

FRANCONIA TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MINUTES

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Chairman Grey Godshall called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order on Monday, October 16th, 2017 at 7:06 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Telford, Pennsylvania 18969.

Present were 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.

Ms. Marilyn Derstine, 117 Crescent Lane, raised concerns about the invasive bamboo plant. She described various locations throughout the Township where she has noticed the plant. Chairman Godshall replied that it is a concern that he is aware of and has had to deal with in the past. Ms. Derstine suggested that Franconia take a look at some neighboring municipal ordinances that have been written to help control its growth. She requested that the Township at least consider informing the residents of its potential danger. She also questioned any information the township had regarding the Spotted Lantern Fly. Manager Hammer informed her that there is literature in the Township Building, postings at the parks, and information available on the website. Mr. Godshall requested that Mr. Hammer contact Hilltown Township and look into their efforts to control the bamboo within their township.

Ms. Sue Kingsberry, 263 Harleysville Pike, requested a Township update about her neighbor's property. Mr. Koffel stated that he had been in contact with Mr. Winters just last week and the property will continue to be cleaned up and numerous plants will be moved indoors due to the upcoming cold weather.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2017 MEETING MINUTES

Supervisor Amuso made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 18, 2017 Board of Supervisors Regular meeting, Supervisor Fazio seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Solicitor's Report – Frank Bartle, Esquire

Mr. Bartle requested a motion to approve Resolution 17-12-16-10. A Resolution specifying the distribution of the pension allocation from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania pursuant to the Municipal Pension Plan Funding Standard and Recovery Act (ACT 205 of 1984). Mr. Bartle reported that \$73,412.05 be allocated to the Non-Uniformed Pension Plan and \$82,588.56 be allocated to the Police Pension Plan. Supervisor Nice made the motion and it was seconded by Supervisor Fazio. All voted in favor.

POLICE REPORT- CHIEF JOSEPH KOZENIEWSKI

Chief Kozeniewski submitted both the August and September reports and stated that the annual take drug take back day will be held on Saturday October 28th at the Maplewood Estates of Peter Becker. He also reported a hazardous issue at JB Packard over the weekend. Fortunately, all fumes were contained within the room and it was eventually ventilated and cleaned up. The process was wrapped up this morning.

HIGHWAY REPORT-PAUL R. NICE

Mr. Paul Nice submitted his report and stated that the paving projects for the year have been completed. He stated that Jeff Moyer had been moved to a Rehab facility and is continuing towards recovery.

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

Mr. Rossino submitted his report and provided an update on a few projects and construction security releases.

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. 17-16-10 dated October 16, 2017 in the amount of \$552,119.44. Mr. Nice detailed expenses for the month including money to pay

the pension, the fire companies, paving projects, and a new Township purchased truck. The motion carried unanimously.

PAYROLL

A motion was made by Mr. Nice and seconded by Mr. Fazio for the Treasurer to be authorized to pay all employees during the current pay period September 19, 2017 through October 16, 2017 according to the hours worked as listed on the Payroll Journal. The motion carried unanimously.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Franconia Township Planning Commission will hold a Regular Meeting on Monday, November 6th, 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, November 20th, 2017 at the Franconia Township Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Telford, Pennsylvania 18969. The Board of Supervisors Work Sessions will be held on November 20th, 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 7:23p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth T. Gooch

Director of Planning and Zoning