

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

**November 2, 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. p.m. by Supervisor JR Crushong.

**McKnightstown Speeding:**

Solicitor Yannetti explained what was happening with the speed enforcement in McKnightstown. Solicitor Yannett informed everyone that the State Police was going to complete a two (2) week intensified patrol of the area. Lieutenant Nickey of the PA State Police is compiling data for the Township's review. The Township has not received the numbers yet. Supervisors would like Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer to reach out to Lieutenant Nickey to find out where they are at with the data. Ms. Morgan Smith, resident of McKnightstown, was asking about the speed humps. Supervisor Santay informed Ms. Smith that he has not given much consideration into the speed humps as this would be something that the Road Crew would have to take in and out during a weather event. Also, Supervisor Crushong informed Ms. Smith that the speed humps would eventually work loose and his experience is that people tend to not really slow down when they are install or they spin their wheels on them which tear them up and then they have to be replaced. The Board at this time is not considering the speed bump option.

Gil Picarelli, KPI Technologies supplied the Board with some more literature on speed limit feedback signs which he explained can tell the Township dates, times, speed, averages, etc. Gil Picarelli also informed the Board that the sign Dealer would be glad to come to a meeting to talk with the Board about the sign. The signs are portable and can be moved from one are to another. Supervisors would like Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer to contact the Company Rep. and have them attend the next Workshop Meeting in December.

**2018 Budget Review:**

Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer gave the Supervisors the budget for 2018. There were no changes from last month besides putting in the wages for the employees. The State Fund Budget shows \$40k budgeted for the bridge project on Bottom road which is scheduled to be done in 2019. Supervisor Crushong mentioned the Health Insurance change of the employees paying 6% for their Insurance and 10% for Spouse/Family portion of insurance. Supervisors Arrison and Santay agreed with the Health Insurance percentages. The 2018 Preliminary Budget will be advertised for review by the Township Residents.

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

Esch McCombie of McNees Wallace & Nurick, LLC; Attorney representing Bill and Jayne Shord, Beech Spring Farms informed the Board that he was there because of the Noise Ordinance that the Township is considering because of the law suit that his client is involved in. Mr. McCombie is hoping that the Township considers three (3) items when discussing a Noise Ordinance:

1. Objective – The Noise density should be measured by decimal level
2. Balance – Fair and reasonable to all residents and not restrictive.
3. Flexible – Will it vary during time of day, zoning district, and areas of Township.

Mr. McCombie requested to be able to work with Solicitor Yannetti on the Noise Ordinance and be able to put his input into the process. Supervisor Crushong informed everyone that the Board is looking into this but have not started it yet. The Supervisors informed everyone that this Ordinance is something that will take time and much consideration of many items when putting it together.

Resident Tonya Knouse White questioned how many noise complaints that Township has received. Supervisors informed Ms. White that the complaints are becoming more and are ranging from explosions to dogs barking all night. There was concern about Propane Cannon in Vineyards which the Owner notifies the residents when this is going to happen and there have been no complaints about this. Supervisor Santay informed everyone that he wishes everyone could be so considerate of their neighbors and then there wouldn't have to be a discussion of an Ordinance. Supervisor Santay informed everyone that this is going to be a tedious process but it is something that he does think needs to be done.

Supervisor Crushong informed everyone that the Nuisance/Noise Ordinance is complaint driven and not driven by any legal action. This is something that the Supervisors will be working on in the next year when the new Supervisor takes his/her roll. Enforcement is something that is going to be difficult to do. There were many different scenarios of noise that may be problematic to some but not to others. This is something that the Supervisors will have to consider when looking into this Ordinance.

## **Kalathas Mini Storage Units**

Gil Picarelli told the Board that Supervisor Crushong asked Dominic about Kalathas and a special exception. Wilbur, Land and Sea Services has looked into the special exception and it has long expired. Mr. Kalathas will have to get another special exception and go through the process again.

## **Tree Removal along Township Roads**

Solicitor Yannetti informed everyone that the Township Ordinance says if there is a problem with trees encroaching up to the road or over the road, alley, or wherever, it is the responsibility of the homeowner to take care of removing it and there is a very specific process in here where the Zoning Officer would go and give them a notice and then they have ten (10) days to take care of the trees etc. and then if they do not take care

of the problem then the Township can go in and take care of it and bill the resident for the cost. If the resident does not pay for the cost the Township has a right to put a lien on the property for the cost of taking care of the problem. Solicitor Yannetti suggest that Wilbur give notice to the property Owner that the complaint has come in for and go from there. Supervisors would like for the Ordinance to be posted on the Website for the residents to be aware of. Susan Plank, Secretary will take care of this.

Supervisor Crushong asked what the difference was if a storm came through and knocks trees down. Solicitor Yannetti informed the Board that when that happens it becomes an emergency and the Township would be responsible to clear the road of debris.

### **Park and Recreation Plan Update**

Bernie Yannetti informed everyone that there is no new updated on the Park and Recreation Plan. He is waiting on a response from Mr. Brad Hunt with the Gettysburg School District.

### **National Propane Land Development Update**

Solicitor Yannetti asked if the Township had heard back from National Propane. Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed everyone that she had not heard back from National Propane or Sharrah Design concerning the letter mailed last month.

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

Gil Picarelli, KPI Technologies informed everyone that the bridge is out for Bid through Penn Bid and that there have been many hits on the Website for the bid process. Ten (10) contractors have looked at the Bid Documents. The pre-bid meeting will be November 15<sup>th</sup> and the bid opening will be November 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **County Trash Contract:**

Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed everyone that the Northwest Group decided to go with Option 3 which is Solid Waste Collection & Disposal (includes large item pick up), Biweekly Recycling, and Qtrly Covered Devices Drop Off Recycling for the amount of \$179.76 per year. There will be a \$3.00 toter charge for totes if the resident wants one. There is also an option that if you just want trash pick-up you can purchase twelve (12) bag tags for \$45.00 and then each additional Bag Tag will be \$3.75 each. The quarterly electronic recycling events will be as follows:

1. March 3, 2018 at Biglerville
2. June 2, 2018 at Franklin Township
3. September 8, 2018 at Menallen Township
4. December 1, 2018 at Butler Township

Solicitor Yanetti informed the Board that they can make the motion at the Regular Meeting. Supervisors informed everyone that the savings are substantial and the cost of electronic recycling is overbearing.

There being no further business the Workshop Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Susan J. Plank  
Secretary/Treasurer

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

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