

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

September 4, 2025

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Curtis MacBeth, Roadmaster, and Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Supervisor Crushong, seconded by Supervisor Santay to approve the August 7, 2025 Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried, 3-0.

MOTION by Supervisor Santay, seconded by Supervisor Williams to approve the August 21, 2025 Board of Supervisors Workshop Meeting Minutes. Motion carried, 2-0. Supervisor Crushong was absent at this meeting.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST #9

MOTION by Supervisor Crushong, seconded by Supervisor Santay to approve Bill List #9 – General Account - Check Nos. 39678 – 39728 in the amount of \$88,865.99, State Fund – Check Nos. 6661 – 6662 in the amount of \$140,761.26 with a Grand Total of \$229,627.25. Motion carried, 3-0.

PRELIMINARY/FINAL PLAN

None Reported

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

5 Crooked Creek Road – Michael & Timonthy Wolf

REPORTS

Reports will be posted on line for review

OLD BUSINESS

Brightspeed

Supervisor Williams commented that Supervisor Crushong was not here for the August Workshop Meeting and Supervisor Williams caught him up as to what was going on.

Brightspeed normally posts a 15K to 25K bond for work done in the Township. Supervisor Williams read Solicitor Yannetti's email and he feels that this is not enough to cover any expense if the Township roads are damaged. Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer comments that she and Curt MacBeth, Roadmaster have been in contact with other Township/Boroughs and was told that the most they make a Utility Contractor bond for is \$25k and most do not make them bond when doing utility work. Susan Plank also commented that Brightspeed did send a Certificate of Insurance listing the Township as an additional insured and also sent the estimated cost for Brightspeed to complete the projects. After much discussion the Board ask Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer to contact Solicitor Yannetti about requiring Brightspeed to provide a Line of Credit letter for 25% of Curt MacBeth, Roadmaster's estimated cost to fix the road if there is in fact damage to the Township Road.

NEW BUSINESS

Pine Haven Road

Supervisor Santay commented that he requested that this be put on the agenda. The Cashtown Community Fire Department had a call on Pine Haven Road and was unable to get to the home because the road was washed out. The Board of Supervisors agreed to have Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer to draft a letter to all the residents and send it out saying that it is the resident's responsibility to keep the roads maintained to emergency vehicles to access residents 911 calls.

Appointment of Brittany Ford as an alternate to the Zoning Hearing Board

Supervisor Santay also commented that this be put on the agenda. Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer commented that the office has not heard from Ms. Ford. The Board would like Susan to reach out to see if Ms. Ford is interested in serving on the Zoning Hearing Board.

MOTION by Supervisor Santay, seconded by Supervisor Crushong to table the appointment of Brittany Ford as an alternate to the Zoning Hearing Board until the Workshop.

Fire Companies 2nd Distribution - \$10K Buchanan Valley and Cashtown and \$2K Arendtsville Fire Companies

MOTION by Supervisor Crushong, seconded by Supervisor Santay to approve the Fire Companies 2nd Distributions - \$10K to Buchanan Valley, and Cashtown Community and \$2K to Arendtsville Fire Companies. Motion carried, 3-0.

Sale of 2018 Kenworth Tri-Axle

Suan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed everyone that the bids did not meet the reserve. No action was necessary.

Advertise Ordinance No. 2025-01 – Non-Solicitation in Township

MOTION by Supervisor Santay, seconded by Supervisor Crushong to approve the advertisement of Ordinance No. 2025-01 – Non-Solicitation in Township. Motion carried, 3-0.

Solar Ordinance Changes/Additions

Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer asked the Board if they received the letter that was sent in by resident O'Shea. Supervisor Williams commented yes and gave Supervisor Crushong the letter to read. Supervisor Crushong asked resident Gary Deardorff a member of the Planning Commission if there was any discussion of percentages in the Agricultural Zone. Resident Gary Deardorff commented that there was no discussion on percentages. Resident Gary Deardorff commented that he was reading the Lancaster Farmer and the Agricultural Secretary in Washinton, DC wants to keep Solar Panels out of the prime agricultural lands. The Board of Supervisors commented that the consensus of the handful of residents that have been to the meetings that they want Solar Facilities confined to the Industrial Zone only. Resident Gary Deardorff commented that if the Township wants the change that it should be done soon as he is getting letters every week. Supervisor Crushong commented that it be advertised as it is with the only change being Industrial Zoning District with conditional use so that the Board has some say on conditions.

MOTION by Supervisor Crushong, seconded by Supervisor Santay to advertise the Solar Ordinance in the Industrial Zoning District with conditional use. Motion carried, 3-0.

2026 Preliminary Budget

Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed the Board that there were no changes to the preliminary Budget at this time.

GUESTS

Resident Darren Flake asked when the residents can view the Budget. Supervisor Crushong and other Board members commented that the Budget is just being discussed will be advertised and available on line once it is advertised. Resident Gary Deardorff commented that he would like to see Route 30 repaired. Resident Darrin Flake asked if the Township has gotten anything from the State as to what the Township will be receiving in Liquid Fuels next year. Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed everyone that the Township does not see the numbers until February. She also commented that the Township received notice that Liquid Fuels will be less each year because of electric vehicles.

Bruce Strasbaugh, Treasurer for Cashtown Community Fire Department asked if the Board of Supervisor would consider increasing the contributions to the Fire Departments as they have been the same since 2001. Supervisor Williams questioned Mr. Strasbaugh if he is willing to absorb that as a tax payer. Mr. Strasbaugh answered "yes". Supervisor Santay commented that since the last increase and now they now have the Fire Tax. Supervisor Williams also commented that Franklin Township is the only Township in Adams County that provides their Fire Departments with fuel at no charge. Supervisor Crushong commented that there was discussion on having another Fire Tax Study which was decided that this would be a waste of

time. There was discussion if the Township itself could raise their Fire Tax percentages and there was no real answer for sure. Supervisor Williams commented that this is something that should be looked into.

Mr. Robert Sharrah, Sharrah Design Group, Inc., commented that he is here for the Callier's who bought a lot at 20 Old Route 30. Sharrah Design Group submitted a Stormwater Design at the end of July and Brandon Guiher, KPI Technology made a couple of comments which one was installing a bridge for 100-year storm. Mr. Sharrah commented that he did not prepare for a 100-year storm but instead proposes four (4) 24" pipes for the driveway and is in need of a waiver for the bridge. The Board agreed with Mr. Sharrah about a waiver for Chapter 136 and comments of Brandon Guiher, KPI Technology. Supervisor Williams informed Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer that the Board is okay with four (4) 24" pipes in lieu of a bridge for the Stormwater submission at 20 Old Route 30 for the Callier's.

ADJOURN

MOTION by Supervisor Santay, seconded by Supervisor Crushong to adjourn at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. Plank
Secretary/Treasurer

Chairman _____

Vice-Chairman _____

Supervisor _____