

**Franklin Township, Adams County
Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting
October 6, 2016**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Gil Picarelli, KPI Technology; Bernard Yannetti, Solicitor, Jeff Black, Roadmaster, 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 Santay, seconded by Supervisor Arrison, to approve the minutes for the meeting held September 1, 2016. Motion carried, 3-0.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST #10

MOTION by Supervisor Santay, seconded by Supervisor Arrison to approve Bill List #10 General Fund Checks 33790-33855 totaling \$243,288.02. Motion carried, 3-0.

PRELIMINARY/FINAL PLAN – Gil Picarelli of KPI Technologies informed the Board that a motion needed to be made to approve or deny the William A. Parr, Jr. & Wendy T. Parr Subdivision. Mr. Picarelli informed the Board that the Planning Commission made a conditional approval of Preliminary/Final Plans based on the approval of the Sewage Module and an agreement for the common use and maintenance of the driveway between the two parties.

MOTION by Supervisor Arrison, seconded by Supervisor Santay, to conditionally approve the Preliminary/Final William A. Parr, Jr. & Wendy T. Parr Subdivision Plans upon approval of the Sewer Module and the agreement for the common use and maintenance of the driveway between the two parties. Motion carried, 3-0.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN – No Stormwater Management Plans were presented to the Board.

REPORTS

Supervisor Santay read the Cashtown Community Fire Department reports. They responded to 11 calls in August and 21 calls in September for a total of 121 calls to date.

Cashtown Community Fire Department will be conducting their annual safety tour of the Knouse Foods Orrtanna Facility on the evening of Tuesday, October 11, 2016. They will also be participating in the annual Fire Prevention Day at Franklin Township Elementary School on Friday, October 14, 2016 and they will be holding a “450 Club” gun/money drawing fundraiser on Saturday, October 15, 2016.

Supervisor Santay read the Buchanan Valley Fire Department report. They responded to 33 calls in September 2016, year to date calls 240.

Two (2) firefighters started EMT Training (200 plus hours) and 1 firefighter started firefighter 1 training (180 hours’ total).

BVFD had one (1) Junior Firefighter move into Senior Status. Because of the Junior Firefighter Program, he already had completed all needed Fire/Rescue Training and the day he turned 18 was already properly trained to help the community. The Program works.

Supervisor Santay also read a letter from Arendtsville Community Fire Company concerning the Bi-Annual Budget report which is in the Township Office for review.

Supervisor Santay read the Adams Regional EMS, Inc. report. They responded to 8 EMS calls for September.

There were no reports for Code Enforcement or Zoning as the main computer at Land and Sea was not working.

Roadmaster Jeffrey Black read the road report for September 2016. See the attached daily sheet for work completed by the road crew as reported by Jeff Black, Roadmaster. Supervisor Arrison asked Jeff if there has been any corrosion control done on the equipment. Jeff informed the Supervisors that nothing has been done. The Supervisors would like for Jeff to get this done before winter gets here.

OLD BUSINESS –

Supervisor Crushong informed everyone that he is working with the County to help the resident at 481 Church Road find a solution to fixing the septic issue at this address. This is a financial burden for the resident and he is looking into some help for the resident.

Recycling Report – Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer reported that the Adams COG and Adams County was not interested in the suggestion of make a donation to the Washington Township transfer station for recycling. Supervisors would like for Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer to call the Washington Township Transfer Station to see how a donation/credit can work for the Citizens of Franklin Township.

Speed Limits on Township Roads (Church Road) – Road crew will complete these studies in the next month on the following roads: Church Road, Flohrs Church/Sunset Road, Bingaman, Green Ridge Road, Crooked Creek Road, Belmont Road, Goldenville Road and Poplar Springs Road.

Hickory Bridge Road Bridge Repair – Gil Picarelli from KPI Technologies informed everyone that there will be a workshop meeting at Hamiltonban on October 27, 2016 at 7:00 pm. Gil Picarelli suggested that there be a representative from Franklin Township so that everyone is on the same page as to what repairs need to be done. Gil Picarelli also suggested that some type of agreement be made between Franklin and Hamiltonban Townships. Gil suggested that Bernie Yannetti call Hamiltonban's solicitor and work this out.

Railroad Lane Tile Replacement.

Bernie Yannetti, Solicitor has send a letter to CSX stating that the repair they made was insufficient and to put CSX on notice that the repairs have not been done in an appropriate manner and that Franklin Township will not be responsible for any injuries that may occur as a result of CSX's failure to make the necessary repairs.

PGLIT Account. Supervisor Crushong informed everyone that no decision has been made on the PGLIT Account and suggested that Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer put this on the Agenda for the November Workshop.

NEW BUSINESS –

Resolution 2016-5 – Certificate of Termination of Franklin Township Sewer Authority.

