

FRANCONIA TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MINUTES

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Vice Chairman David B. Fazio called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order on Monday, December 17, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Telford, Pennsylvania 18969.

Present were Vice Chairman David B. Fazio, 2nd Vice-Chairman Robert H. Nice, Supervisor Curtis Kratz and Supervisor Dr. Charles Amuso. Also, in attendance were Township Manager Jon A. Hammer, Chief Michael Martin, Township Solicitor Eric Wert, Esquire, and interested residents of Franconia Township.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Vice Chairman Fazio opened the meeting to the public. Mr. Alan Ott, 551 Creamery Road, wanted to thank Chief Martin for his assistance with the road icing issue in front of his house. Chief Martin visited the location and contacted Mr. Paul Nice. The township public works crew worked to rectify the ongoing issue. Mr. Ott also requested information regarding the possible installation of sewer along Creamery Road. He stated that his home is 600 to 700 feet off of the road and that he would prefer not to hook up. He also questioned if he would be responsible for paying for the sewer that would run in front of his lot. He was told that he would not be required to connect, but should contact George Witmayer with the Franconia Sewer Authority for details on how the charges for the lines would be distributed.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 19, 2018 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Supervisor Amuso made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 19th, 2018 Regular Meeting. Supervisor Nice seconded the motion. The motion passed.

INDIAN VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Mr. Alex Grande, president of the Indian Valley Public Library, was present to thank the Township for their contributions. He reported that Souderton is now on board with matching the same percentage contribution. He also thanked the Township for appointing Joanne Strom, as the representative. Ms. Margie Stern, Director, stated that the library is currently working to secure fundraised money to either renovate the current building, build on the

parking lot near Landis, or build on a new location. The building consultant determined that 35,000 square feet is needed for the library's use and the current building is 25,000 square feet. The library is pursuing professionals to execute a fundraising plan to reach major donors, corporations and grants. Mr. Grande introduced Mr. Darren Johnson, Treasurer, to the board.

SOLICITOR 'S REPORT – ERIC WERT., ESQUIRE

Mr. Wert presented three Resolutions to the Board. Resolution 18-18-17-12 A Resolution requiring employee contributions of 5% of all wages to the police pension plan for 2019. Mr. Hammer explained that there is no change here and it is written into the collective bargaining agreement. A motion was made by Dr. Amuso for approval and seconded by Supervisor Nice. Motion passed 4-0.

Resolution 18-19-17-12 A resolution setting the real estate tax rate for the 2019 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 was made by Supervisor Amuso, seconded by Supervisor Nice and passed unanimously.

Resolution 18-20-17-12 A resolution for the approval of the 2019 budget documents. Supervisor Kratz motion for approval. Supervisor Nice seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

POLICE REPORT- CHIEF MICHAEL MARTIN

Chief Martin submitted his report. He added that the department had the opportunity to meet some local religious leaders as part of a faith-based relation training program. He also reported that he met with Sargent George Moyer and the state to begin the process for grant funding for aggressive driving and seat belts to hopefully curb some accidents.

HIGHWAY REPORT-PAUL R. NICE

Mr. Nice submitted his report and noted that following the early snow storm on November 15th, the department is preparing for winter.

ENGINEERING REPORT- DOUGLAS C. ROSSINO, P.E.

Mr. Rossino submitted his report prior to the meeting and was not present.

TREASURER’S REPORT –

A motion was made by Mr. Nice and seconded by Mr. Kratz 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. 18-17-12 dated December 19, 2018 in the amount of \$259,747.08. He reported that approximately \$60,000 was for the fire companies and \$67,000 to the library. The motion carried unanimously.

PAYROLL

A motion was made by Mr. Nice and seconded by Mr. Amuso for the Treasurer to be authorized to pay all employees during the pay period of December 17, 2018 through December 31, 2018 according to the hours worked as listed on the Payroll Journal for the aforesaid period. The motion carried unanimously.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The annual organizational Board of Supervisor meeting will be held Monday, January 7, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. at the Franconia Township Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Telford, Pennsylvania 18969.

The Franconia Township Planning Commission will hold its regular meeting on Monday, January 7, 2018 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 on Monday, January 21, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Franconia Township Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Telford Pennsylvania 18969. The Board of Supervisors Work Session will be held on Monday, January 21, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. at the same location.

Motion to Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,

Beth T. Gooch
Director of Planning and Zoning