

Chairman Grey Godshall called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order on Monday, May 15th, 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 Eric Wert, Esquire, and interested residents of Franconia Township.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Chairman Godshall opened the meeting to the public.

Mr. Gerald Thiel, 811 Allentown Road, stated that is has been two years since the police layoffs and he is again requesting “Support Our Police” signs. Chairman Godshall requested that Manager Hammer arrange for the signs to be available for purchase at the Township office and to include this information in the next newsletter. Mr. Jerry Gretzki from the Telford Fire Company was present to ask the board to consider ACT 172 and allow for tax credits for active volunteers. Mr. Hammer explained that some municipalities have enacted Ordinances paying their volunteers. Mr. Godshall asked that is be added to next month’s work session for discussion.

Mr. Edward Tosten, 265 Kingsfield Drive, asked if the traffic congestion for the Souderton Area School District would be discussed tonight. Mr. Godshall replied that it was discussed at the work session. He summarized the land development process for the Halteman Road exit. It was approved to be used on a limited basis for 4 to 5 events. Mr. Hammer was directed to work with the school district to see if they wish to pursue new land development in order for that gate to be a continued open access. Mr. Tosten stated that the roadway is just too narrow, that with new homes proposed by the water tower, the traffic will only increase and it is currently unbearable. Mrs. Peggy Hoffner, 415 Moyer Road, asked the

Township to please notify all neighbors about proposed plans for the school should they be submitted. She reported that cars drive across her lawn and fly through the stop sign. She feels that the young drivers are driving way too fast and that opening the gate would create even more issues with congestion on Allentown Road. Chairman Godshall agreed that if the school district submits plans for land development for the gate that some sort of resident notification will be done.

Mr. Norman Hartzell, 921 Landis Road, asked if the Township knew if Lower Road would serve as the detour when Schoolhouse Road is closed. Mr. Paul Nice commented that there has not been any notification yet and the utilities are still being designed.

Mr. Michael Drake, 662 Halteman Road, asked the board what factors would be considered for approving the opening of the Halteman Road gate. Mr. Godshall responded that a traffic study would need to be completed. Mr. Drake informed the board that he feels the road is already too narrow without a shoulder, and the traffic does not obey the 35mph speed limit. Chairman Godshall explained that there have been meetings with representatives of the school district and that the safety of everyone is the first concern.

No other comments were made.

APPROVAL OF APRIL 17, 2017 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Kratz made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 17, 2017. Supervisor Fazio seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Solicitor's Report – Eric Wert, Esquire

None

POLICE REPORT- CHIEF JOSEPH S. KOZENIEWSKI

Chief Kozeniewski submitted his report. He announced that in the lobby of the Maplewood Estates at Peter Becker, on April 29th, the “Take Back Day” event collected 42 lbs. of unused prescription drugs. Countywide over 1000 lbs. had been collected. He also reported that within the township 2 lives were lost to heroin overdoses while 2 were saved by officers using Narcan.

HIGHWAY REPORT-PAUL R. NICE

Mr. Paul Nice submitted his report and stated that his crew is conducting normal activities for the active growing season.

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

Mr. Rossino was not present and submitted his report earlier in the week.

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. 17-15-05 dated May 15, 2017 in the amount of \$536,616.56. Supervisor Nice reported that the second TAN payment of \$250,000 was made this month and the Township is ahead of schedule. 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 May 15, 2017 through June 18, 2017 according to the hours worked as listed on the Payroll Journal. The motion carried unanimously.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

Resolution 17-07-15-05 – A Resolution to grant Conditional Final Approval for Phase II of Lincoln Woods. Supervisor Nice made the motion for approval it seconded by Mr. Kratz and all were in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Franconia Township Planning Commission will hold a Regular Meeting on Monday, June 5th, 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, June 19, 2017 at the Franconia Township Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Telford, Pennsylvania 18969. The Board of Supervisors Work Session will be held on June 19, 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 7:35 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth T. Gooch

Planning and Zoning Coordinator