

Chairman Grey Godshall called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order on Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Telford, Pennsylvania 18969.

Present were Chairman Grey Godshall, Vice Chairman David Fazio, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-chairman Robert H. Nice, Supervisor Curtis Kratz and Supervisor Dr. Charles Amuso. Also in attendance were Township Manager Jon A. Hammer, Chief of Police Joseph Kozeniewski, Township Solicitor Frank Bartle, Esquire, Township Engineer Janene Marchand P.E, and interested residents of Franconia Township.

**OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC**

Chairman Godshall opened the meeting to the public.

Mr. Gerald Thiel, 811 Allentown Road, was present to discuss the Open Space Plan. Mr. Thiel reminded that board that in 2001 he had campaigned against the plan because it did not have a definite end date. In July of 2016 he stated that he asked for a sunset date for the .25% tax and a determination of when it can it be reduced. Chairman Godshall reported that in 5 to 6 years the Township can pay off its liabilities if nothing additional is purchased. Mr. Thiel requested to put a stop purchase on the Open Space. Mr. Godshall stated they can't come up with a date until the new open space plan is complete. The update was discussed during the work session, and he is unable to commit to not purchase anymore in case something comes up that works with the Townships needs. Mr. Thiel questioned if a percentage that is enough, say 20% or 25%, be included in the plan. Chairman Godshall confirmed that it would be addressed by the plan.

No other comments were made.

### **APPROVAL OF MARCH 20, 2017 MEETING MINUTES**

Mr. Kratz made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 20, 2017. Supervisor Fazio seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### **Solicitor's Report – Frank Bartle, Esquire**

Mr. Frank Bartle asked for a motion to approve Resolution 17-07-07-04 to authorize and direct the approval of traffic signal application to the Pennsylvania department of transportation for minor adjustment at Broad Street intersection. Manager Hammer explained that the changes would be pedestrian friendly.

### **POLICE REPORT- CHIEF JOSEPH S. KOZENIEWSKI**

Chief Kozeniewski submitted his report. He announced that in the lobby of the Maplewood Estates at Peter Becker there would be a drug drop off box. Twice a year DEA and local council host a drug take back day.

Supervisor Kratz commended Sgt. George Moyer and the county for their assistance when a local church was broken into.

### **HIGHWAY REPORT-PAUL R. NICE**

Mr. Paul Nice was absent and had submitted his report earlier in the week.

### **ENGINEERING REPORT- JANENE MARCHAND, P.E.**

Ms. Marchand submitted the report and provided a summary of the projects.

### **MOTION – SUMMIT STREET**

A motion was made by Supervisor Kratz and seconded by Supervisor Nice to close Summit Street on Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017 between 5:30am and 7:30pm for the annual Souderton Mennonite Homes Festival. All were in favor.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT –**

A motion was made by Mr. Nice and seconded by Mr. Fazio 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. 17-17-04 dated April 17, 2017 in the amount of \$242,852.33. The motion carried unanimously.

## **PAYROLL**

A motion was made by Mr. Nice and seconded by Mr. Fazio for the Treasurer to be authorized to pay all employees during the current pay period April 17, 2017 through May 14, 2017 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, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 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, May 15, 2017 at the Franconia Township Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Telford, Pennsylvania 18969. The Board of Supervisors Work Session will be held on May 15, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. at the same location.

The annual fishing derby will be held on Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup> at Branchwood Park, on Camp Road from 9am to 11:30am.

## **Motion to Adjourn**

A motion was made by Mr. Kratz and seconded by Mr. Nice to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth T. Gooch

Planning and Zoning Coordinator