

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP YORK COUNTY PA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
February 25, 2026, 6:00 PM

(X) Mark Wenrich (X) Dave Buckwash (X) Thomas E. Keefer Jr
(X) Duane Anthony (X) Stuart Keckler (X) Phil Brath (X) Bret Shaffer
(X) Lyndsey Gibb (X) Pam Williams

Call to Order – February 25, 2026, Franklin Township Board of Supervisors Workshop Meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Chairman Mark W. The meeting was held in person at 150 Century Lan, Dillsburg PA, 17019. Please see sign-in sheets for visitors in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer- Led by Mark

Water Street Supposed Resolution to Litigation – Solicitor Bret Shafer shared the Miller family's proposal to have the township vacate Water Street Bridge from the intersection of Hickory Road to Lake Leah Drive entirely to the land owners as they don't want a commitment to keep it open to the public. It has been closed since 2019. The township was in the process of getting permits to replace the bridge when the Miller family objected. There have been 3 legal cases filed against the township. A mediation session between the township and the Millers took place on 2/12/26 and as a result there were productive follow-up calls and emails leading to an agreement proposal. Per Second Class Township Code an ordinance would be needed to enact this agreement. Signage would be placed on both ends of the road to indicate it is a private road. As part of the conditions they proposed they would discontinue the appeal in front of the Environmental Hearing Board as well as having the township assign any permit received for the bridge that has already been given to them to use to their discretion. They will also discontinue the 2 actions in front of the York County Court of Common Pleas and following the closure and once it is consummated they will pay \$500,000 to the township. The recommendation from the solicitor is to accept the deal as this has already been going on for a number of years and both sides have already and will continue to spend ample amounts of money and time. It was confirmed that if the Board of Supervisors accepts the proposal, the township will not be responsible for anything in regard to Water Street and there will be no enforcement of others using the road. The concern of Emergency Services was mentioned but have not used the road since 2018 already and there are alternative routes that are being used. An Executive session was called by Mark at 6:16 pm to discuss this matter. John Dixon was present as a representative of the Miller Family to voice support of this proposal.

The session came back to order at 6:25 pm. A motion by Dave was made to proceed with the settlement on the two contingencies that being the final longform of the agreement being prepared by the attorneys in advance of the March 11th meeting as well as for the hearing to be held on the Vacating Ordinance with permission to advertise in time for the March 11th Board of Supervisors meeting. Seconded by Stuart, Motion passed.

A motion was made by Mark to appoint Ken DeShong to the Planning Commission for a 4-year term expiring in December of 2029. Second by Dave, Motion passed.

New Building/ COR Construction- Cory Shover- COR Construction has prepared a proposal to be the Manager for the new building process. It was reviewed by the Board of Supervisors. A motion was made by Dave to hire COR Construction for the Construction Management services for the New Municipal Building Project planned in accordance with

the guidelines provided on the February 19th email attachment/quote. Second by Duane, motion passed.

Data Center Ordinance- Engineer Phil Brath led a review of the proposed Data Center Ordinance. Concerns such as colling towers, water use, residential effect, and verbiage of certain points and how they are written were discussed. DARRG Representative Chelsie Markel, residents Kevin Cummings and Ken DeShong, as well as Hector Marales from the NYCFR were present and offered opinion on the topic. Solicitor Bret Shaffer shared his recommendation to match this ordinance with the already existing warehouse rules and regulations the Board has passed previously. Bret also shared concerns with a few minor details and whether we should rewrite a few things as he does not feel they will hold up well from a legal standpoint. A question regarding if other zones could be absorbed into the industrial zone was mentioned and it was clarified that it cannot be. It was then decided with the changes made from this review to have Phil and Bret work together to further clean up the draft and return it to the Planning Commission for the review at the March 10th meeting. The Board of supervisors will hold another workshop to then review those comments on March 25th at 6pm.

Additional Necessary Business

Electronic Signature Resolution – Tabled until the March 11th Board of Supervisors meeting.

Public Comment (Resident Concerns) - PLEASE KEEP COMMENTS TO 5 MINUTES MAXIMUM

There was none.

Executive Session- Session called at 7:29 pm to discuss personnel matters. Session returned at 7:49 pm.

A motion was made by Mark to extend roadcrew member Bob Weavers probationary period by 30 days to 4/1/26 as well as not enacting his pay raise. Second by Dave, motion passed.

Another motion was made by Mark to advertise for a new road-crew employee in the Sentinel and York Dispatch pages. Second by Dave, motion passed.

Adjournment- A motion to adjourn was made by Mark at 7:53 pm. Second by Duane, motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lyndsey Gibb

Lyndsey Gibb, Secretary

Franklin Township