

E-town prepares for freight station move

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Plans to move a wood-framed freight station on South Wilson Avenue for overflow parking at the Elizabethtown Train Station are underway. (Chad Umble)

Work on a parking lot at the Elizabethtown Train Station is moving ahead, as an old freight station will soon be moving out.

Elizabethtown Borough Council members Thursday approved a \$649,469 contract with Rogele Inc., of Harrisburg, to build the overflow parking lot for the station at the end of Wilson Avenue.

Borough manager Roni Ryan said the work would begin in the fall and finish sometime in the spring. She estimated that it might add about 80 spaces for the recently renovated train station.

To prepare the site, the contractor will be moving an old freight station to a borough-owned lot several hundred yards away.

Originally, the building, which is about the size of a double-wide mobile home, was going to be torn down to make more room for parking at the train station. But an agreement was worked out that would have the federal transit administration help oversee its move from the end of South Wilson Avenue to 340 W. High St.

The building, which sits on concrete piers, formerly housed the Railway Express Agency.

The cost of moving the old station and construction of the new parking lot is covered by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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