Franklin Township, Adams County

Board of Supervisors Workshop Meeting

August 21, 2025

SUPERVISORS PRESENT: Supervisor Williams and Supervisor Santay. Supervisor Crushong was absent.

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.

Chairman Williams advised everyone that one (1) item would be added to the agenda – Extension Request for Paint the Sky Subdivision.

Brightspeed

Mr. Tim Barber, Brightspeed joined the Workshop via zoom concerning the Bond amount requested by the Township for their installation of Fiber Optic lines. Supervisor Williams informed Mr. Barber that the numbers were the worse-case scenario. Mr. Barber replied that he understood that and he wanted the Board to know that they will be boring instead of plow and trench and that bond amounts normally are \$15K to \$25K. There was conversation about depths, lines, E&S Plans, mats and Certificate of Insurance coverage. Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer asked if the Township could be listed as additional insured on the Certificate of Insurance and Mr. Barber's reply was "yes". Mr. Barber is to supply the Township with a copy of the Workmanship Clause that they have.

<u>Liquor License – Cashtown Inn.</u>

Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed the Board that the Cashtown Inn is looking to transfer a Liquor License from Gettysburg. Ms. Plank has been in touch with Cashtown Inn's Solicitor and he is working on advertising and setting up a hearing. This was only on the agenda for informational purposes only.

Solar Ordinance Update – Public Comments

Supervisor Williams asked if there were any public comment concerning the Solar Ordinance. Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer commented that the Planning Commission made a recommended "Disapproval of proposed change from Permitted use to Conditional use for solar facilities in the Industrial Zoning" and the Planning Commission recommended "approval of the proposed new definitions and the added regulation (under Section B (1)(b)), with edits clarifying that the aforementioned section refers to Solar Energy Facilities (SEF)". Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed the Board that the Township has received some emails concerning the Solar and where it should be allowed. Some for the Industrial Zone, some for Agricultural Zone, and some for both Zones. There was much more discussion on the Zoning for the Solar Ordinance. Resident Mrs. Glass would like the verbiage looked at in more depth so there is more consistency.

Paint the Sky Subdivision

Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed the Board that Sharrah Design is asking for an extension in time, which was approved by the Planning Commission last evening to January 10, 2026

MOTION by Supervisor Santay, seconded by Supervisor Williams to grant Paint the Sky an extension to January 10, 2026. Motion carried, 2-0. Supervisor Crushong was absent.

GUEST

Resident Mr. Gary Deardorff commented that he is not happy with Brightspeed and their service. The Board informed Mr. Deardorff that this is not something that the Township can control or help with.

MOTION by Supervisor Santay, seconded by Supervisor Williams to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm.

	Respectfully submitted	
	Susan J. Plank Secretary/Treasurer	
Chairman		
Vice-Chairman		
Supervisor		