

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP YORK COUNTY PA  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
March 11, 2020 6:00 PM**

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:**

Vice Chairman Kevin Cummings  
Supervisor Naomi Decker  
Supervisor Mark Wenrich

Solicitor Bret Shaffer  
Engineer Phillip Brath  
Treasurer/Asst. Sec. Pamela Williams

**ABSENT:**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The March 11, 2020 BOS Special Meeting on Water St. was called to order at 6:00 PM by Solicitor Bret Shaffer. The meeting was held at 150 Century Lane, Dillsburg, PA. For visitors in attendance, please see attached sign-in sheet.

Engineer Phil Brath gave a status report on the Water St. bridge. A revised bridge design has been completed. It is smaller and is a concrete box culvert. The permit is ready to be submitted and said it should go through. He stated there is not as much disturbance with this design. Phil has discussed the project with the Roadmaster and with PA Dot who will give them the project number as soon as the project is moved forward. Township road personnel will do 50% of the work and the rest will be bid. A temporary construction easement will be needed. There will be no trees disturbed in the right-of-way and it will be restored to the way it is now.

Attorney Gordon, representing the Miller family, talked about saving township monies; he projects approximately \$163,000, for the repair/replacement and saving future monies for road repair. He said it is currently unsafe, and his clients own the property on both sides of the road. He also said the road/bridge is narrow, only 14 feet wide and there is a house that is ten feet from the road.

Tim Diehl from HD Engineering Solutions spoke about the traffic study. He stated that the study was done at peak hours and the road was determined to be low volume/minimal volume. He said the Miller family is looking to vacate the road. He referred to the SALDO closing the road as a collector road which exempts it from stormwater management.

Attorney Gordon spoke about what is in the best interest of Franklin Township and the Miller family. They are willing to cooperate. He said the township has already invested money and time and that issue should not be part of the decision.

Sara Coulson stated she owns 7 and 50 Lake Lea Drive and for a time, lived at 53 Water St. She also stated she has 26 acres of farmland off Hickory Road and farms it. She said she has no interest in moving the road over by the Miller's property. She has conducted a title search and doesn't know when the township obtained the road. Anne Miller also asked how the road was obtained by the township.

Attorney Gordon said there must be an improvement in the safety of the road/bridge. He talked about vacating the road and asked if there have been complaints since the road has been closed.

Kevin stated there would be no vote tonight and everyone is waiting on the Rt. 15 information to see what the plan is. The status quo will be maintained, and Attorney Gordon will be notified if that changes.

Marlene Steffler, a resident, landowner and taxpayer of Franklin Township spoke and stated she uses Water St. She said it is an inconvenience to drive around that road. Her suggestion would be to open it once the work is done and restrict the traffic.

**A motion was made by** Vice Chairman Cummings to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 PM

**Second** Supervisor Decker

**Discussion:** None

**The motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Pamela Williams*

Pamela Williams, Asst. Secretary