

Vice Chairman David B. Fazio called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order on Monday, December 18, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Telford, Pennsylvania 18969.

Present were Vice Chairman David B. Fazio, Supervisor Robert Nice, Supervisor Charles Amuso and Supervisor Jill Halteman. Also, in attendance were Township Manager Jon A. Hammer, Township Solicitor Eric Wert, Esquire, Township Engineer Douglas C. Rossino P.E, and interested residents of Franconia Township. Chairman Grey Godshall was absent.

Open meeting to the Public

Vice Chairman Fazio opened the meeting to the public. No comment was made.

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 20, 2023 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Supervisor Amuso motioned for the approval of the minutes from the November 20, 2023, meeting. It was seconded by Supervisor Nice, and all voted in favor, 4-0.

SOLICITOR 'S REPORT – ERIC WERT, ESQUIRE

Resolution 23-08-18-12 A resolution for the approval of the 2024 Budget Documents. Mr. Hammer reported that there is no change to the real estate millage for 2024. The budget does eliminate the light and hydrant tax. Supervisor Nice made the motion for approval. It was seconded by Supervisor Fazio, and all voted in favor, 4-0.

Resolution 23-09-18-12 A resolution requiring employee contribution of 5% of all wages to the Police Pension Plan for 2024. The is a housekeeping item and is currently in the bargaining agreement. The resolution is for the purpose of the auditors. Supervisor Amuso motioned for approval, it was seconded by Supervisor Fazio. The motion carried.

Resolution 23-10-18-12 A resolution setting the Real Estate Tax Rate for the 2024 General Fund Budget, setting the Fire Service Tax, and setting the Library Tax. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Fazio. It was seconded by Supervisor Amuso, and all voted in favor.

POLICE REPORT- CHIEF MICHAEL MARTIN

Chief Martin submitted the statistical report prior to the meeting. He reported that the department has been busy with the holiday season. They participated in the Souderton Christmas Parade, and a Food Drive that was a countywide initiative. He added that tomorrow the department is hosting a medical marijuana training and Saturday is the annual shop with a cop for about 17 families.

HIGHWAY REPORT-ANTHONY FRYDLEWICZ

Mr. Frydlewicz submitted his report prior to the meeting. He took a moment to share that with the passing of Mike Kerver we lost a great employee and Township resident. The department has spent November getting ready for the plow season and winterizing seasonal equipment.

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

Mr. Rossino submitted his report prior to the meeting. He noted that Lincoln Woods had completed all of the site items in June except for the landscaping. Now the landscaping has all been completed or replaced as needed and will go into the 18 month maintenance period for the landscaping. Godshall Pond is complete, and it is time to close out the permit with the state.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Supervisor Nice and seconded by Supervisor 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. 23-18-12 dated December 18, 2023, in the amount of \$376,139.13. Mr. Nice reported that there are checks totaling about \$141,000 for the fire companies and a check for \$62,000 for the library. The motion passed, 4-0.

PAYROLL

A motion was made by Supervisor Nice and seconded by Supervisor Amuso for the Treasurer to be authorized to pay all employees during the pay period of December 18, 2023, through December 31, 2023, according to the hours worked as listed on the Payroll Journal for the aforesaid period. The motion carried unanimously.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

Resolution 23-11-18-12 A resolution granting conditional preliminary/final approval for the “Penshyre Place” subdivision and land development on the property located on Cherry Lane, Souderton, Pennsylvania. Supervisor Fazio made the motion for approval. It was seconded by Supervisor Nice, and the motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Franconia Township Planning Commission will hold its next Regular meeting on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Franconia Township Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Telford, Pennsylvania 18969.

The annual Organizational Meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 2nd, 2024 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 15, 2024, at 6 p.m. at the same location.

Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made by Supervisor Halteman and seconded by Supervisor Nice to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

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Respectfully submitted,

Beth T. Gooch
Director of Administration and
Community Development