

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 10, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Franconia, Pennsylvania 18924.

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

OPENING MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

No comments were received.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER, 2007 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

1. A motion was made by Mr. Kratz and seconded by Mr. Freed to approve the November 19, 2007 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. Godshall to approve Ordinance 352 Amending the Code of Ordinances of the Township of Franconia to Re-Name the Previously Enacted Emergency and Municipal Services Tax to be Hereafter Referred to as the Local Services Tax (LST). The motion carried.
2. A motion was made by Mr. Barndt and seconded by Mr. Freed to approve Resolution No. 07-38-10-12 Requiring Employee Contributions to the Police Pension Plan for 2008. The motion carried.
3. A motion was made by Mr. Godshall and seconded by Mr. Freed to approve Resolution No. 07-39-10-12 for the Approval of the 2008 Budget Documents. The motion carried.
4. A motion was made by Mr. Barndt and seconded by Mr. Darrah to approve Resolution No. 07-40-10-12 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.

5. A motion was made by Mr. Kratz and seconded by Mr. Godshall to approve Resolution No. 07-41-10-12 Setting the Real Estate Tax Rate for the 2008 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.
6. A motion was made by Mr. Kratz and seconded by Mr. Freed to approve Resolution No. 07-42-10-12 Approving the Issuance by the Souderton Industrial Development Authority of Its Tax-Exempt Note for a Facility Located in Franconia Township Known as the Franconia Mennonite School d/b/a Pennview Christian School. The motion carried.
7. A motion was made by Mr. Kratz and seconded by Mr. Freed to Approve and Submit a Rights-of-Way Agreement between Franconia Township and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation relating to Proposed Improvements for the West Broad / Cowpath / Lower Roads Intersection. The motion carried.

POLICE REPORT – JOSEPH S. KOZENIEWSKI

Chief Kozeniewski submitted his report for November 2007.

ZONING REPORT – KEVIN D. BAVER

Mr. Baver submitted his report for November 2007.

HIGHWAY REPORT – PAUL NICE

Mr. Paul Nice submitted his report for November 2007.

ENGINEERING REPORT – BARRY L. WERT, P.E.

Mr. Wert reported that those items listed under the Subdivision and Land Development portion of the Agenda are ready for action and supports their approval.

TREASURER’S REPORT – KEVIN D. BAVER

1. A motion was made by Mr. Darrah and seconded by Mr. Freed to approve the December 2007 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. 07-10-12 dated December 10, 2007 in the amount of \$236,194.97. The motion carried.
2. A motion was made by Mr. Darrah and seconded by Mr. Godshall to authorize the Treasurer to pay all 2007 year-end bills for the respective funds to be presented on Voucher No. 07-28-12 dated December 28, 2007. The motion carried.

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A motion was made by Mr. Darrah and seconded by Mr. Freed for the Treasurer to be authorized to pay all employees during the pay period of December 8, 2007 through December 31, 2007 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. Godshall to approve Resolution 07-43-10-12 Granting Preliminary Conditional Approval of the Lincoln Woods Land Development (#01-07) – Kulp Road. The motion carried.
2. A motion was made by Mr. Freed and seconded by Mr. Godshall to approve Resolution 07-44-10-12 Granting Preliminary Conditional Approval of the Guidemark Land Development (#02-07) – Forman Road. The motion carried.
3. A motion was made by Mr. Freed and seconded by Mr. Godshall to approve Resolution 07-45-10-12 Granting Preliminary / Final Conditional Approval of the Bracalente Trustees Minor Subdivision (#07-07) – 463 Cowpath Road. The motion carried.
4. A motion was made by Mr. Freed and seconded by Mr. Kratz to approve the Component I Sewage Facilities Planning Module for the Garges Minor Subdivision – 600 Schoolhouse Road.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Annual Organizational Board of Supervisors Meeting will be held on Monday, January 7, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. at the Franconia Township Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Franconia, Pennsylvania 18924. The next Regular Board of Supervisors meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 21, 2008 at the same location. The Board of Supervisors Work Session will be held on Friday, January 11, 2008 at 7:00 a.m. and Monday, January 21, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. at the same location.

The Franconia Township Planning Commission will hold Regular Meeting on Monday, January 14, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Franconia Township Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Franconia, Pennsylvania 18924.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was made by Mr. Kratz and seconded by Mr. Freed to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin D. Baver, Secretary