

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, August 20, 2012 at 7:08 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 and Supervisors Curtis N. Kratz and Drew Darrah; Township Manager Kevin D. Bayer; Assistant Township Manager, Jamie P. Worman; Chief Joseph Kozeniewski; Township Solicitor Eric C. Frey, Esquire; Township Engineer Barry Wert, P.E.; Building and Code Inspector Jerry Rittenhouse and interested residents of Franconia Township. Public Works Director Paul R. Nice was absent (excused).

OPENING MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Gerald Thiel of 808 Allentown Road commended the Franconia Township Police Department and Board of Supervisors on the success of National Night Out.

Mr. Thiel also inquired about the status of the Earlington sewer issue. Mr. Bayer responded that list of affected property owners is being prepared for presentation to the Board of Supervisors.

APPROVAL OF JULY 2012 MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Kratz and seconded by Mr. Godshall to approve the July 16, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – ERIC C. FREY, ESQUIRE

A motion was made by Mr. Barndt and seconded by Mr. Godshall to approve Resolution 12-12-20-08: A Resolution acknowledging the Receipt of 2013 Minimum Municipal Obligation Worksheets from the Township Manager as Prepared by Redmond Consulting, Ltd for Inclusion of Said Obligations for the Non-Uniformed Employees Pension Plan and Police Pension Plan in the 2013 Calendar Year Budget. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Godshall and seconded by Mr. Freed to approve Resolution 12-13-20-08: A Resolution Accepting the Dedication of the Harleysville Pike (SR 0113) Right-Of-Way located in the Township of Franconia and offered by Dedication through the Shaughnessy Lot Line Adjustment Plan May 29, 2012. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Kratz and seconded by Mr. Godshall to Authorize Disbursement of \$44,998.66 to Certified Abstract Company toward Settlement of the Leon & Ruth Detwiler Farm located on Creamery Road. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Godshall and seconded by Mr. Kratz to approve Resolution 12-14-20-08: A Resolution Commitment of Funds for an Agricultural Conservation Easement on a Township Farm up to the amount of \$99,750.00 to purchase the Landis farm located on Morwood Road. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Godshall and seconded by Mr. Kratz to approve Resolution 12-15-20-08: A Resolution Commitment of Funds for an Agricultural Conservation Easement on a Township Farm up to the amount of \$30,679.00 to purchase the Yoder farm located on Mill Road. The motion carried unanimously.

POLICE REPORT – JOSEPH KOZENIEWSKI

Chief Kozeniewski submitted the Police report for July 2012.

ZONING REPORT – KEVIN D. BAVER

Mr. Baver submitted his report for July 2012.

HIGHWAY REPORT – KEVIN D. BAVER

Mr. Baver submitted the Highway report for July 2012.

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

Mr. Wert submitted his report for July 2012.

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. 12-20-08 dated August 20, 2012 in the amount of \$282,507.28. 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 August 18, 2012 through September 14, 2012 according to the hours worked as listed on the Payroll Journal for the aforesaid period. The motion carried unanimously.

LAND DEVELOPMENT

No Action Items.

A motion was made by Mr. Barndt and seconded by Mr. Kratz to authorize the Township Manager and Traffic Engineer to prepare and advertise bids for a Traffic Signal at Elroy and Allentown Roads. Mr. Barndt, Mr. Freed, Mr. Kratz, and Mr. Darrah voted in favor of the preparation of bids for a traffic signal and Mr. Godshall voted no. The motion carried 4 -1.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Franconia Township Planning Commission will hold its Regular Meeting on Tuesday, September 4, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Franconia Township Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Franconia, Pennsylvania 18969.

The next Regular Board of Supervisors meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 17, 2012 at the Franconia Township Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Franconia, Pennsylvania 18969. The Board of Supervisors Work Sessions will be held on Friday, September 7, 2012 at 7:00 a.m. and Monday, September 17, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. at the same location.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was made by Mr. Godshall and seconded by Mr. Freed to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin D. Baver, Secretary