

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, January 15, 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; Supervisor Curtis N. Kratz; Township Manager Kevin D. Baver; Chief of Police Joseph S. Kozeniewski; Township Solicitor, Joseph C. Kuhls; Public Works Director Paul R. Nice; Assistant Manager Jamie P. Worman; Township Engineer Barry Wert, P.E.; Building & Code Inspectors Roger M. Koffel and Jerry Rittenhouse and interested residents of Franconia Township. Supervisor Drew Darrah was absent/excused.

OPENING MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Gerald Theil, township resident, questioned Ordinance #345: Section 10, pg. 5; Section 3, page 4; Section 2.h, pg. 3; pg. 2, Section f, and Sec 2, pg. 2. Grinder Pumps do not directly affect Earlington. Without changing Act 537, regarding designs for the grinder pumps, they cannot be made mandatory in Earlington for those who do not want them.

No other items of interest were posed to the Board.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER, 2006 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

1. A motion was made by Mr. Godshall and seconded by Mr. Freed to approve the December 11, 2006 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – JOSEPH C. KUHL, ESQUIRE

- a. Attorney Kuhls opened a hearing to the public for Ordinance #345 @ 7:12 PM. Hearing no comments from those present, a motion was made by Mr. Barndt and seconded by Mr. Kratz to close the hearing @ 7:13 PM. A motion was made by Mr. Godshall and seconded by Mr. Kratz to approve Ordinance 345 - An Ordinance Regulating Individual Sanitary Sewer Grinder Pumps for Franconia Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. The motion carried.
- b. A motion was made by Mr. Godshall and seconded by Mr. Kratz to approve Resolution 07-01-15-01 Appointing Bergey Yoder & Associates, P.C., Certified Public Accountants, Dennis Bergey, to perform an audit of all Township funds for the calendar year 2006 in lieu of elected auditors. The motion carried.
- c. A motion was made by Mr. Kratz and seconded by Mr. Barndt to approve the following resolutions collectively:

1. Resolution 07-02-15-01 Authorizing Berkheimer Associates of Bangor, Pennsylvania to Levy, Assess and Collect Certain Local Taxes on Taxpayers for General Revenue Producing Measures as Authorized by Act 511 of the 1965 General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
2. Resolution 07-03-15-01 Authorizing Berkheimer Associates of Bangor, Pennsylvania to Collect the Open Space Tax Imposed on Earned Income as Authorized by Act 153 of the 1996 General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
3. Resolution 07-04-15-01 Authorizing Berkheimer Associates of Bangor, Pennsylvania to Collect the Emergency and Municipal Services Tax as Authorized by “The Local Tax Enabling Act” of December 31, 1965 and Its Amendments, 53 PS 6902 Enacted December 1, 2004 by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The motion carried.

- d. A motion was made by Mr. Barndt and seconded by Mr. Freed to approve Resolution 07-05-15-01 Authorizing the Expenditures of Liquid Fuels Funds for 2007 Resurfacing and Equipment Projects. The motion carried.
- e. A motion was made by Mr. Barndt and seconded by Mr. Godshall to approve Resolution 07-06-15-01 Requesting Permission to Participate in the Pennsylvania Capital City Automotive and Equipment Contract. The motion carried.

POLICE REPORT – JOSEPH S. KOZENIEWSKI

Chief Kozeniewski submitted his report for December 2006, noting an addendum. Also, the Chief mentioned the incident taking place at Moyer’s on December 15th, and the professional handling of same by nearly 30 officers.

ZONING REPORT – KEVIN D. BAVER

Mr. Baver submitted his report for December 2006, noting only one new housing permit.

HIGHWAY REPORT – PAUL NICE

Mr. Paul Nice submitted his report for December 2006.

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

Mr. Wert reported that there were no items of interest this month.

TREASURER’S REPORT – KEVIN D. BAVER

A motion was made by Mr. Godshall and seconded by Mr. Kratz 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. 07-15-01 dated January 15, 2007 in the amount of \$178,704.41. The motion carried.

PAYROLL

A motion was made by Mr. Godshall and seconded by Mr. Freed for the Treasurer to be authorized to pay all employees during the pay period of January 1, 2007 through February 16, 2007 according to the hours worked as listed on the Payroll Journal for the aforesaid period. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/MOTIONS

1. A motion was made by Mr. Kratz and seconded by Mr. Freed to Hire Abram N. Kratz as a Part-time Public Work Employee effective January 8, 2007.
2. The Board of Supervisors and the following Boards, Committee and Authorities will meet during the year 2007 as follows unless advertised otherwise:
 - a) *The Board of Supervisors of Franconia Township shall meet on the third Monday of each month, except December of 2007, when the Board of Supervisors shall meet on the second Monday and February of 2007 when the Board of Supervisors shall meet on the third Tuesday. All Board of Supervisors Meetings shall start at 7:00 p.m., unless advertised differently.*
 - b) *Planning Commission – First Monday of each month, except in July of 2007 when the meeting shall be held on the second Monday and September of 2007 when the meeting shall be held on the first Wednesday at 7:00 p.m., unless advertised differently.*
 - c) *Sewer Authority – First Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m., except in July, August, September and November of 2007 when the meeting shall be held on the second Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. unless advertised differently.*
 - d) *Zoning Hearing Board – As needed on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m., unless advertised differently.*
 - e) *Park and Recreation Board – Fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m., unless advertised differently.*
3. The Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors Annual State Convention will be held from Sunday, April 22, 2007 to Wednesday, April 25, 2007 at the Hershey Lodge and convention Center, Hershey, Pennsylvania. The Secretary must provide a certificate with registration forms that delegates have been authorized to attend by the Board of Supervisors and must provide the name of the Voting Delegate. A motion was made by Mr. Barndt and seconded by Mr. Kratz to appoint Kevin D. Bayer, Secretary, as Voting Delegate for the 2007 Convention.

The Franconia Township Planning Commission will hold the next Regular Meeting on Monday, February 5, 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 Tuesday, February 20, 2007 at the Franconia Township Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Franconia, Pennsylvania 18924. The Board of Supervisors Work Session(s) will be held on Friday, February 9, 2007 at 7:00 a.m. and Tuesday, February 20, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. and at the same location.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin D. Baver, Secretary