Darrin Flake, Chairman of Sewer Authority wanted to comment the following before the Board of Supervisors voted on the Certificate of Termination of the Sewer Authority:

It has been several years since this system was built. I want to make sure that it is clear on the record that we had nothing, absolutely nothing to do at all with building of that plant. Our job took place in 2011 when we were created to run the Sewer Authority. We took this over in 2011, a plant that was built under a lot of controversy. We saw collections that default rate of 60% a month of people weren't paying on the plant, which is totally ridiculous. We had a bill coming due in January, 2012 of over \$20,000.00 a month in plant payment, when you added it all together the plant was running in a deficit, this is the way the thing was built. We had to take this thing over and look at what was the best thing to do. We looked at other options, combining with other Townships, we looked at options of selling. We finally found that selling was the best thing. We went to two (2) different companies, the second company took us a year and half to finally get an agreement made to sell this plant. We sold the plant, wiped out six million dollars (\$6,000,000.00) worth of debt to the Township that was on the books for this plant. We also inherited from the Township over \$60,000.00 worth of debt, we now got that down

to less than \$1,500.00, two collectible debts left. That was the mess that we were left with when it was given over to us. All the accounts/people, since this plant was sold in August of 2013, we have either put in rebates or reduction in rates, \$1,075.00 in resident's pockets. So I just want to make sure that that is on record of what the Sewer Authority did. Again, we had nothing to do with building this plant, it was a disaster, I still think it was a disaster, a disaster in the way it was built. You can see now why wasn't coordination done with other Townships. When I went to sign the paperwork in August of 2013 with PA American Water the comment was made to me, why didn't you guys hook into Cumberland Township and I had to seat there and laugh, and I said good question, I asked that from here and never got an answer. We find out that out neighboring Township was in default with DEP, no project was ever done with them. I think this was a great learning experience for the Township and other communities that they should coordinate a little bit better before we go to do things like this. We have had no, absolutely zero new hookups on this plant since it was built, none on 30 no whereabouts, how is that plant right. That is where we have to look at as a Township what we need to do in the future. There have been no new hookups since the plant was built. My question is that I hope in the future that we look at this as a learning experience even though people lost their homes and everything else because how the plant was built during the great recession is what they call it, it was put into place, so I hope we look at this in the future and say "Hey" what do we need to plan. Hopefully we look at water in the future and stuff like that and how expansion of sewer should be done in the future. It was a disaster and I am glad it is over with. I am very proud and I would like to thank everyone who served on the Authority and I'd like to thank the Supervisors who helped to close this out.

Supervisor Santay worthy to mention the Leadership of you at Chairman and the rest of the Board working through this especially during the negotiations, which I was a part of for a year and half and it was back and forth for a long time. A tough decision to make but a right one to make to get the cost where they should be and have some more financial help keeping it solvent then the Township could provide. Supervisor Santay agreed with a lot of what Darrin said and wanted to thank Darrin and the Board for working the Township through this. Supervisor Crushong and Supervisor Arrison also agreed.

Motion by Supervisor Arrison, second by Supervisor Crushong to accept the Certificate of Termination of the Franklin Township Sewer Authority. Supervisor abstained from the Motion noting that he is a member of the Authority. Motion carried, 2-0.

Resolution 2016-6 – Agricultural Security Area #4 - 7-year review with addition.

Motion by Supervisor Santay, second by Supervisor Arrison to approve Resolution 2016-6 – Agricultural Security Area #4 – 7-year review with addition. Motion carried, 3-0

The Township's Pension Administrator has prepared the Minimum Municipal Obligation Approval for the 2017 Pension Plan.

MOTION by Supervisor Santay, seconded by Supervisor Arrison to accept the Minimum Municipal Obligation for the 2017 Pension Plan. Motion carried, 3-0.

MOTION by Supervisor Santay, seconded by Supervisor Arrison that Trick or Treat for Halloween be scheduled on Monday, October 31 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Motion carried, 3-0.

MOTION by Supervisor Santay, seconded by Supervisor Arrison to have Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer to place an ad for Seasonal/Part Time help with Class B/CDL License. Motion carried, 3-0

MOTION by Supervisor Santay, seconded by Supervisor Arrison to have Bernie Yannetti, Solicitor to send legal notices to the residents on Old Route 30, ext. that the Township will no longer maintain this portion of road. Motion carried, 3-0

Open bids for the Municipal Waste and Recyclables for 2017.

Bids received from Parks, ADS, and IESI. Bids were given to Gil Picarelli, KPI to calculate the bid results and put in a spreadsheet. Gil will have the results to the Township by mid-week for review. There will be a special meeting to be held on October 19, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. to make the final decision on a waste hauler. Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer to advertise the meeting.

Guests

There were no comments from any guest that were in attendance.

There being no further business to conduct, MOTION by Supervisor Santay and seconded by Supervisor Arrison to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm, Motion carried, 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. Plank
Secretary/Treasurer

Chairman _____

Supervisor _____

Supervisor _____