

Chairman Grey Godshall called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order on Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:07 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Telford, Pennsylvania 18969.

Present were Vice Chairman David Fazio, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chairman Robert H. Nice, Supervisor Curtis Kratz and Supervisor Dr. Charles Amuso. Also in attendance were Township Manager Jon A. Hammer, Sergeant Detective George Moyer, Township Solicitor Frank Bartle, Esquire, Township Engineer Douglas C. Rossino and interested residents of Franconia Township.

Chairman Godshall took a moment to recognize the passing Mr. Gerald Thiel, a long time serving resident.

#### **OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC**

Chairman Godshall opened the meeting to the public.

Mr. James Westover, 317 Pleasant Valley Drive, was present to discuss concerns of the water running through an easement on his property. He stated that since the paving of Route 113 the water is actually eroding the channel. He questioned if it could be a possible clogged inlet. Mr. Westover asked the Board for direction on what to do. Mr. Godshall requested that Mr. Paul Nice visit the site and evaluate the conditions.

Ms. Marilyn Derstine, 117 Crescent Lane, informed the Board that she had been a resident of Souderton Borough most of her life and is surprised that the money spent by the Township is not offered as a public handout. Chairman Godshall stated that the budget information is on the website. Ms. Derstine questioned if it included the monthly expenditures. Manager Hammer replied that any monthly expenditures that include a large amount are discussed at the public meetings. Mr. Godshall asked Manager Hammer to look into what Souderton Borough provides to its residents. He also updated Ms. Derstine about the concerns she raised last month regarding bamboo. The Township is looking into ways to educate the residents of the danger that the plant can cause.

#### **APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 16, 2017 MEETING MINUTES**

Supervisor Amuso made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 16, 2017 Board of Supervisors Regular meeting, Supervisor Fazio seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Manager Hammer announced that the representatives from JBS were unable to attend this evening to present the Police Benevolent check and it would be rescheduled.

#### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT – FRANK BARTLE, ESQUIRE**

Mr. Bartle requested a motion to approve Resolution 17-14-20-11. A Resolution approving the issuance by the Franconia Township Industrial Development Authority of its tax-exempt bond for a facility located in Upper Frederick Township,

Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, and authorizing the taking of all such acts not inconsistent with the proposed resolution. Mr. Bartle explained that the Resolution is municipal approval of action of the IDA to refinance a project outside of the Township as required. Supervisor Amuso made a motion for approval that was seconded by Supervisor Fazio. All voted in favor 5-0.

Resolution 17-15-20-11 A Resolution exercising municipal option to prohibit category 4 casinos within Franconia Township. Mr. Bartle stated that pursuant to state law municipalities have a right to take this action by the end of 2017. Supervisor Fazio requested a clarification for category 4 Casinos. Mr. Bartle responded that it includes the biggest and largest of the groups. Mr. Fazio made a motion for approval. Mr. Nice seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. 5-0

Resolution 17-16-20-11 a Resolution authorizing Franconia Township to commit funds for an agricultural conservation easement on property located on Godshall Road in Franconia Township. Mr. Bartle announced that Chairman Godshall has completed the appropriate form to abstain from the vote due to conflicting interest that will be attached to the minutes. A motion was made by Supervisor Kratz to approve the resolution. It was seconded by Supervisor Amuso and the motion passed 4-0.

#### **POLICE REPORT- SERGEANT DETECTIVE GEORGE MOYER**

Det. George Moyer submitted the monthly police report and added that there had been several big incidents during October. There was a bomb threat at the Police Department and Township building that turned out to not be actual explosives, but practice materials. Another incident was the ammonia leak at JBS, that also ended on good conditions. There was an arrest made in the thefts at Clayton Landis' where welding wiring totaling over \$5000 had been stolen.

#### **HIGHWAY REPORT-PAUL R. NICE**

Mr. Paul Nice submitted his report and stated that department was preparing for snow and getting the markers in place in the Township.

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

Mr. Rossino submitted his report and provided an update on a few projects including that the Freed sewer lateral extension had been installed and the JBS chiller pump utility building is complete.

#### **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. 17-20-11 dated November 20, 2017 in the amount of \$312,094.25. 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 November 20, 2017 through December 17, 2017 according to the hours worked as listed on the Payroll Journal. The motion carried unanimously.

## **SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT**

Resolution 17-17-20-11 A resolution granting conditional preliminary/final approval to the 436 Smokepipe Road Subdivision (#07-17) Supervisor Nice made the motion for approval. It was seconded by Supervisor Fazio and all voted in favor.

Resolution 17-18-20-11 A resolution granting conditional preliminary/final approval to the All Holding Co. LLC minor subdivision/lot line adjustment (#08-17) The motion was made by Supervisor Fazio and seconded by Dr. Amuso. It carried unanimously.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Franconia Township Planning Commission will hold a Regular Meeting on Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 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, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the Franconia Township Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Telford, Pennsylvania 18969. The Board of Supervisors Work Session will be held on December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. at the same location.

Solicitor Bartle announced that prior to the start of the Board meeting there was an Executive Session that began around 6:15 to discuss two matters of personnel and one of potential litigation. The Board of Supervisors will go back into executive session following the adjournment of the meeting.

## **Motion to Adjourn**

A motion was made by Mr. Fazio and seconded by Mr. Kratz to adjourn the meeting at 7:28p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth T. Gooch  
Director of Planning and Zoning