

**Minutes  
Franklin Township Board of Supervisors  
Workshop Meeting  
November 8, 2006**

**Call to Order:**

Chairman Richard Whipple called the Franklin Township Board of Supervisors Workshop Meeting to order at 6: 42 p.m. Other members of the Board in attendance included Supervisors Norm Hughes, Roger Wilson, Teddy Price and Juanita Bennett. Other officials in attendance included Vince Donohue, Solicitor, Eric Bindle, Chairman of the Planning Commission; Joan McVaugh, Treasurer, Steve Ross, Interim Township Manager and John Theisen, Engineer for LTL. There were two persons in attendance.

**Public Comment:** There was no public comment

**Plan Review:**

The McMaster 2 lot subdivision plan is a property located on the east side of Rt. 896 and is 1.21 acres. The two lot subdivision is to remove the McMaster homestead from the balance of the 36.43 acre tract. The plan was included in the stipulation approved by the court on October 16, 2006. Mr. John Jaros provided a brief explanation of the plan and what's included in the subdivision. He explained that the applicant has applied for a non-building waiver with DEP and they have advised that under these circumstances the abbreviated form isn't appropriate. Mrs. Bennett inquired of Mr. Donohue that considering she voted against the stipulation is there a conflict with her now voting for approval of the two lot plan. Mr. Donohue advised that in his opinion this doesn't represent a conflict. On motion by Mr. Whipple, seconded by Mr. Hughes, the two lot subdivision of the McMaster tract as described on the aforementioned subdivision plan and to approve the signature and recording of said plan, subject to the procedures set forth in the letter from URS dated October, 30, 2006, including the requirement that Applicant either: (1) secure DEP approval of a sewage facilities planning module or (2) secure written correspondence from DEP affirming the use of the Planning Waiver as requested by the Applicant. Satisfaction of the foregoing condition shall be required prior to the Township's signature and release of the Plan for recording. Motion carried by a vote of 4-1 with Mr. Wilson voting nay.

**2007 Budget:**

Mr. Ross provided the Board with an overview of the budget plan for 2007. Here was the order of discussion:

- Mr. Ross went through the Manager's Budget Message highlighting the major issues including transfer from General Fund to Capital reserve; proposed computer enhancement; sign inventory and replacement; the amount

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contemplated for road enhancement; turf management program at Crossan Park; retaining independent engineer to evaluate the current township roads and developing a 10-12 year road program; replacement of salt shed; proposal for emergency services; and breakout of fees to be received for road improvement and open space. Discussion followed with the Board.

- Mr. Ross and Mrs. McVaugh provided further information regarding the summary of road expenditures with Mr. Theisen explaining why he proposed certain roads for reclamation, resurfacing and micro-surfacing.
- Explanation provided on capital or larger expenditures.
- The discussion continued with review of the operating revenues and expenditures. The proposed general fund revenue is shown as \$1,554,750 and expenditure of \$1,332,850 with a December 31 balance of \$221,900. Mrs. McVaugh provided explanation of the footnotes and significant changes from 2006 to 2007. Explanation was provided for the following funds and planned expenditures/revenues:

1. Park and Recreation Fund - \$511,550 (R) and \$174,450 (E)
2. Park Land Fund - \$226,400 (R) and \$225,000 (E)
3. Open Space Fund - \$690,000 (R) and \$672,500 (E)
4. Traffic Impact Fund (east) \$121,600 (R) and \$97,000 (E)
5. Traffic Impact Fund (west) \$50,650 (R) and \$48,000 (E)
6. Capital Reserve Fund \$784,500 (R) and \$550,000 (E)
7. Highway Aid Fund \$123,453 (R) and \$121,000 (E)
8. Emergency Services Fund \$150,700 (R) and \$142,090

Mr. Ross recommended to the Board that preliminary approval of the 2007 budget be considered with final adoption to occur on December 13, 2006 following advertisement in the newspaper as described in the Township Code. On motion by Mr. Whipple, seconded by Mrs. Bennett, the Board approved the preliminary 2007 budget and authorized the Manager to advertise the budget as being available for public inspection with final adoption to occur on December 13, 2006. Motion carried by unanimous vote of 5-0.

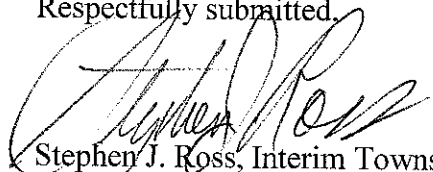
**Public Participation:**

Earl Hatton spoke to commend the Board for recent improvements to Township roadways, in particular, Parsons Road. The Board indicated their appreciation for the public recognition.

**Adjourn:**

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephen J. Ross, Interim Township Manager

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