

Vice Chairman David B. Fazio called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order on Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Telford, Pennsylvania 18969.

Present were Vice Chairman David B. Fazio, Supervisor Robert Nice, Supervisor Curtis Kratz and Supervisor Dr. Charles Amuso. Also, in attendance were Township Manager Jon Hammer, Township Solicitor Frank Bartle, Esquire, Township Engineer Douglass C. Rossino, P.E., Chief of Police Michael Martin and interested residents of Franconia Township.

**OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC**

Vice Chairman Fazio opened the meeting to the public. There were no comments from the public.

**APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2019 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Supervisor Amuso made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Regular Meeting. Supervisor Nice seconded the motion. The motion passed, 4-0.

**APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2019 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Supervisor Kratz made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Regular Meeting. Supervisor Amuso seconded the motion. The motion passed, 4-0.

**INDIAN VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Mr. Alex Grande was present on behalf of the Indian Valley Public Library to thank the Township for its support both financially and physically. He reported that in 2018 a quarter of a million people went through the library, and the return on investment is approximately \$5.50 on the dollar. Ms. Margie Stern congratulated the Township on the success of the Fall Fest and added that the library would like to be involved next year.

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT – FRANK BARTLE, ESQUIRE**

Mr. Bartle opened the public hearing for Ordinance 409-19, court reporter Anita Huber was present. Mr. Bartle admitted the exhibits. Mr. Rossino summarized that the intent of the Ordinance was for added clarification to the Natural Resource Protection Ordinance, to update the Sign Ordinance, clarification to the RR district as well as to the parking requirements. A lighting ordinance has also been created. There were no questions or comments from the Board. Mr. Bartle opened the hearing for public comment and Mr. Richard Kapusta, 935 Landis Road, presented a number of questions and concerns. Mr. Bartle recommended that the hearing be continued on the record until January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020, at 7pm. The zoning committee will meet to address the concerns.

Mr. Bartle asked for a motion to adopt Resolution 19-22-16-12, a Resolution requiring employee contributions of 5% of all wages to the Police Pension Plan for 2020. Supervisor Amuso motioned for approval. Supervisor Nice seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

Resolution 19-23-16-12 a Resolution setting the Real Estate Tax Rate for the 2020 general fund budget, setting the Fire Service Tax, setting the Library Tax assessing various properties for fire hydrants and assessing properties for streetlights. Supervisor Nice made the motion for approval that was seconded by Supervisor Kratz. Motion passed.

Resolution 19-24-16-12 a Resolution for the approval of the 2020 budget documents. Supervisor Nice motioned for approval. Supervisor Amuso seconded the motion, it passed unanimously.

Mr. Bartle asked for a motion to approve the Bee Bergvall & Company, audit engagement for 2019, 2020 and 2021. Supervisor Nice made such motion. It was seconded by Supervisor Amuso and all voted in favor, 4-0.

**POLICE REPORT- CHIEF MICHAEL MARTIN**

Chief Martin submitted his report and added that Saturday was the annual breakfast with Santa. Over 350 people were in attendance and the money raised will be used for the shop with a cop program. This year 15 families will be participating at the Harleysville Wal Mart this Saturday. Chief also stated that for the first time the department will have an intern. He will be with Franconia for one month and has completed the citizens program.

**HIGHWAY REPORT-PAUL R. NICE**

Mr. Nice submitted his report.

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

Mr. Rossino submitted his report and provided a few developmental updates, including Lincoln Woods and the Pizza Box.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

A motion was made by Supervisor Nice and seconded by Supervisor 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. 19-16-12 dated December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 in the amount of \$281,996.02 and for the Treasurer to be authorized to pay all 2019 Year-end bills from the respective funds to be presented on Voucher No. 19-31-12 dated December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019. Supervisor Nice reported that the voucher included a check for \$67,500 to the Library and approximately \$60,000 to the various fire companies. The motion carried unanimously.

**PAYROLL**

A motion was made by Supervisor Nice and seconded by Supervisor Kratz for the Treasurer to be authorized to pay all employees during the pay period of December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 through December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019 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 Franconia Township Planning Commission will hold its regular meeting on Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Franconia Township Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Telford, Pennsylvania 18969.

The annual organizational Board of Supervisors meeting will be held Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 5:00 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, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at the same location.

Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made by Supervisor Kratz and seconded by Supervisor Amuso to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth T. Gooch

Director of Planning and Zoning