

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORKSHOP MEETING
March 24, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER

Present were Supervisors Donald Lerew, John Shambaugh, Naomi Decker and Gary Brown. Also present was Secretary Nancy Zentmeyer. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. at the Township Municipal Building, 150 Century Lane, Dillsburg, York County, PA.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Lerew opened the meeting noting that if anyone had any statements to make that this will be done at the beginning and end of the meeting.

Ken Swomley noted that he had read the articles in the paper regarding opening burning and he would still want to be able to burn.

David Gross indicated that when he burns he uses a barrel with a grate.

Chairman Lerew indicated that the Township is not stopping open burning completely. Supervisor Brown noted that the ordinance that is in place now may be too restrictive. The hours of burning will be looked at with maybe expanding Saturday from sunrise to sunset. Currently the ordinance indicates that burning on Saturday must cease at 12 noon.

Jane Cowden noted that she lives on Lost Hollow Road and does watch her burns but there are residents that are burning furniture which is inappropriate. Ms. Cowden does not want to see the open burning banned.

Chief Mike Whitzel from Franklintown Fire Co. read Section 4 of the current ordinance which indicates the hours of burning.

Wayne Kober questioned campfire pits for recreation burns that occur into the night. This is not addressed in the current ordinance.

Rex Hildebrand also commented that fire pits or a stone circle, which would contain the fire, would not be restricted.

Ms. Cowden questioned who enforces this ordinance. It was noted that DEP was contacted regarding the burning of furniture and they indicated that it is the Township's responsibility. She also indicated that she has a copy of the letter from DEP that was sent to Mr. Fahey.

Raymond Martin commented on his neighbor, who lives in Latimore Township, and his burning of materials. Mr. Martin stated that it should be common sense when it comes to open burning and does

not want to see burning taken away. Mr. Martin also commented on the trash issue and asked “if it’s not broke why fix it” but suggested getting rid of clean-up day.

Stan Burkholder commented on the trash issue noting that he is in favor of the clean-up day once per year which his per capita taxes helps to cover the expense.

Michael Barcelona stated that he opposes to having no burning. Regarding the trash issue he is for saving money and to keep one’s place clean.

Mr. Swomley stated with the trash issue he has concerns and wants the freedom to choose.

Ms. Cowden noted she is in favor of the one day a year clean-up.

Chairman Lerew stated with the recycling building the Township has trouble with volunteers and having one hauler would encourage recycling throughout the Township. It was noted that Joanne Trygg volunteered to manage the recycling center.

BURNING ORDINANCE

Chairman Lerew questioned what needs to be added to the ordinance. Supervisor Decker noted that there should be clarification for allowing fire pits and the time.

Chief Whitzel noted under the York Township burning ordinance Section 107-3(4) shows exemption for such a use. Chief Whitzel also noted that he is getting called out day and night for burns of material that should not be burning. Chairman Lerew stated that for controlled burns you have to call 911. It was noted that the Township should clarify burns on what needs to be called into the 911 center. Chief Whitzel commented on trash burn regulations and suggested that for an open burn the resident get a permit to burn along with a set of rules. Discussed was also the number of feet a burn should be from a building and it was suggested 100’ to 150’ by the Chief Whitzel. It was also noted that burning should not be permitted on windy days. A schedule on fines should also be included in the ordinance. In the current Township ordinance under Section 4(C) it indicates the number of feet a fire has to be 50’ from any building or wooded area and 25’ from a property line. It was noted that this needs enforcement. Other issues that need to be addressed and clarified are what is being burned and violations of DEP.

Chairman Lerew suggested burning on Saturday be the same as the rest of the week. Vice Chairman Shambaugh suggested burning be allowed everyday. The exemptions need to be better worded. Outside furnaces were questioned and it was noted that this should also be addressed. Vice Chairman Shambaugh noted that he would work with the Solicitor to get this ordinance revised.

ROUTE 15 IMPROVEMENTS

Supervisor Brown noted that the Township is working with other municipalities on improvements with Route 15. There is a public meeting being held on March 30 at the American Legion. The Supervisors have concerns with the intersections in Franklin Township. It was noted if the intersections would be closed the State would do the work. The following intersections were discussed as follows:

Hickory Road – close east side. It was noted with blocking streets off there could be a safety issue. In the first phase there would be cutting off crossovers and accel/decel lanes. It was suggested to close the median with a concrete barrier.

Clear Springs Road and Franklin Church Road – remain open for left hand turns. It was noted with concrete medians emergency vehicles can get over them. It was suggested to keep the west side of Franklin Church Road (Range End Road) open. It was noted that the Township needs to make safety improvements. Clear Springs Road should stay open and get decel lanes in. Mr. Gary Lebo, owner of Quality Greenhouses stated that Clear Springs Road has the least impact on the community with his vehicles. Between March and May there are approximately between 50 and 200 truck trips per week.

