

Chairman Grey Godshall called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order on Monday, June 19th, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Telford, Pennsylvania 18969.

Present were Chairman Grey Godshall, Vice Chairman David 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 of Police Joseph Kozeniewski, Township Solicitor Frank Bartle, Esquire, Township Engineer Douglas C. Rossino and interested residents of Franconia Township.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Chairman Godshall opened the meeting to the public. Before taking comments he stated that he felt he was misrepresented during the last School Board meeting. The Halteman Road gate will only be opened if proper Land Development takes place. The Board of Supervisors is not for or against the opening of the gate. If the school feels that there is more they can do to help alleviate the traffic on Lower Road, then the ball is in their court.

Ms. Marianne Wright, 659 Lower Road, was present to express concerns about the High School traffic and the letter from the Township to the School Board requiring new Land Development to officially open the rear gate. Ms. Wright feels that the poor planning of the High School is affecting the residents, and it is unnecessary to have a traffic study or even Land Development. She also, noted that the subdivision on Lower and Forman Road will cause additional traffic when it is developed. She presented a petition with over 224 signatures and 12 exhibits to the Board of Supervisors for their review. Mr. Sclafani, 360 High Street, stated that he currently has three kids in the High School and it takes almost 40 minutes to leave the school from a sporting event. He feels that the gate should be kept open at all times. He suggested that a third exit should be considered.

Mr. Thiel, 811 Allentown Road, stood to thank the Board for following up with the support our police signs.

Ms. Susan Kingsberry, 263 Harleysville Pike, addressed concerns about excess foliage and junk at her neighbor's residence. From February to June 7th, he was given time to clean up his property and then would be fined. Ms. Kingsberry does not feel that he is making any effort. She also reported that he is violating her and another neighbor's privacy. Chairman Godshall explained that there is a process that needs to be followed for the property owner. Mr. Hammer confirmed that a violation letter has been sent and the owner has made some advances to clean up. A lot of work still needs to be done and this may become a legal matter and handled in the courts. Mr. Bartle explained the process for filing a citation and then it becomes the decision of the magistrate. Ms. Anne Allebach, 280 Telford Pike, agreed with Ms. Kingsberry's complaints and her family's privacy is also being violated by the same neighbor. Mr. Bartle directed Chief Kozeniewski to address those issues.

Mr. Warren Landis, 660 Lower Road, spoke to the Board about the rat problem that he has had on his property which he feels are coming from JP Mascaro's property. He requested that the Township require Masacro to reimburse him for the extermination on his property. Mr. Hammer reported that staff had met with representatives from Mascaro and concluded that DEP checks the inspections that are regularly done for rodents on the property.

Mr. Nick Bradshaw, Morwood Road, questioned the Board on the status of the Township's farm preservation and walking trails. Mr. Godshall informed everyone that the Township is in the process of updating its Open Space Plan that will include future plans for trails. Mr. Rossino reported that it will take approximately 12 months to get the plan together. Mr. Bradshaw then asked about the third stop sign that was installed at Leidy's Church. Mr. Rossino explained that a traffic study had been done and a third sign was warranted.

APPROVAL OF MAY 15, 2017 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Kratz made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 15, 2017. Supervisor Fazio seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Solicitor's Report – Frank Bartle, Esquire

Mr. Bartle began the public hearing to approve Resolution 17-09-19-06 to adopt the Act 537 Plan revision. Mr. Bartle summarized the plan and opened the record for comment. Mr. Norm Hartzell, 921 Landis Road, questioned if Landis Road and Creamery Road were

