

FRANCONIA TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MINUTES  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Chairman Grey Godshall called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order on Monday, January 21, 2019 at 7:02 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Telford, Pennsylvania 18969.

Present were Chairman Grey Godshall, Vice Chairman David B. 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 Michael Martin, Township Solicitor Frank Bartle, Esquire, Township Engineer Douglass C. Rossino, P.E., and interested residents of Franconia Township.

**OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC**

Chairman Godshall opened the meeting to the public. No comments were heard.

**APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 17, 2018 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Supervisor Kratz made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Regular Meeting. Supervisor Fazio seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF JANUARY 7, 2019 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES**

Supervisor Fazio made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Organizational Meeting. Supervisor Amuso seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENTS**

A motion was made by Supervisor Fazio and seconded by Supervisor Kratz to appoint the Keith Kneipp to the Planning Commission to a four-year term to expire on December 31, 2022. The motion carried

A motion was made by Supervisor Kratz and seconded by Supervisor Fazio to appoint Robert J. Davies and Mark D. Leer to the Industrial Development Authority each to a five-year term to expire on December 31, 2023. The motion passed unanimously.

**SOLICITOR 'S REPORT – FRANK BARTLE., ESQUIRE**

Mr. Bartle requested a motion to approve Ordinance 401-19, An Ordinance amending and replacing Chapter 127, Article IV (Taxation/Tax Certifications) of the Franconia Township

Ordinance in its entirety with a new Article IV entitled "Tax Collector Fees". Supervisor Amuso motioned for approval. Supervisor Fazio seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Resolution 19-01-21-01 A resolution revising application fees, permit fees, escrow requirements & fees, park & recreation fees, and purchase fees. The motion for approval was made by Supervisor Fazio and seconded by Supervisor Amuso. Motion carried.

Resolution 19-02-21-01 A resolution amending prior township resolutions to establish revised impact fees for transportation services areas I, II, and III, in furtherance of the township transportation capital improvement program, as authorized by ACT 209 of 1990. Supervisor Amuso made a motion for approval. Supervisor Fazio seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

**POLICE REPORT- CHIEF MICHAEL MARTIN**

Chief Martin submitted his report. He added that the department will focus on traffic enforcement and respond to some complaints of speeding with the beginning of this new year. Chairman Godshall questioned the turnpike construction and if there have been any additional complaints. Chief Martin responded that not lately and the street sweepers have been running. Manager Hammer added that updates are provided almost daily by new personnel on the project.

**HIGHWAY REPORT-PAUL R. NICE**

Mr. Nice submitted his report and commented that the weather has been favorable.

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

Mr. Rossino submitted his report and summarized ongoing projects such as Lincoln Woods, The Vistas at Highland Ridge, and individual lot grading permit approvals. Mr. Rossino provided an update on the 309 Connector project. Representatives from Franconia Township and Hatfield Township recently met with PennDOT to discuss sidewalk locations along Cowpath Road and to ensure that connectivity would be possible. Chairman Godshall requested that this item be added to the next Work Session for discussion.

### **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. 19-21-01 dated January 21, 2019 in the amount of \$194,902.58. He reported that the bulk of the payments were for regular professional services, salt, and police radios. The motion carried unanimously.

### **PAYROLL**

A motion was made by Mr. Nice and seconded by Mr. Kratz for the Treasurer to be authorized to pay all employees during the pay period of January 1, 2019 through February 19, 2019 according to the hours worked as listed on the Payroll Journal for the aforesaid period. The motion carried unanimously.

### **SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT**

Resolution 19-03-21-01 A resolution granting conditional final approval for the "Land Development Plan prepared for HTSF, LLC" for property located on Schoolhouse Road, Souderton, Franconia Township. Mr. Bartle announced that the Resolution had been amended to include the fee in-lieu of to be paid for the buffer plantings that will no longer be planted on site. Chairman Godshall motioned for approval. Supervisor Fazio seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Resolution 19-04-21-01 A resolution allowing the right of Way along Schoolhouse Road for the HTSF project to be dedicated in its entirety to PennDOT from Franconia Township. Supervisor Kratz motioned, supervisor Fazio seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next Work Session of the Board of Supervisors will be held on Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. at the Franconia Township Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Telford, Pennsylvania 18969.

The Franconia Township Planning Commission will hold its regular meeting on Monday, February 4, 2019 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 on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Franconia Township Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Telford Pennsylvania 18969. The Board of Supervisors Work Session will be held on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. at the same location.

Motion to Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,

Beth T. Gooch

Director of Planning and Zoning