

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

September 7, 2017

SUPERVISORS PRESENT: JR Crushong and Chris Santay

OTHERS PRESENT: Dominic Picarelli, KPI Technology, Brandon Guiher, KPI Technology, Bernie Yannetti, Solicitor, John Newell, Newell, Tereska and Mackay Engineering, Lieutenant Matthew Nickey, Pennsylvania State Police, Jeffrey Black, Roadmaster, Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer, Hamiltonban Supervisors Coleen Reamer, Ed Deardorff, LuAnn Dille, and Doug Woerner.

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

McKnightstown Speeding:

Supervisor Crushong introduced Lieutenant Nickey to everyone. Solicitor Yannetti commented that Lieutenant Nickey was the base commander at the Gettysburg branch of the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP). Supervisor Santay informed everyone that the reason Lieutenant Nickey was at the meeting was to address the speeding problem in McKnightstown that was brought to the Supervisors attention at the August 3rd BOS Meeting. Lieutenant Nickey introduced himself and gave a brief summary of his career with the PSP. Lieutenant Nickey informed everyone that he is very familiar with the area. He explained to everyone that there are three (3) areas that the PSP look at when addressing enforcement:

1. Is it a good spot for Troopers to set up radar?
2. Crash data (Hot Spots).
3. Citizen complaints.

Lieutenant Nickey has run radar personally in McKnightstown and has issued two (2) citations for speeding. The average speed that he has collected during his time there was 37 to 37.46 miles per hour. There was much discussion on time of day and when radar should be set up. It was asked, how much over the speed limit does the PSP issue citations, Lieutenant Nickey informed everyone that PSP will issue a citation when someone exceeds the limit by 6 or more miles over the posted speed. They are normally issued when they exceed at 10 to 15 mph over the posted speed. There was concern about running the stop sign at New 30 and Old Route 30 and also there was a question of whether there could be a three way stop sign at Tillietown Road and Old Route 30. All these questions were or are going to be addressed. Lieutenant Nickey informed everyone that he is going to continue to run radar in the area. He also commented that there are electronic signs that will give him more information concerning the time of day, which day of the week, and how many vehicles and how fast they are going through McKnightstown. Supervisor Crushong instructed Gil Picarelli to look into this type of electronic device. Jeff Black, Roadmaster also suggested that the Township set up their electronic counter that will also give some of the same information. Jeff Black is to contact Ms. Morgan Smith when he is ready to set up the traffic counter. Ms. Smith gave the Township her contact information. This item will be on the Workshop Agenda for the October 2017 Workshop. The traffic counter will be placed as soon as possible. The Township will provide the data to Lieutenant Nickey when available..

Hickory Bridge Road Bridge Repair:

Supervisor Crushong turned the discussion over to Brandon Guiher and Gil Picarelli, KPI Technologies. Gil asked the Townships what do they want to do. Supervisor Santay informed everyone that there were two (2) issues that Hamiltonban had about the specs that were submitted:

1. The width of the bridge will only be approximately 17'4"
2. Once the bridge is completed is there going to be weight limit for vehicles.

John Newell, bridge Engineer informed everyone that yes it would be a width of 17'4", but even if the bridge if 20' wide you normally would not have vehicles passing on the bridge, they would wait for the other vehicle before passing on the bridge. It is basically a one-lane bridge. There are things that they can do to increase the width of it. There would be no weight restrictions on the bridge after the renovations. The State dictates legal loads on all bridges across the State and CDL drivers are to know their legal load limit for the State.

Supervisor Coleen Reamer, Hamiltonban Township, asked the question as to why after all the expense of engineering that the Townships now have a 17'4" bridge spec and not a 20' bridge spec? She informed everyone that the Townships were given two (2) options, a one (1) lane bridge and a two (2) lane bridge and they voted on a two (2) lane bridge, which is what the Townships were expecting and now they do not have that. Supervisor Deardorff, Hamiltonban commented that they do not want to go back in time, that the Townships want to move forward and improve the access to the bridge.

Coleen Reamer, Supervisor Hamiltonban, asked what the additional cost would be to get specs for the 19'6" bridge which was what the Townships wanted in the first place. John Newell, Bridge Engineer said they can easily move this out to 18'4" without any additional engineering or construction cost. John Newell said there will be additional construction cost and some small engineering cost to get the bridge to 19'6".

John Newell asked is the 19'6" bridge is acceptable and Coleen Reamer, Supervisor for Hamiltonban answered that is what the Townships wanted in the first place. Supervisor Crushong, Franklin Township, asked John again what would be the additional construction and engineering cost to go to the 19'6" bridge. Mr. Newell said that he could not answer that. There were responses from several Supervisors and Franklin Township Roadmaster, Jeff Black that the additional cost should be zero for engineering. Supervisor Reamer, Hamiltonban asked about a time line to get the specs done for the 19'6" bridge and Mr. Newell replied approximately two (2) weeks.

Supervisor Crushong, Franklin Township asked Hamiltonban Supervisors that if we bid the 19'6" bridge out and get the bids in are they willing to look at the Box Culvert Bridge replacement that Franklin Township has prices on. The response was to get the pricing in for the 19'6" bridge and then they can compare apples to apples.

It was determined after much discussion about width of bridge, width of roads, etc. that the Townships both agreed that they want a two (2) lane bridge (19'6"). John Newell and KPI Technologies will have specs for a 19'6" bridge to Franklin Township by the 25th of September in time for discussion at Hamiltonban's Workshop on September 28, 2017 at their office. After this Workshop Meeting discussion if both Townships agree to the specs they will both motion at their regular meetings in October to put the bridge out to bid.

MOTION by Supervisor Crushong, Franklin Township seconded by Supervisor Reamer, Hamiltonban Township, to have the specs for a 19'6" bridge supplied to the Townships by John Newell, Newell, Tereska and Mackay Engineering and KPI Technologies in time for Hamiltonban's Workshop Meeting on September 28, 2017 at Hamiltonban office. Motion carried, 5-0.

Jeff Black, Roadmaster brought up looking into heavy guiderail where you can put over the bridge and go 25' without any supports in the middle with the double beam. Jeff informed everyone that Franklin Township did this over on Hilltown Road. John Newell said you can go triple and get more width for the bridge, more of an approach. John Newell explain that he would look at this option. Supervisor Dille, Hamiltonban said she likes this suggestion. The Townships just want to get this bridge as wide as they can.

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Susan J. Plank
Secretary/Treasurer

Chairman _____

Supervisor _____

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