

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 14, 2009 at 7:03 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; Supervisor Curtis N. Kratz; Township Manager Kevin D. Baver; 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. Supervisor Drew Darrah and Assistant Manager Jamie P. Worman were absent. (excused)

OPENING MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Gerald Theil, 811 Allentown Road, wished a Happy Holiday to the Board of Supervisors.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER, 2009 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Freed and seconded by Mr. Darrah to approve the November 17, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – JOSEPH C. KUHL, ESQUIRE

1. A motion was made by Mr. Freed and seconded by Mr. Barndt to approve Resolution No. 09-33-14-12 Requiring Employee Contributions to the Police Pension Plan for 2010. The motion carried.
2. A motion was made by Mr. Godshall and seconded by Mr. Barndt to approve Resolution No. 09-34-14-12 for the Approval of the 2010 Budget Documents. The motion carried.
3. A motion was made by Mr. Godshall and seconded by Mr. Kratz to approve Resolution No. 09-35-14-12 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.

4. A motion was made by Mr. Barndt and seconded by Mr. Godshall to approve Resolution No. 09-36-14-12 Setting the Real Estate Tax Rate for the 2010 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 No. 09-37-14-12 Designating the Township Manager, as the Chief Administrative Officer responsible for filing and certifying data to the Pennsylvania Department of the Auditor General pursuant to ACT 205 of 1984. The motion carried.
6. A motion was made by Mr. Kratz and seconded by Mr. Barndt to Accept and Execute a Contract between the Board of Supervisors and the Collective Bargaining Unit Representing the Franconia Police Department beginning on January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2012. The motion carried.

POLICE REPORT – JOSEPH S. KOZENIEWSKI

Chief Joseph S. Kozeniewski submitted his report for November 2009. Chief Kozeniewski informed the Board of Supervisors that the Franconia Township's "National Night Out" was selected as a National Award Winner by the National Association of Town Watch.

ZONING REPORT – KEVIN D. BAVER

Mr. Baver submitted his report for November 2009.

HIGHWAY REPORT – PAUL NICE

Mr. Paul Nice submitted his report for November 2009.

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

Mr. Wert submitted his report for November 2009.

TREASURER'S REPORT – KEVIN D. BAVER

1. A motion was made by Mr. Barndt and seconded by Mr. Godshall to approve the December 2009 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. 09-14-12 dated December 14, 2009 in the amount of \$424,914.25. The motion carried.
2. A motion was made by Mr. Barndt and seconded by Mr. Kratz to authorize the Treasurer to pay all 2009 year-end bills for the respective funds to be presented on Voucher No. 09-31-12 dated December 31, 2009. The motion carried.

PAYROLL

A motion was made by Mr. Barndt and seconded by Mr. Freed for the Treasurer to be authorized to pay all employees during the pay period of December 12, 2009 through December 31, 2009 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 approve Resolution 09-38-14-12: A Resolution Denying the Todd Walker Subdivision Application (#12-05) Mininger Road. The motion carried.
2. A motion was made by Mr. Freed and seconded by Mr. Godshall to accept Dedication of Certain Public Improvements for a 12-month Maintenance Period for the Allebach Tract Subdivision-(#08-04) Dewar Drive. The motion carried.
3. A motion was made by Mr. Freed and seconded by Mr. Godshall to accept Dedication of Certain Public Improvements for a 18-month Maintenance Period for the Maplewood Estates Phase I Land Development-(#2002-10) Maple Avenue. The motion carried

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Annual Organizational Board of Supervisors Meeting will be held on Monday, January 4, 2010 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 18, 2010 at the same location. The Board of Supervisors Work Session will be held on Friday, January 8, 2010 at 7:00 a.m. at the same location.

The Franconia Township Planning Commission will hold Regular Meeting on Monday, January 11, 2010 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. Godshall to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin D. Baver, Secretary