

Franklin Township, Adams County
Board of Supervisors Workshop Meeting
February 20, 2025

SUPERVISORS PRESENT: Supervisor Williams, Supervisor Santay, and Supervisor Crushong.

OTHERS PRESENT: Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer

The workshop, held at the Franklin Township Municipal Building, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Williams.

455 Ragged Edge Subdivision

MOTION by Supervisor Crushong, seconded by Supervisor Santay to approve waiver for of the 24' cartway for Ragged Edge Road. Motion carried, 3-0.

MOTION by Supervisor Santay, seconded by Supervisor Crushong to conditionally approve the 455 Ragged Edge Subdivision pending all KPI comments are addressed. Motion carried, 3-0.

Solar Ordinance – Planning Commission

MOTION by Supervisor Santay, seconded by Supervisor Crushong to advise the Planning Commission to move forward with reviewing/make changes to the Solar Ordinance before finishing the total Zoning Ordinance review. Motion carried, 3-0.

EMS Service - Fayetteville

Members of the Fayetteville Volunteer Fire Department EMS and Shawn Corwell, Green Township were present at the Meeting to discuss the Invoice that was sent to the Township and EMS Service to Franklin Township. Mr. Andrew Melis commented that they have several Townships on Board to defray the EMS cost (Guilford and Greene Townships and they are working with Chambersburg Borough). There was much discussion about cost, billing, lack of payment for total billed and calls in the Township. 75% of all Fayetteville EMS calls are to Paramount Nursing facility. Topics addressed were the following:

1. Increase cost of supplies, payroll, insurances, and taxes.
2. Cost of EMS Service.
3. Issues with getting full payment for services. Most residents at Paramount are on Medicare/Medicaid.
4. Reciprocal Agreements with other EMS Services in the Township.
5. Set up meeting with Paramount Nursing Facility.

Fayetteville would like Franklin Township to enter into an agreement that would charge the Township \$50 per call in the Township. Supervisor Santay commented that the Township has no Contractual Agreement with Fayetteville. The Board informed Fayetteville that there were no talks about being invoiced for calls and nothing was budgeted in 2024 or 2025 for these costs. Supervisor Santay questioned if Paramount was giving Fayetteville any kind of donation since a lot of the calls were going there. Andrew Melis, Fayetteville replied that they were not. Michael Spielman, Chief of Buchanan Valley Volunteer Fire Company informed everyone that he would set up a meeting the Paramount Nursing Center and let everyone know when it is scheduled.

Guest

Mr. Andrew Melis, Fayetteville EMS commented that most of the calls they run are with Buchanan Valley Volunteer Fire Company and the Department is great to work with. Elizabeth Heller, Fayetteville EMS commented that they work well together with supplies and help each other out if need be.

Resident Gary Deardorff asked if the Board can streamline on the Solar Panels, so that if someone comes into the next meeting with a proposal will it be going through or is it on hold until the Ordinance is updated. Supervisor Williams informed Mr. Deardorff that it would be review with what is in place at the current time. The new ordinance will not go into effect until it is advertised, reviewed, and enacted by the Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Crushong commented that there is an Ordinance in place and the people that were at the Planning Commission Meeting last night informed the Board that they had to do their due diligence to comply with what is in place. Resident Deardorff commented that he was impressed with the presentation given last evening.

Resident Dianna May read 175-9 of the Agricultural Zone which is where the farm is, "A" purpose paragraph one of the Ordinance. She commented that she is concerned about commercial building in the Ag Zone and wanted the Board aware of this section of the Ordinance. Resident Dale Graves commented that both Solar Facilities would fall in the high priority preservation farm land. Both resident Dianna May and Dale Graves feels that this is significant. Supervisor Crushong commented that this information should be passed on to the Attorney that will be representing the case. Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed the Board that this information will be passed on.

Resident Shannon Bigham asked if once the Solar Ordinance is completed will it be available for review by the residents. Supervisor Crushong informed everyone that the Ordinance will be advertised and available for public review.

Michelle and Ercia Sanchez commented that they are against any kind of Solar Facility in the area. They commented there are protected species in the area such as the Whippoorwill which would affect by the Solar Facility.

Resident Steven Bream commented that what are the residents going to do if a housing development is proposed in the same location that will create the need to bigger schools and will be there forever. There was a lot of back and forth between the residents Michelle and Erica Sanchez and Steven Bream.

Supervisor Williams commented that everyone is getting off track and stopped the arguing. Ms. Sanchez commented that she wanted to make sure that the Board looks into this deeply. Supervisor Santay commented that this is why it was tabled last night to give everyone time to look over everything that was presented.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Chairman Matthew Williams

Vice-Chairman Chris Saty

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