

## 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, January 21, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Franconia, Pennsylvania 18924.

Present were 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-chairman Grey Godshall; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-chairman W. Keith Freed; Supervisor Drew Darrah; 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 Wert, P.E.; Building & Code Inspectors Roger M. Koffel and Jerry Rittenhouse and interested residents of Franconia Township. Supervisor Curtis Kratz was absent/excused.

#### **OPENING MEETING TO THE PUBLIC**

Gerald Theil of 811 Allentown Road inquired about the Resolution appointing Bergey, Yoder & Associates performing an audit of all Township funds for the year 2007 since we have auditors that are elected. It was explained to Mr. Theil by the Mr. Baver, Township Manager that under Second Class Township Code the Board of Supervisors under Resolution appoint a certified public accountant to make an examination of all accounts of the Township for the fiscal year stated in the Resolution.

No other items of interest were posed to the Board.

#### **APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 10, 2007 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

1. A motion was made by Mr. Freed and seconded by Mr. Godshall to approve the December 10, 2007 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion carried.

#### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT – JOSEPH C. KUHL, ESQUIRE**

- a. A motion was made by Mr. Godshall and seconded by Mr. Darrah to approve Resolution 08-01-21-01 Appointing Bergey Yoder & Associates, P.C., Certified Public Accountants, Dennis Bergey, to perform an audit of all Township funds for the calendar year 2007 in lieu of elected auditors. The motion carried.
- b. A motion was made by Mr. Darrah and seconded Mr. Barndt to approve Resolution 08-02-21-01 Authorizing Berkheimer Associates of Bangor, Pennsylvania to Levy, Assess and Collect Certain Local Taxes on Taxpayers for General Revenue Producing Measures as Authorized by Act 511 of the 1965 General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The motion carried.

- c. A motion was made by Mr. Darrah and seconded Mr. Barndt to approve Resolution 08-03-21-01 Authorizing Berkheimer Associates of Bangor, Pennsylvania to collect the Open Space Tax Imposed on Earned Income as Authorized by Act 153 of the 1996 General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The motion carried.
- d. A motion was made by Mr. Darrah and seconded by Mr. Freed to approve Resolution 08-04-21-01 Authorizing Berkheimer Associates of Bangor, Pennsylvania to Collect the Emergency and Municipal Services Tax as Authorized by “The Local Tax Enabling Act” of December 31, 1965 and Its Amendments, 53 PS 6902 Enacted December 1, 2004 by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The motion carried.
- e. A motion was made by Mr. Darrah and seconded by Mr. Barndt to approve Resolution 08-05-21-01 Authorizing the Expenditures of Liquid Fuels Funds for 2008 Resurfacing and Equipment Projects. The motion carried.
- f. A motion was made by Mr. Barndt and seconded by Mr. Godshall to approve Resolution 08-06-21-01 Requesting Permission to Participate in the Pennsylvania Capital City Automotive and Equipment Contract. The motion carried.
- g. A motion was made by Mr. Darrah and seconded by Mr. Barndt to approve Resolution 08-07-21-01 accepting the Offer of Dedication for Public Rights-of-Way along Schoolhouse Road as depicted on the General Sciences Record Plan. The motion carried.
- h. A motion was made by Mr. Freed and seconded by Mr. Godshall to approve Resolution 08-08-21-01 accepting the Offer of Dedication for a Blanket Easement depicted on the Indian Valley Greenes Record Plan. The motion carried.
- i. A motion was made by Mr. Darrah and seconded by Mr. Barndt to approve Resolution 08-09-21-01 accepting the Offer of Dedication for Public Rights-of-Way along Schoolhouse Road as depicted on the Jack Boorse Record Plan. The motion carried.
- j. Solicitor Joseph C. Kuhls opened a hearing for petition at 7:10 PM for a property located at 730 Hunsicker Road to enter into the Agriculture Security Area. Kevin L. and Kimberly M. Hendricks owns the property that is subject to the petition, which includes 18.21 acres. The township will mark the proof of publication of this evenings hearing as public record. The Township also received a report from Montgomery County and from this township’s Agricultural Security Committee recommending inclusion of these properties in the Agricultural Security Area. The township received no letters stating objections. Mr. Kuhls opened the hearing to comments from those present. No comments heard.

