

**Liberty Township Board of Supervisors
39 Topper Road, Fairfield, PA 17320**

**July 20, 2017
1 PM**

Friends Creek Special Meeting Minutes

The Board of Supervisors of Liberty Township, of Adams County, met Thursday, July 20, 2017 at 1 PM at the Liberty Township Municipal Building, 39 Topper Road, Fairfield, PA 17320, for a Special Meeting to discuss Friends Creek Road.

Present: Chairman John Bostek, Vice Chairman Bob Jackson, Supervisor Walter Barlow, Solicitor John Phillips, Roadmaster Brian Arentz, Chief Brand Briggs, and Secretary Wendy Peck.

Chairman Bostek called the meeting to order 1 PM. Secretary Peck performed a roll call. A quorum was present.

Review of available Friends Creek Road documentation (Phillips): Solicitor Phillips made opening remarks to state the status of the document and record review. He went on to state that after a review of the records and a meeting with Adams County representatives, it has been determined that as of today, there exists a section of Friends Creek Road that is and always has been a township road. The second issue with the road is its eligibility for Liquid Fuels Funds. Solicitor Phillips reported that the status of Liquid Fuels Funds eligibility does not change the ownership of the road or prevent the township from using Liquid Fuels Funds to maintain the road. The Solicitor listed a few options for the road. 1) Keep the road as is and continue to maintain the road with Liquid Fuels Funds. 2) Keep as a township road and apply the improvements necessary for the road to qualify for Liquid Fuels Funds. 3) Vacate the road. The Solicitor elaborated on the process involved in vacating a road.

General discussion including Public Comments

There was a discussion amongst all present on what the requirements were to improve the road to meet PennDOT standards for Liquid Fuels Funds eligibility. Questions were raised whether a bridge was needed, the required width of the road, and the need for and dimensions of a cul-de-sac. It was determined that more clarification was needed from PennDOT.

Closing comments (Supervisors)

Mr. Bostek asked the Solicitor if a vote was needed to keep the road a public township maintained road. Mr. Phillips stated that the Board of Supervisor did not need to vote to do anything to maintain the public status of the road. The Board of Supervisors recognizes that Friends Creek Road is and remains a public road to be maintained by the township. Mr. Bostek made a motion to instruct the Secretary to contact PennDOT Representative Josh Kopp and request a written report detailing what would be required for the road to be eligible for Liquid Fuels Funds. Mr. Jackson seconded the motion and approval was unanimous.

With no further business, Mr. Jackson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:34 PM. Mr. Barlow seconded the motion and approval was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,



By Wendy Peck, Secretary/Treasurer