

First Vice Chairman David B. Fazio called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order on Monday, October 19, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Telford, Pennsylvania 18969.

Present were 2nd Vice-chairman Robert H. Nice, Supervisor Curtis N. Kratz, and Supervisor Steven P. Barndt. Also in attendance were Township Manager Jon A. Hammer, Assistant Township Manager Jamie P. Worman, Chief of Police Joseph Kozeniewski, Township Solicitor Eric Wert, Esquire, Township Engineer Doug Rossino, P.E., Building Inspectors Jerry Rittenhouse and Roger M. Koffel, and interested residents of Franconia Township. Chairman Mr. Grey R. Godshall was absent.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Fazio opened the meeting to the public.

Mr. Gerald Thiel, 811 Allentown Road, reported that he was in receipt of the latest newsletter. He pointed out the request for volunteers and questioned whether many people volunteer. Mr. Hammer replied that not many people volunteer and that the Township typically appoints people to the various committees at the beginning of the year. Mr. Thiel questioned whether anyone had been appointed to the Finance Committee yet as he was sure that committee was meeting to work on the budget.

Ms. Mary Sclafani, 360 High Street, expressed her disappointment in seeing a request for volunteers in the newsletter after they have been offering to volunteer for over a year. She stated that she felt they took a giant step backwards. Mr. Fazio replied that there is a process in which the BOS selects people and appoints those people to a board or committee in January. He added that the process has worked and they see no reason to change it.

Ms. Bonnie Miller, 354 High Street, expressed her disappointment in the Township soliciting volunteers when they've been trying to get a citizens advisory group off of the ground. She continued that the residents want to volunteer and help but the Township is not allowing

them to help. She also mentioned that it has been three months since she was interviewed for the Finance Committee and in that time she has not received a single update on the process. There has been no communication from the Township on this position, even a notification that she was not selected. She expressed her anger at the disrespect she has been shown. She added that in a year's time there has not been a single volunteer added to any board within the Township. Ms. Miller stated that it is despicable and she cannot understand why and she demanded answers. Mr. Hammer explained to the audience that these individuals are upset because of a request for volunteers that was listed in the most recent newsletter. He explained that that request is always included in the newsletters and that even though people are upset, the Township has only received four volunteer applications.

Mr. John McDonough, 318 Melbourne Way, asked if the BOS had received the \$100K for the Leidy House. Mr. Fazio replied that they have not received the money to date. Mr. Wert added that according to the timeline agreed upon the money is due by October 31st, 2015.

Ms. Bonnie Miller, 354 High Street, requested an answer to her earlier question. Mr. Fazio replied that Ms. Miller has a timeline and the BOS have a timeline. The BOS does not feel there is any reason to change their process. Ms. Mary Sclafani, 360 High Street, added that it has been a year. Ms. Miller also added that she had applied for numerous committees. Mr. Fazio replied that the Township only received four resumes and they were all for the Finance Committee. Mr. Fazio added that the Township has made progress. Ms. Tara Gray, 453 Mininger Road, responded that the only progress made was that the orange banner was removed from the top of the newsletter. She added that what Ms. Miller and Ms. Sclafani are looking for is to know why no communication was provided regarding the appointment to the Finance Committee.

Ms. Tara Gray, 453 Mininger Road, distributed a summary on the Community Day Event plans. She explained that the committee is looking for support from the BOS and was hoping that the Township could assist with the advertisement of the event. She also suggested a possible meet and greet with the Supervisors. She then read what the committee is hoping to achieve with this event including a renewed spirit of the township and a successful event that serves as a beacon for change. Ms. Gray asked that the BOS read the proposal and respond back with any comments or questions. Mr. Fazio asked what they could do in addition to the

advertising. Ms. Gray just requested support and suggested posting the information on the website. Mr. Barndt commented that he thought it was a great idea. The other Supervisors agreed.

Mr. Doug Killough, 43 Cowpath Road, had a few questions that were asked of him by other residents. He questioned the timing on the traffic signal at the intersection of Banbury and Allentown Road. The light changes too quickly for the people leaving the Banbury Development. He also added that there is dumping going on behind the pond in that same development. The last question was about the brake retarder signs and why there is a restriction in some areas and not in others. Mr. Hammer replied that the brake retarder is dictated by a PennDot standard which he could provide to him. Ms. Bonnie Miller suggested that his question be placed on the Q&A section of the website.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2015 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Barndt made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 21, 2015 regular meeting. Mr. Nice seconded the motion. The motion passed.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – ERIC WERT, ESQUIRE

No Report.

POLICE REPORT- CHIEF JOSEPH S. KOZENIEWSKI

Chief Kozeniewski submitted his report. He offered to answer any questions.

ZONING OFFICER REPORT-JAMIE P. WORMAN

Ms. Worman submitted her report. She reported that September and October have been very busy with subdivisions and land developments. THP received amended approval and had a pre-construction meeting in September. They have since begun the grading work on their project. She reported that the ZHB did not meet in September or October but have received two applications for November. She also reported that Ordinance #385 that pertains to detention basins is currently under the 30-day review period and will be before the BOS in November or December. She concluded that permit applications are running about the same as 2014.

HIGHWAY REPORT-PAUL R. NICE

Mr. Nice submitted the Highway Report. He reported that they are on target with their projects and are starting to get ready for winter.

ENGINEERING REPORT- DOUG ROSSINO, P.E.

Mr. Rossino submitted his report. He offered to answer any questions. Ms. Bonnie Miller, 354 High Street, commented how the public has no idea what is in these reports. Mr. Hammer agreed to provide her a copy of the report.

TREASURER'S REPORT – JON A. HAMMER

A motion was made by Mr. Nice and seconded by Mr. Kratz 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 on Voucher No. 15-19-10 dated October 19, 2015 in the amount of \$197,015.85. The motion carried unanimously.

PAYROLL

A motion was made by Mr. Nice and seconded by Mr. Kratz for the Treasurer to be authorized to pay all employees during the pay period of October 20, 2015 through November 15, 2015 according to the hours worked as listed on the Payroll Journal for the aforesaid period. The motion carried unanimously.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Barndt made a motion to approve Resolution 15-30-19-10- A Resolution for a Township Sewage Facilities Plan Revision for new land development-Amplifier Research. Mr. Nice seconded the motion. The motion passed. Ms. Bonnie Miller and Ms. Mary Sclafani questioned this agenda item. Ms. Worman explained that these resolutions pertained to planning modules. The first one was the approval of a planning module submission for the extension of public sewer for Amplifier Research. The second resolution is for the submission of a planning module for on-lot sewer for a new lot that was created by the Robert P. Martin minor subdivision. She explained that these planning modules are required by the PA DEP.

Mr. Barndt made a motion to approve Resolution 15-31-19-10 for a Township Sewage Facilities Plan Revision for new land development-Robert P. Martin Minor Subdivision. Mr. Kratz seconded the motion. The motion passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Franconia Township Planning Commission will hold its Regular Meeting on Monday, November 2, 2015 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 16, 2015 at the Franconia Township Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Telford, Pennsylvania 18969. The Board of Supervisors Work Sessions will be held on Wednesday, November 4, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. and Monday, November 16, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. at the same location.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was made by Mr. Kratz and seconded by Mr. Nice to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie P. Worman