

FRANCONIA TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Chairman Steven P. Barndt called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Franconia Township to order on Monday, December 9, 2013 at 7:03 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Franconia, Pennsylvania 18969.

Present were 1st Vice-chairman Grey Godshall; 2nd Vice-chairman W. Keith Freed; Supervisors Curtis N. Kratz and Drew Darrah; Township Manager Kevin D. Baver; Assistant Manager Jamie P. Worman; Chief Joseph S. Kozeniewski; Township Solicitor, Joseph C. Kuhls, Esquire; Public Works Director Paul R. Nice; Township Engineer Cindy VanHise, P.E.; Building and Code Inspector Jerry Rittenhouse and interested residents of Franconia Township.

Mr. Barndt thanked Supervisor Darrah for his many years of service. Mr. Darrah has been on the Board of Supervisors since 2000 and had previously served on the Zoning Hearing Board.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 18, 2013 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Barndt and seconded by Mr. Godshall to approve the November 18, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – JOSEPH C. KUHL, ESQUIRE

1. A motion was made by Mr. Barndt and seconded by Mr. Kratz to approve Resolution No. 13-20-09-12 for the Approval of the 2014 Budget Documents. The motion carried.
2. A motion was made by Mr. Godshall and seconded by Mr. Barndt to approve Resolution No. 13-21-09-12 Assessing a 2% Discount to Taxpayers Making a Payment of Total Amount Thereof Within Two (2) Months after the Date of the Tax Notice; and Assessing a 10% Penalty to Taxpayers Making Payment of Total Thereof Four (4) Months after the Date of the Tax Notice; and Establishing an Interest Rate of 10% on Municipal Claims for Delinquent Taxes. The motion carried.
3. A motion was made by Mr. Barndt and seconded by Mr. Kratz to approve Resolution No. 13-22-09-12 Requiring Employee Contributions to the Police Pension Plan for 2014. The motion carried.
4. A motion was made by Mr. Barndt and seconded by Mr. Godshall to approve Resolution No. 13-23-09-12 Setting the Real Estate Tax Rate for the 2014 General Fund Budget, Setting the Fire Service Tax, Setting the Library Tax, Assessing Various Properties for Fire Hydrants and Assessing Properties for Street Lights. The motion carried.

5. A motion was made by Mr. Kratz and seconded by Mr. Freed to approve Resolution 13-24-09-12 Authorizing the Settlement and Issuance of a \$500,000 Tax Anticipation Note through Quakertown National Bank. The motion carried.
6. A motion was made by Mr. Godshall and seconded by Mr. Barndt to authorize the Township Manager and Solicitor to execute a PILOT Agreement between the Peter Becker Community and Franconia Township. The motion carried.
7. A motion was made by Mr. Godshall and seconded by Mr. Barndt to authorize the disbursement of \$30,679.00 to Diversified Settlement Services toward the settlement of the Chad and Julie Yoder Farm located on Mill Road. The motion carried.
8. A motion was made by Mr. Freed and seconded by Mr. Kratz to authorize the disbursement of \$99,750.00 to Diversified Settlement Services toward the settlement of the Robert and Mary Landis Farm located on Morwood Road. The motion carried.
9. A motion was made by Mr. Kratz and seconded by Mr. Godshall to authorize the appropriate Township Officials to execute an Offer Agreement for the Landis Farm consisting of approximately 35+/- Acres (Morwood Road) and the Yoder Farm consisting of approximately 24.5+/- Acres (Orchard Lane). The motion carried.

POLICE REPORT – JOSEPH S. KOZENIEWSKI

Chief Joseph S. Kozeniewski submitted his report for November 2013.

ZONING REPORT – KEVIN D. BAVER

Mr. Baver submitted his report for November 2013.

HIGHWAY REPORT – PAUL NICE

Mr. Paul Nice submitted his report for November 2013.

ENGINEERING REPORT – CINDY VANHISE, P.E.

Ms. VanHise submitted his report for November 2013.

TREASURER’S REPORT – KEVIN D. BAVER

1. A motion was made by Mr. Darrah and seconded by Mr. Freed to approve the December 2013 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. 13-09-12 dated December 09, 2013 in the amount of \$427,117.80. The motion carried.
2. A motion was made by Mr. Darrah and seconded by Mr. Kratz to authorize the Treasurer to pay all 2013 year-end bills for the respective funds to be presented on Voucher No. 13-30-12 dated December 30, 2013. The motion carried.

PAYROLL

A motion was made by Mr. Darrah and seconded by Mr. Kratz for the Treasurer to be authorized to pay all employees during the pay period of December 7, 2013 through December 31, 2013 according to the hours worked as listed on the Payroll Journal for the aforesaid period. The motion carried.

SUBDIVISIONS AND LAND DEVELOPMENTS

1. A Motion was made by Mr. Freed and seconded by Mr. Barndt to approve Resolution 13-25-09-12: A Resolution for Act 537 Plan Revision for new Land Development, DEP Code 1-46924-152-2, Hopewell Christian Fellowship Church, 601 Hunsicker Road, Franconia Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. The motion carried.
2. A Motion was made by Mr. Freed and seconded by Mr. Godshall to approve Resolution 13-26-09-12: A Resolution Accepting the dedication of the area between the Ultimate Right of Way and existing title line of Melvin Road located in the Township of Franconia and offered for dedication through the Hoff Properties LLC Minor Subdivision Plan (02-13) 618 Melvin Road. The motion carried.

BIDS

A Motion was made by Mr. Barndt and seconded by Mr. Godshall to award the Borough of Lansdale, Lansdale, Pennsylvania the bid of \$9,500.00 for a 1995 3500 GMC Dump Truck with Plow as advertised and bids opened on December 5, 2013 at 11:00 AM. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Annual Organizational Board of Supervisors Meeting will be held on Monday, January 6, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. at the Franconia Township Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Franconia, Pennsylvania 18969. The next Regular Board of Supervisors meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 20, 2014 at the same location.

The Franconia Township Planning Commission will hold Regular Meeting on Monday, January 13, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Franconia Township Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Franconia, Pennsylvania 18969.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was made by Mr. Godshall and seconded by Mr. Kratz to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin D. Baver, Secretary