

Chairman Grey Godshall called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order on Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:00 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, Chief Joseph Kozeniewski, Township Solicitor Eric Wert, 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. No comment was heard.

#### **APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 20, 2017 MEETING MINUTES**

Supervisor Fazio made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 20, 2017 Board of Supervisors Regular meeting, Supervisor Nice seconded the motion. The motion passed.

#### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT – ERIC WERT, ESQUIRE**

Mr. Wert announced that the Board of Supervisors conducted an executive session after the Work Session to discuss litigation and personnel matters.

Mr. Wert requested a motion to approve Resolution 17-19-18-12. A Resolution requiring employee contributions of 5% of all wages to the Police Pension Plan for 2018. Supervisor Fazio made a motion for approval that was seconded by Supervisor Amuso. All voted in favor 5-0.

Resolution 17-20-18-12 A Resolution setting the real estate tax rate for the 2018 general fund budget, setting the fire service tax, setting the library tax. Assessing various properties for fire hydrants and assessing properties for street lights. Mr. Wert announced that the rates will remain the same from 2017. There will not be an increase in taxes for n 2018. Supervisor Nice made a motion for approval. Mr. Kratz seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. 5-0

Resolution 17-21-18-12 A Resolution authorizing the settlement and issuance of a \$500,000 tax anticipation note through Quakertown National Bank. Mr. Hammer explained that the tax anticipation note allows the Township to have the projected tax money available until the actual taxes are collected. A motion was made by Supervisor Fazio to approve the resolution. It was seconded by Supervisor Nice and the motion passed 5-0.

Resolution 17-22-18-12 A resolution for the approval of the 2018 budget documents. Supervisor Fazio made the motion and it was seconded by Supervisor Nice. It passed unanimously.

Ordinance 394 – Solicitor Wert opened the hearing for Ordinance 394 to amend Chapter 145 of the code as documented by court reporter Robert Harley. Mr. Wert entered the exhibits and announced that the hearing was advertised for today however because the Ordinance is amending the zoning code, 30 days need to pass for review. The hearing will be continued until the January 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting scheduled for 5pm.

Ordinance 395 – Mr. Wert explained that because this Ordinance is not related to zoning, no hearing is necessary. He read the legal notice aloud and summarized that the Township is giving the Franconia Sewer Authority the power to handle the Sewer Management Program. Hearing no questions, Supervisor Fazio made the motion to approve Ordinance 395. Supervisor Nice seconded the motion and all were in favor.

#### **POLICE REPORT- CHIEF JOSEPH KOZENIEWSKI**

Chief submitted the monthly police report and added that on November 11<sup>th</sup> Officer Tim Boyle did an outstanding job searching for two people that stole welding wires from Clayton Landis. Chief also reported that the shop with a cop, held last weekend, was a huge success. Due to an anonymous donor, they were able to serve 14 families this year.

Supervisor Amuso commented that he was able to stop by on Saturday and was inspired by the police officers working with the families in need. He commended Wal Mart and its employees that had been assigned to assist each family. Mr. Fazio asked if there was help for families in need of heating and oil. Chief responded that they do have a fund to assist the homeless or even a stranded traveler.

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

Mr. Paul Nice submitted his report and stated that department handled approximately nine inches of snow in the last three storms.

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

Mr. Rossino submitted his report and highlighted that the large developments are still under construction.

#### **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. 17-18-12 dated December 18, 2017 in the amount of \$678,017.79 and for the treasurer to be authorized to pay all 2017 year-end bills from the respective funds to be presented on Voucher No. 17-31-12 dated December 31, 2017. Mr. Nice reported that large sums

were paid to the pension for the police as well as the non-uniform employees, the fire and library tax. 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 December 17, 2017 through December 31, 2017 according to the hours worked as listed on the Payroll Journal. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT**

Resolution 17-23-18-12 A resolution granting conditional final approval for the Gouldey Welding & Fabrication Inc. Land Development Plan of the property located at 84 Allentown Road. Supervisor Kratz made the motion for approval. It was seconded by Supervisor Fazio and all voted in favor.

Chairman Godshall announced that Resolution 17-24-18-12 will be back before the board at a future meeting.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Annual Organizational Board of Superiors Meeting will be held Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 5pm 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, January 15, 2018 at the Franconia Township Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Telford, Pennsylvania 18969. The Board of Supervisors Work Session will be held on January 15, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. at the same location.

The Franconia Township Planning Commission will hold a Regular Meeting on Monday, January 8, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Franconia Township Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Telford, Pennsylvania 18969.

#### **Motion to Adjourn**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Beth T. Gooch  
Director of Planning and Zoning