Scotch Pine Road & Hickory Road – shut down east sides and no accel/decel lanes would be needed. Vice Chairman Shambaugh stated to wait until the overpass then close the roads which could be in the second phase.

Glenwood Road – west side close down.

Scotch Pine Road – close median. It was suggested to close all intersections with medians except for Clear Springs Road as this is needed for fire accessibility from York Springs. After further discussion the following was decided on the intersections in Franklin Township.

- County Line Road – low median for emergency vehicles with accel/decel lanes
- Scotch Pine Road – close east side and have a left turn-in from the north
- Clear Springs Road – keep open with accel/decel lanes
- Hickory Road – close east side, have it the same as Scotch Pine Road
- Franklin Church Road – west side shut down (Range End Road) with accel lanes at Franklin Church Road
- Century Lane / Old Cabin Hollow Road – low median with left turns but no crossovers
- Glenwood Road – close median
- Range End Road / Golf Course Road (Carroll Township) install traffic light. The municipality wants an interchange now

Supervisor Decker noted concern with the median at Old Cabin Hollow Road for the emergency vehicles to cross as they cannot go slow going across Route 15. There was discussion regarding the collector roads.

It was brought up about creating an official map showing where the roads are to go. This would then put the burden on developers through impact fees and the official map. It was noted that the Township will need to look at alternate routes once the roads are closed. Supervisor Decker mentioned that previously it was discussed with Chief Whitzel to keep Old Cabin Hollow Road open. It was noted that that should be discussed more. It was also noted that since this would be an amendment to the comprehensive plan it would be advertised.

APPROVAL & PAYMENT OF BILLS

It was noted that there is a short list of bills that need to be paid.

Motion: Vice Chairman Shambaugh made a motion to approve the bills. **Seconded** by Chairman Lerew. The motion carried.

TRASH HAULERS

Supervisor Brown had prepared a spreadsheet on municipal waste and recycling contract elements. It was indicated that these are suggestions on items to be quoted on in a contract. There was discussion on seeing if the Township could get a quote price of less than \$100.00/year. Supervisor Decker noted concern about if residents could not afford the one trash hauler price that a lien could be placed on their property. Chairman Lerew questioned getting pricing without a resolution. It was noted that with just calling the Township would not get a good price, but the Township would need to go out for bid. The Township is trying to save money for the residents. A representative from York Waste Disposal, Don Isabella, was present and noted that a hauler can only do what is in the contract. It was suggested that the desired services be defined up front.

OTHER BUSINESS

Hoffman Property

It was noted that there has been earthmoving on the Rick Hoffman property located between Range End Road and Route 15. There is an approved E&S plan from the County. It was noted that if there is anything else developed or built on this property there should be a land development plan. It was suggested to let the property owner know ahead of time but it was noted that the Township cannot forewarn a citizen.

Audit

The Township audit has been completed and it is being advertised. There is a letter from the auditors and it was noted that this should be an agenda item for the Supervisors meeting.

Snow Storm Issues

It was noted that since Mr. Ocker, Road master, was present that some of the issues that came up during the last snow storm be addressed. It was questioned what can be done to so these issues do not happen again, but it was noted that this had been an unusual year with storms. Mr. Ocker stated that he will update his plan and equipment rentals. Four new tires are needed on the high lift and this piece of equipment was out of service. Mr. Ocker has checked with the state contract price and for 4 16-ply tires the cost is \$2,707.20 plus mounting. This comes to \$676.80 for each tire. Currently there are 12-ply tires on this piece of equipment. Chairman Lerew stated that the road master should get 4 new tires and keep the best tire on there now as a spare. It was suggested that Mr. Ocker check around to see if there is a better price out there. It was suggested that with snow plowing during big storms there should be 2 crews. It was noted that Mr. Ocker is to get other prices on the tires.

Signs

With the directional signs on Route 15 Mr. Ocker noted he had received correspondence from PennDOT regarding street signs. The road crew should put the street signs up.

Tree Down

It was noted that a tree had come down on the property owned by the Township in Sherwood Forest at the corner of St. George Drive and S. Mountain Road. The tree did come down onto the adjoining property hitting one of their trees and a clothes line. There is another tree on the Township's lot than needs to come down. It was suggested that the road master get prices on what the cost would be.

Garage

Vice Chairman Shambaugh noted that he had received a price to paint the roof of the garage. The quote was \$3,800.00 and since it is under \$4,000.00 the Township needs to get verbal quotes. Vice Chairman Shambaugh stated that he would make some calls before the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Supervisor Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 p.m. **Seconded** by Supervisor Decker. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Zentmeyer
Township Secretary