

FRANCONIA TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MINUTES

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Chairman Grey Godshall called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order on Monday, October 17th, 2016 at 7:02 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Telford, Pennsylvania 18969.

Present were Chairman Grey Godshall, Vice Chairman David Fazio, Supervisor Robert Nice, and Supervisor Curtis N. Kratz. Also in attendance were Township Manager Jon Hammer, Chief of Police Joseph Kozeniewski, Township Solicitor Frank Bartle, Esquire, Township Engineer Douglas Rossino P.E, and interested residents of Franconia Township.

Chairman Godshall announced that Supervisor Barndt has submitted his resignation and the Board will be motioning to accept his resignation as well as the resignation of Charles Amuso from the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Godshall explained that a motion will be made to appoint Dr. Amuso to fill the vacant chair on the Board of Supervisors, appoint Steven Barndt to the Planning Commission, appoint Robert Louden to member of the Zoning Hearing Board and appoint Daniel Leidy as the alternate member of the Zoning Hearing Board.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Chairman Godshall opened the meeting to the public. Mr. Jerry Thiel, 811 Allentown Road, thanked Mr. Barndt for his years of service to Franconia. Mr. Thiel recounted the various boards and positions that Mr. Barndt had held over the years. Mr. Godshall stated that the Board is happy that Mr. Barndt will remain a valuable resource on the Planning Commission. Mr. Theil questioned if the other committees that Mr. Barndt was a member, would now have vacancies. Mr. Godshall replied that he would have to confirm which other positions, if any, Mr. Barndt would be vacating. Mr. Thiel asked how the Board position is filled and for how long the appointed member will hold this position. Solicitor Bartle explained that the appointed Supervisor would complete the current vacated term through the end of 2017. The

Board of Supervisors must fill the seat until the next municipal election according to the second class township code.

Mr. Godshall asked for a motion to accept the resignation of Mr. Steven Barndt from the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Fazio made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Kratz. All were in favor. Mr. Fazio made a motion to accept the resignation of Dr. Charles Amuso from the Zoning Hearing Board, it was seconded by Mr. Kratz, and approved unanimously.

Chairman Godshall presented those in attendance with the qualifications of Dr. Amuso before asking for a motion to appoint him to the vacant chair on the Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Kratz made the motion to appoint Dr. Amuso. Supervisor Nice seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0. Judge Augustine was present to formally swear Dr. Amuso to the Franconia Township Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Fazio motioned to appoint Steven Barndt to the Planning Commission, Supervisor Kratz seconded the motion. All were in favor. Mr. Kratz motioned to appoint Robert Loudon as a member of the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Fazio seconded the motion. Mr. Fazio motioned to appoint Daniel Leidy as the new alternate member to the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Nice seconded the motion, both motions were approved. 5-0.

Approval of September 19th, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Supervisor Kratz made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 19th, 2016 regular meeting. Supervisor Fazio seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Solicitor's Report – Frank Bartle, Esquire

No Report this month.

Police Report- Chief Joseph S. Kozeniewski

Chief submitted his report and added that there were “killer clown” emails going around threatening one of our junior high schools. The department increased their presence during the times in question and everything turned out for nothing but at least we were prepared.

HIGHWAY REPORT- PAUL NICE

Mr. Nice submitted his report and informed the board that all of the paving projects are completed and the crew is mowing again. He also reported that the farmland preservation signs are all in place.

ENGINEERING REPORT- DOUGLASS C. ROSSINO, P.E.

Mr. Rossino submitted the report and provided an update on the current projects throughout the township. Ms. Bonnie Miller, 354 High Street, questioned Mr. Rossino about the standing water on the grounds of the Paragon project, 300 Harleysville Pike. She stated that there is now an odor and the smell is getting worse. Mr. Rossino replied that the contractor for the project will be working to remedy the situation this week and to give him approximately ten days and then he will check to see if the work was completed.

TREASURER'S REPORT –

Supervisor Nice explained that the TAN loan repayment would be about \$250,000, payment to the Fireman's Association is approximately \$108,000, and repayment of pension money received by the state to Univest totaling \$171,000. Additionally the professional fees for the month are around \$50,000. Mr. Nice made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented, and to provide authorization for the Treasurer to pay all bills for the respective funds as presented, it was seconded by Mr. Fazio. The motion carried unanimously.

PAYROLL

A motion was made by Mr. Nice and seconded by Supervisor Fazio for the Treasurer to be authorized to pay all employees during the current pay period October 18, 2016 through November 20, 2016 according to the hours worked as listed on the Payroll Journal. The motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Franconia Township Planning Commission will hold a Regular Meeting on Monday, November 7th, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Franconia Township Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Telford, Pennsylvania 18969

The next Regular Board of Supervisors meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 21, 2016 at the Franconia Township Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road,

Telford, Pennsylvania 18969. The Board of Supervisors Work Session will be held on Monday, November 21, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. at the same location.

Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made by Mr. Kratz and seconded by Mr. Fazio to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth T. Gooch

Planning and Zoning Coordinator