

FRANCONIA TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Chairman Steven P. Barndt called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Franconia Township to order on Monday, September 17, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Franconia, Pennsylvania 18924.

Present were 1st Vice-chairman Grey Godshall, 2nd Vice-chairman W. Keith Freed, Supervisors Drew Darrah and Curtis N. Kratz; Township Manager Kevin D. Bayer; Chief Joseph Kozeniewski; Township Solicitor Joseph C. Kuhls, Esquire; Assistant Township Manager Jamie P. Worman; Township Engineer Barry Wert, P.E.; Public Works Director Paul Nice; Building and Code Inspectors Roger M. Koffel and Jerry Rittenhouse and interested residents of Franconia Township.

OPENING MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Gerald Thiel of 537 Schoolhouse Road asked if the Board would support the Franconia Township Sewer Authority in contacting Senator Greenleaf and Representative Godshall to make application for a \$200,000 grant for safer drinking water.

Mr. Warren Landis of 668 Lower Road inquired if the Public Works department would be painting the white lines on Lower Road. Mr. Nice reported that the painting is scheduled to be done. Mr. Landis commended the Public Works Department for the work done on the roads/streets in Franconia.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 2007 MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Kratz and seconded by Mr. Freed to approve the August 20, 2007 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – JOSEPH C. KUHL, ESQUIRE

A motion was made by Mr. Darrah and seconded by Mr. Freed to adopt Ordinance 349, an ordinance authorizing the Incurrence of Non-Electoral Debt by the Township to the Issuance of the General Obligation Note from the Delaware Valley Regional Finance Authority for

Open Space Funding and the Redemption of the 2002 Note in the amount of \$8,500,000. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Freed and seconded by Mr. Darrah to adopt Ordinance 350, an ordinance amending and restating the Non-Uniform Pension Ordinance. The motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Mr. Darrah and seconded by Mr. Kratz to adopt Ordinance 351, an ordinance amending Article I, Section 23-6.A for the Franconia Police Pension Fund.

A motion was made by Mr. Freed and seconded by Mr. Kratz to adopt Resolution 07-27-17-09 – A Resolution acknowledging the receipt of 2008 Minimum Municipal Obligation Worksheets from the Township Manager as prepared by Redmond Consulting Ltd. for inclusion of said Obligations for the Non-Uniform Employees Pension Plan and Police Pension Plan in the 2008 Calendar Year Budget. The motion carried unanimously.

POLICE REPORT – CHIEF JOSEPH KOZENIEWSKI

Chief Kozeniewski submitted the Police report for August 2007. Chief Kozeniewski also reported that three perpetrators were arrested in Chester County in connection with several car break-ins in the Township; all items that had been stolen were recovered.

ZONING REPORT – KEVIN D. BAVER

Mr. Baver submitted his report for August 2007.

HIGHWAY REPORT – PAUL NICE, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Paul Nice submitted the report for August 2007.

ENGINEERING REPORT – BARRY L. WERT, P.E.

Mr. Wert reported that there are no exceptions to the items listed on the agenda under Subdivision and Land Development.

TREASURER'S REPORT – KEVIN D. BAVER

A motion was made by Mr. Darrah and seconded by Mr. Godshall 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. 07-17-09 dated September 17, 2007 in the amount of \$394,555.82. The motion carried unanimously.

PAYROLL

A motion was made by Mr. Darrah and seconded by Mr. Kratz for the Treasurer to be authorized to pay all employees during the pay period of September 17, 2007 through October 12, 2007 according to the hours worked as listed on the Payroll Journal for the aforesaid period. The motion carried unanimously.

LAND DEVELOPMENT

1. A motion was made by Mr. Freed and seconded by Mr. Kratz to grant approval of the Belmont Estates Phase II Final Record Plan Amendment. The motion carried unanimously.
2. A motion was made by Mr. Freed and seconded by Mr. Godshall to approve the Component 1 Sewage Facilities Planning Module for the Reinford Subdivision. The motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A motion was made by Mr. Barndt and seconded by Mr. Darrah to adopt Resolution 07-28-17-09, a resolution Recognizing "Fire Prevention Week" as October 7-13, 2007. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Barndt and seconded by Mr. Kratz to appoint Mr. Ronald Offner to the Franconia Sewer Authority with a term to expire December 31, 2010. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Barndt and seconded by Mr. Kratz to authorize Supervisor Steven P. Barndt, Supervisor Drew Darrah, Supervisor Curtis N. Kratz, Township Manager Kevin D. Baver, FSA Executive Director George E. Witmayer and Assistant Township Manager Jamie P. Worman to attend the meeting of the Montgomery County Association of Township Officials to be hosted by East Norriton Township on Friday, September 28, 2007. The motion carried unanimously.

The Franconia Township Planning Commission will hold Regular Meetings on Monday, October 1, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Franconia Township Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Franconia, Pennsylvania 18924.

The next Regular Board of Supervisors meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 15, 2007 at the Franconia Township Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Franconia, Pennsylvania 18924. The Board of Supervisors Work Sessions will be held on Friday, October 5, 2007 at 7:00 a.m. and Monday, October 15, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. at the same location.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was made by Mr. Godshall and seconded by Mr. Kratz to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin D. Baver, Secretary