

FRANCONIA TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MINUTES

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Chairman Grey Godshall called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order on Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 7:10 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Telford, Pennsylvania 18969.

Present were Chairman Grey Godshall, Vice Chairman David Fazio, Supervisor Robert Nice, Supervisor Curtis N. Kratz, and Supervisor Steven P. Barndt. Also in attendance were Township Manager Jon Hammer, Chief of Police Joseph Kozeniewski, Township Solicitor Eric Wert, Esquire, Township Engineer Douglas Rossino P.E, and interested residents of Franconia Township.

**OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC**

Chairman Godshall opened the meeting to the public. Mr. Jerry Thiel, 811 Allentown Road, requested a date for the next public finance meeting. Mr. Hammer announced that it would be held next Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Township Municipal building. Mr. Thiel then asked if the “Friends of Franconia” would be permitted to set up tables with information at park and recreation events. It was recommended to contact the park and recreation committee at the time of their events to arrange for a table. Mr. Thiel also asked about the status of the request for videotaping the board of supervisors meetings. Chairman Godshall stated that they would not be recording the meetings at this time. Mr. Thiel then commended the board for voting during the work session to move forward with the ACT 537 Plan.

Mr. Braccio, 403 Morwood Road, asked what the concerns for videotaping were. Mr. Fazio reported that the cost would be significant. Chairman Godshall stated that his concerns were in regards to data retention and the cost.

Ms. Tara Gray questioned if the board approached the audio visual from the high school district to tape the meetings. Mr. Fazio replied that they were not interested or were unable.

### **Approval of August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

Supervisor Fazio made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 regular meeting. Supervisor Barndt seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### **Solicitor's Report – Eric Wert, Esquire**

- a) Motion to approve Resolution 16-29-19-09 A resolution revising application fees, permit fees, escrow requirements and fees, park and recreation fees, and purchase fees.

Chairman Godshall explained that this was an update to the current fee schedule. Manager Hammer referenced the electrical permit section of the resolution. He explained that this was the only portion of the resolution that was being amended. Supervisor Fazio motioned, it was seconded by Supervisor Kratz. All were in favor 5-0

Ms. Bonnie Miller, 354 High Street, asked for a recap from the previous month's meeting regarding the Philadelphia tax resolution. Mr. Wert explained the purpose of the resolution and the support of the board to change the state law, but that it will not have a tax effect.

### **Police Report- Chief Joseph S. Kozeniewski**

Chief Kozeniewski submitted his monthly report, and discussed the incident at Bartlett Court. He reported that neighbors were evacuated for safety reasons and no one was injured. The Montgomery county SWAT was of great help.

### **HIGHWAY REPORT- PAUL NICE**

Mr. Nice submitted his report and informed the board that all of the paving projects are complete using liquid fuels money for the year. His crew will be performing general maintenance until winter.

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

Mr. Rossino submitted the report and provided a summary of the current projects throughout the township. His report reflected numerous new residential grading permits and building permits that were issued. Mr. Rossino addressed questions from residents and gave an

update on the Paragon project and informed those present that the WB development by the water tower is currently under design.

**TREASURER'S REPORT –**

Supervisor Nice made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented, it was seconded by Mr. Fazio, and to provide authorization for the Treasurer to pay all bills for the respective funds as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**PAYROLL**

A motion was made by Mr. Nice and seconded by Supervisor Fazio for the Treasurer to be authorized to pay all employees during the current pay period September 20, 2016 through October 17, 2016 according to the hours worked as listed on the Payroll Journal. The motion carried unanimously.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Franconia Township Planning Commission will hold a Regular Meeting on Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 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, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the Franconia Township Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Telford, Pennsylvania 18969. The Board of Supervisors Work Session will be held on Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 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 7:35 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth T. Gooch

Planning and Zoning Coordinator