geo grid, filled with dirt from washing at the box and repaired rate due to being bent in the center. Installed anti-skid spreaders, rear backup lights, heated wiper blades, and snow plows on the trucks for the winter season. The bridge at Jack/Moritz road was finished on October 22, 2015 and opened to traffic on Friday the 23rd.

Bob Sharrah from Sharrah Design informed the Board of Supervisors that the buyer of the Gates property on Chambersburg Road would like to install an 18,000 gallon temporary propane tank so that they can move ahead with their business during the winter months. The Township Engineer and Solicitor have no issues with this request. Being that this matter was brought up to the Board, no action needs to be taken by the Board of Supervisors.

OLD BUSINESS

EMA Director – Ordinance No. 2015-06 for Intergovernmental Agreement for Northern Adams Regional Emergency Management Agency between Franklin Township, Biglerville Borough, Butler Township, Menallen Township, and Tyrone Township.

MOTION by Supervisor Sharrah; seconded by Supervisor Crushong to approve Ordinance No. 2015-60 for Intergovernmental Agreement for Northern Adams Regional Emergency Management Agency between Franklin Township, Biglerville, Borough, Butler Township, Menallen Township, and Tyrone Township contingent upon approval by Biglerville Borough at their December 2015 meeting. Motion carried 2-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Release funds for 2015 budgeted charities: SPCA \$50, Library \$600, Office of Aging \$650, ACTA \$500, and Youth League \$2,000.

MOTION by Supervisor Sharrah; seconded by Supervisor Crushong to release funds for 2015 budgeted charities: SPCA \$50, Library \$600, Office of Aging \$650, ACTA \$500, and Youth League \$2,000. Motion carried, 2-0.

Release contributions to Fire Companies – Cashtown \$10,000 and BVFD \$10,000.

MOTION by Supervisor Sharrah; seconded by Supervisor Crushong to release contributions to Cashtown and BVFD in the amount of \$10,000 each. Motion carried, 2-0.

Authorize uncollected per capita taxes to be sent to J. P. Harris Associates, LLC.

MOTION by Supervisor Sharrah; seconded by Supervisor Crushong to authorize uncollected per capita taxes to be sent to J. P. Harris Associates, LLC. Motion carried, 2-0.

2016 preliminary budget.

MOTION by Supervisor Sharrah; seconded by Supervisor Crushong to approve the 2016 preliminary budget.

Advertise 2016 preliminary budget.

MOTION by Supervisor Sharrah; seconded by Supervisor Crushong to have Susan Plank, Secretary to advertise the 2016 preliminary budget.

GUESTS

Resident Nancy McGlaughlin asked what was being done at the Gates property and she was informed that a Propane Company was going to put a temporary tank on the property until construction can begin. Nancy also asked why only \$50 was going to be given to the SPCA. Supervisors Sharrah explained that this is the amount that has been given to them the past few years. He also explained many of the most of the Charities give the Township an update on their Finances and what the funds are used for and the SPCA does not do this. Nancy also asked Susan Plank, Secretary if she knew how many delinquent per capita taxes were this year. Susan informed her that she did not know at this time. Nancy also asked the Supervisors if the Budget is balanced this year and if the budget would affect taxes. Supervisors Crushong informed her that taxes would not be affected by the budget.

Resident Scott Merchant of W. Mountain Top drive asked the Board of Supervisors if they could help him with a dead tree problem that he has with his neighbor. He informed

the Board that there are several dead oak trees along his driveway that are on his neighbor's property and he is afraid that they are going to fall and hurt someone. The Supervisors informed Mr. Merchant that this is not a Township matter and the Township Solicitor also informed Mr. Merchant that he could seek his own legal advice on this matter and that the Township is not responsible for this matter and that he could seek his own legal advice.

Resident Tom Kerr from Flohrs Church Road informed the Board of Supervisors that the trash company (Advanced Disposal) has not been putting the tops down on the trash bins along Flohrs Church and that there is still times that the trash is not picked up. Supervisor Crushong informed Mr. Kerr that Susan Plank, Secretary would contact Advanced Disposal about this matter.

Resident Deb Flickinger asked if the Board of Supervisors knew the results of the election for the new Supervisor. Supervisor Crushong informed Ms. Flickinger that Chis Santay had won the election.

There being no further business to conduct, meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. Plank
Secretary

Chairman _____

Supervisor _____

Supervisor _____