

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 13, 2011 at 7:04 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 Drew Darrah and Curtis N. Kratz; Township Manager Kevin D. Bayer; Assistant Manager Jamie P. Worman; Chief Joseph S. Kozeniewski; Township Solicitor, Joseph C. Kuhls, Esquire; Public Works Director Paul R. Nice; 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

Erie Avenue residents addressed the Board and voiced their concerns regarding planned road reconstruction, widening and curb/sidewalk construction. The Board of Supervisors noted the various concerns raised by the residents and stated that a special meeting would be scheduled in February to further review the planned improvements with the Erie Avenue Residents. The Township Administration will notify the affected property owners of the date and time of the planned meeting.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 21, 2011 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Kratz and seconded by Mr. Godshall to approve the November 21, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – JOSEPH C. KUHLS, ESQUIRE

1. A motion was made by Mr. Barndt and seconded by Mr. Freed to approve Resolution No. 11-29-12-12 for the Approval of the 2012 Budget Documents. The motion carried.
2. A motion was made by Mr. Godshall and seconded by Mr. Kratz to approve Resolution No. 11-30-12-12 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. Godshall and seconded by Mr. Freed to approve Resolution No. 11-31-12-12 Requiring Employee Contributions to the Police Pension Plan for 2012. The motion carried.
4. A motion was made by Mr. Godshall and seconded by Mr. Kratz to approve Resolution No. 11-32-12-12 Setting the Real Estate Tax Rate for the 2012 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. Barndt and seconded by Mr. Godshall to authorize execution of an agreement for the sale and purchase of an Agricultural Conservation Easement for the Halteman Farm, 585 Lower Road, consisting of 50.26 acres in the amount of \$158,243.61 by the Township and in addition to monies by the County and State. The motion carried.
6. A motion was made by Mr. Freed and seconded by Mr. Barndt to authorize execution of an agreement for the sale and purchase of an Agricultural Conservation Easement for the Detwiler Farm, 504 Creamery Road, consisting of 16.66 acres in the amount of \$44,998.66 by the Township and in addition to monies by the County and State. The motion carried.
7. A motion was made by Mr. Kratz and seconded by Mr. Godshall to authorize execution of an Offer from PennDOT #060250 to purchase required Right-Of-Way and Slope Easement along Camp Road in the Amount of \$2,100.00 to be shared with Salford Township. The motion carried.

POLICE REPORT – JOSEPH S. KOZENIEWSKI

Chief Joseph S. Kozeniewski submitted his report for November 2011.

ZONING REPORT – KEVIN D. BAVER

Mr. Baver submitted his report for November 2011.

HIGHWAY REPORT – PAUL NICE

Mr. Paul Nice submitted his report for November 2011.

ENGINEERING REPORT – CINDY VANHISE, P.E.

Ms. VanHise submitted his report for November 2011.

TREASURER’S REPORT – KEVIN D. BAVER

1. A motion was made by Mr. Barndt and seconded by Mr. Godshall to approve the December 2011 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. 11-12-12 dated December 12, 2011 in the amount of \$496,449.68. The motion carried.

2. A motion was made by Mr. Barndt and seconded by Mr. Godshall to authorize the Treasurer to pay all 2011 year-end bills for the respective funds to be presented on Voucher No. 11-29-12 dated December 29, 2011. The motion carried.

PAYROLL

A motion was made by Mr. Barndt and seconded by Mr. Godshall for the Treasurer to be authorized to pay all employees during the pay period of December 10, 2011 through December 31, 2011 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. Kratz to grant an extension of the Subdivision Stipulation Agreement for the David Sowhangar property, located at 34 Cowpath Road through December 31, 2012. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Annual Organizational Board of Supervisors Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 3, 2012 at 5:30 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 16, 2012 at the same location.

The Franconia Township Planning Commission will hold Regular Meeting on Monday, January 9, 2012 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 7:48 p.m. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin D. Bayer, Secretary