included in the revised plan. Mr. Hammer confirmed. Mr. Gerald Thiel, 811 Allentown Road, inquired about the on lot inspections that have been completed and why the residents have not been given any of the results. Mr. George Witmayer stated the Sewer Management Program letters will be going out with the results of the inspections. Mr. Bartle explained that the plan revision expanded the areas that are now included. Mr. Witmayer reported that the plan shows phasing. Phase I would occur in the next 0 to 5 years, covering the Morwood area. Phase II will include Eisenhower and Gerhart and would take place in the next 5 to 10 years. The letters will be coming from the Township. Mr. Hartzell pointed out that the inspections were done 6 weeks ago. Mrs. Rose Shanks, 581 Creamery Road, questioned why the inspections done in May were put on a three year payment plan. She thought that sewer was put on hold. Mr. Witmayer responded that the Sewer Management Program has not been determined if it will go beyond the three years. Ms. Shanks asked why the pumping was not just being enforced. Mr. Witmayer explained that the inspection is different and the health of the drain field is inspected. Mr. Hartzell stated that during his inspection that did not take place. Ms. Shanks stated that her inspection was the same. Ms. Peggy Hoffner, 415 Moyer Road, asked if it was going to be mandatory to hook up to public sewer. Mr. Witmayer replied that it is already in the ordinance. Ms. Hoffner reported that she has her septic pumped twice a year and can provide documents to prove that, and would this excuse her from the inspections. Mr. Witmayer stated that with invoice for the inspection will need to be paid regardless. Ms. Marianne Wright, reported that according to All County's Website the cost for an inspection is \$70. She asked if the Franconia Sewer Authority is separate from the Township. Mr. Witmayer explained replied, yes, the Township has set the FSA to run the Sewer Management Program. Mr. Witmayer explained that the cost for All County includes creating and maintaining a database including billing and invoicing. Ms. Shanks inquired if homes with sand mounds are required to pay the fee as well as hook up to public sewer. Mr. Witmayer explained that the law states that homes greater than 150 feet from the road do not have to connect or pay the front footage fee. Chairman Godshall stated that those homes are gaining no benefit from the sewer extension. Mr. Witmayer reported that the cost will be divided by the number of properties benefitting and will not be based on front footage of a property.

Mr. Bartle asked if there were any additional question for hearing. None were heard. Supervisor Fazio made a motion to approve Resolution 17-09-19-06 to adopt the Act 537 Plan Revision. Supervisor Amuso seconded the motion. Chairman Godshall voted nay. 4-1 the motion carried.

POLICE REPORT- CHIEF JOSEPH S. KOZENIEWSKI

Chief Kozeniewski submitted his report. He announced that the number of domestic disturbance calls in May had gone up. Chief also reported that the “We support our Police” signs are complete and are available at the Township office and Police Department to residents free of charge while the supply lasts. One per household.

HIGHWAY REPORT-PAUL R. NICE

Mr. Paul Nice submitted his report and stated that the crew would be completing base repairs and chip sealing throughout the Township. The work on Lower Road is ready to go and will begin next week.

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

Mr. Rossino submitted his report and highlighted that 840 Harleysville Pike project is now complete and the Township’s MS4 report is underway.

Ms. Bonnie Miller, High Street, raised concerns about the Paragon project and the free standing water that she feels is still present on site. Mr. Rossino replied that the project is complete and the raingarden had been regraded as well as the installation of a better drain and a better mix for infiltration. Ms. Miller stated that there is still water and an odor coming from the property. Mr. Rossino will send out someone to inspect the property following consecutive dry days to ensure that it is drying out.

TREASURER’S REPORT –

A motion was made by Mr. Nice and seconded by Mr. Fazio 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. 17-19-06 dated June 19, 2017 in the amount of \$283,085.54. The motion carried unanimously.

PAYROLL

A motion was made by Mr. Nice and seconded by Mr. Kratz for the Treasurer to be authorized to pay all employees during the current pay period June 19, 2017 through July 16,

2017 according to the hours worked as listed on the Payroll Journal. The motion carried unanimously.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

None

APPOINTMENT

A motion was made by Chairman Godshall to appoint Nancy Shelly to the Franconia Township Planning Commission. It was seconded by Mr. Fazio and all were in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Franconia Township Planning Commission will hold a Regular Meeting on Monday, July 3rd, 2017 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 at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 17, 2017 at the Franconia Township Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Telford, Pennsylvania 18969. The Board of Supervisors Work Session will be held on July 17, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. at the same location.

Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made by Mr. Kratz and seconded by Mr. Fazio to adjourn the meeting at 8:25p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth T. Gooch

Planning and Zoning Coordinator