

Franklin Township, Adams County
Board of Supervisors Workshop Meeting

July 17, 2025

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Curtis MacBeth, Roadmaster and 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.

Paint the Sky – Flohrs Church Road Improvements

Bob Sharrah, Sharrah Design, Inc. asked the Board of Supervisors for guidance on Dominic Picarelli's comments concerning every road needs to be improved. Mr. Sharrah commented that this is not feasible and would cause the project to cease. Mr. Sharrah commented that improvements would be made to Flohrs Church Road, which is approximately 1,600 to 2,000 ft. Supervisor Santay commented the he would like to see a sketch before a decision by the Board is made. Mr. Sharrah replied that he would get a sketch together for the Board's review.

Northern Adams Regional Emergency Management Agency – Truck Memorandum of Understanding.

Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed the Board that Solicitor Yannetti has looked at the Memorandum he finds everything in order and has no changes.

MOTION by Supervisor Santay, seconded by Supervisor Crushong to adopt the draft Memorandum of Understanding to purchase Truck for us in emergencies. Motion carried, 3-0.

2380 Mummasburg Road

There was some discussion on this issue. Supervisor Williams commented that neither resident is going to budge. Supervisor Williams would like Solicitor Yannetti to get hold of Mr. McDannell's Attorney to see if they did in fact send an offer in for the purchase of land along the driveway.

Fee Schedule Discussion

Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer distributed copies of the proposed Fee Schedule to the Board of Supervisors commenting that the Fee Schedule has not been updated since 2012. She further commented that she and Lynda Beckwith, PMCA had been looking out the cost and together came up with the updated fees. Supervisor Crushong commented that he would like Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer to contact PMCA and talk with who is now the Manager and make sure the numbers look good.

MOTION by Supervisor Santay, seconded by Supervisor Crushong to table the approval of the Fee Schedule update. Motion carried, 3-0.

Solar Ordinance Update – Public Comments

Supervisor Williams asked if there were any public comment concerning the Solar Ordinance. Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer commented that she had not gotten any comments. Supervisor Santay commented that the Township has not officially advertised it yet and Susan replied no we have not advertised it yet.

Resident Deb Hahn asked for an explanation on Item (L) “(l) No trees or other landscaping otherwise required by the municipal ordinances or attached as a condition of approval of any plan, application, or permit may be removed for the installation or operation of a SEF”. Eric Miller, Planning Commission Secretary, looked at his copy which was printed in color. Supervisor Crushong commented that what Ms. Hahn read was that they cannot remove trees that were not approved to be removed.

Ms. Hahn also questioned Supervisor Santay that he mentioned limiting the acreage of a parcel to so many for a Solar Facility; is this something that will be in the changes? Supervisor Santay answered that the change that has been recommended by the Planning Commission is to take it completely out of the Agricultural District and put it in Industrial District only which looks a lot like the Agricultural District, but essentially you could develop the entire parcel as a Solar Facility in the Industrial Zone only. Ms. Hahn responded that we don’t know that is going to happen, it is just a suggested change at this time. Supervisor Santay commented that that is the proposal at this time. If comments are favorable to these changes, then that is what it will be. Supervisor Williams comments that he has had some comments about only allowing a percentage to acreage in the Agricultural District so there are some options to consider.

Eric Miller, Planning Commission Secretary explained that it simply says that if there are any trees put in for a screening for any use Solar or not, they cannot be removed for a different use. Ms. Hahn asked that so it doesn’t mean that you can’t remove orchard trees to put a Solar Facility in. Supervisors all commented “no”. Supervisor Williams commented that you cannot take the existing screening down.

Resident Mrs. DeWaters asked that if it is taken out of Agricultural and put in Industrial then it could be miles of solar? Supervisor Santay asked Ms. DeWaters if she has seen the size of the Industrial Zone in Franklin Township, it is very minimum. Eric Miller, Planning Commission Secretary commented that in the Industrial Zone as it is proposed that a solar facility can be maximized out with in the setbacks. Supervisor informed everyone that this is just a draft at this time and things can be added or removed.

There was much discussion about advertising for comments and/or concerns about the proposed Solar Ordinance. The Supervisors decided to advertise an announcement letting residents know that the Solar Ordinance is open for comments and concerns and where to find it on the website and that a copy will be available at the Township office.

MOTION by Supervisor Santay, seconded by Supervisor Crushong to advertise for Solar notice update in the Gettysburg Times. Motion carried, 3-0.

Resident Ms. DeWaters commented that she is upset that the Board was so upset with the resident participation because we are ones that did not come to meetings until it affected them. They paid no attention to it until it came time, but I am so happy that we did and will continue to come.

Supervisor Santy commented that the Township needs an alternate for the Zoning Hearing Board.

GUEST

Resident Mr. Lord commented that the public comments should be in writing. Supervisor Santay agreed.

Resident Dale Graves asked about the intersection at Route 30 and High Street and all the accidents that are happening there. Supervisor Williams commented that you can’t stop stupidity. Supervisor Santay commented that the roads are State roads and the Township does not handle that but when it comes to the traffic lights the Township is responsible for any damage to those lights/signs and the electric bill.

Resident Mr. DeWaters asked about Data Centers. The Board commented that this is something that is being discussed by the Planning Commission.

Curtis MacBeth, Roadmaster commented that the trucks should be here sometime in August.

MOTION by Supervisor Santay, seconded by Supervisor Crushong to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. Plank
Secretary/Treasurer

Chairman_____

Vice-Chairman_____

Supervisor_____