A motion was made by Mr. Darrah and seconded by Mr. Freed to close the hearing. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Barndt and seconded by Mr. Freed to adopt Resolution 08-10-21-01 placing the above referenced properties into the Agricultural Security Area. The motion carried.

- k. Mr. Barndt reported that Joseph C. Kuhls, Esquire would appear before the Zoning Hearing Board on Wednesday, January 23, 2008 to oppose the Sowhangar (34 Cowpath Road) special exception and variance application.

**POLICE REPORT – JOSEPH S. KOZENIEWSKI**

Chief Kozeniewski submitted his report for December 2007.

**ZONING REPORT – KEVIN D. BAVER**

Mr. Baver submitted his report for December 2007.

**HIGHWAY REPORT – PAUL NICE**

Mr. Paul Nice submitted his report for December 2007.

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

Mr. Wert reported that there were no items of interest this month.

**TREASURER’S REPORT – KEVIN D. BAVER**

A motion was made by Mr. Darrah and seconded by Mr. Godshall 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. 08-21-01 dated January 21, 2008 in the amount of \$167,137.40. The motion carried.

**PAYROLL**

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 January 1, 2008 through February 15, 2008 according to the hours worked as listed on the Payroll Journal for the aforesaid period. The motion carried.

**SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Freed and seconded by Mr. Darrah to approve the Everview Construction Lot Line and Record Plan Amendment (#08-07) Halteman Road.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/MOTIONS**

1. A motion was made by Mr. Darrah and seconded by Mr. Barndt to Hire Steven A. Cronin as a Full-Time Patrol Officer effective January 1, 2008 and James C. Throop as a Part-Time Officer effective January 21, 2008. The motion carried.

2. A motion was made by Mr. Barndt and seconded by Mr. Freed to accept the resignation from Mr. Grey Godshall, NPWA Representative effective January 21, 2008. The motion carried.
3. A motion was made by Mr. Barndt and seconded by Mr. Godshall to appoint Mr. George E. Witmayer as the NPWA Representative term to expire December 31, 2010. The motion carried.
4. A motion was made by Mr. Barndt and seconded by Mr. Darrah to accept the resignation of Mr. Brad Carroll the Franconia Township Park and Recreation Board. The motion carried.
5. A motion was made by Mr. Barndt and seconded by Mr. Freed to appoint Mr. John Neyes to the Franconia Township Park and Recreation Board, term to expire December 31, 2009. The motion carried.
6. The Board of Supervisors and the following Boards, Committee and Authorities will meet during the year 2008 as follows unless advertised otherwise:
  - a) The Board of Supervisors of Franconia Township shall meet on the third Monday of each month, except December of 2008, when the Board of Supervisors shall meet on the second Monday and February of 2008 when the Board of Supervisors shall meet on the third Tuesday. All Board of Supervisors Meetings shall start at 7:00 p.m., unless advertised differently.
  - b) Planning Commission – First Monday of each month, except in September of 2008 when the meeting shall be held on the first Tuesday at 7:00 p.m., unless advertised differently.
  - c) Sewer Authority – Third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m., except in December of 2008 when the meeting shall be held on the second Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. unless advertised differently.
  - d) Zoning Hearing Board – As needed on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m., unless advertised differently.
  - e) Park and Recreation Board – Fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m., unless advertised differently.
7. The Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors Annual State Convention will be held from Sunday, May 11, 2008 to Wednesday, May 14, 2008 at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center, Hershey, Pennsylvania. The Secretary must provide a certificate with registration forms that delegates have been authorized to attend by the Board of Supervisors and must provide the name of the Voting Delegate. A motion was made by Mr. Barndt and seconded by Mr. Godshall to appoint Kevin D. Baver, Secretary, as Voting Delegate for the 2008 Convention.

The Franconia Township Planning Commission will hold the next Regular Meeting on Monday, February 4, 2008 at 7:00 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 Tuesday, February 19, 2008 at the Franconia Township Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Franconia, Pennsylvania 18924. The Board of Supervisors Work Session(s) will be held on Friday, February 8, 2008 at 7:00 a.m. and Tuesday, February 19, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. and at the same location.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin D. Baver, Secretary