

FRANCONIA TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MINUTES

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Chairman Grey Godshall called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order on Monday, July 15, 2019 at 7:05 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Telford, Pennsylvania 18969.

Present were Chairman Godshall, Vice Chairman David B. Fazio, Supervisor Robert Nice, Supervisor Curtis Kratz and Supervisor Dr. Charles Amuso. Also, in attendance were Director of Planning and Zoning Beth T. Gooch, Township Solicitor Frank Bartle, Esquire, Township Engineer Douglass C. Rossino, P.E., Chief of Police Michael Martin and interested residents of Franconia Township.

Solicitor Bartle announced that prior to the start of the meeting that the Board met in an executive session to discuss a personnel matter and three matters of potential litigation. The meeting began around 6:05 and ended around 7:05 pm.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Chairman Godshall opened the meeting to the public. Mr. Wayne Leo, 104 Kulp Road, Lower Salford Township, was present to discuss water issues on his property that is about 200 feet from the Franconia Township border. He stated that the excessive water runoff from Lincoln Woods has been an issue. In 36 years, he has never had these erosion and water issues and is requesting a resolution and the timing of such to address the issue. Chairman Godshall responded that Franconia is aware of the issue and requested confirmation that construction is complete. Mr. Rossino reported that the construction is not complete and due to excessive rain, the developer needs to wait to convert the basins. The basins in Phase I are scheduled for completion in September. Mr. Fazio asked if the converted basins will solve Mr. Leo's issues. Mr. Rossino explained the function of the basins and the slower release of water that makes the water last three to four days instead of releasing at a quick rate and drying out. Solicitor Bartle confirmed that the Township is holding financial security for the project, as well as an 18-month security bond. Mr. Leo requested that the work be done now. Mr. Bartle replied that the security is to ensure that it is complete and operating properly.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 17, 2019 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Supervisor Kratz made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 17, 2019 Regular Meeting. Supervisor Nice seconded the motion. The motion passed, 5-0.

SOLICITOR 'S REPORT – FRANK BARTLE., ESQUIRE

Mr. Bartle asked for a motion to authorize the solicitor to enter his appearance on behalf of Franconia Township in opposition to the Zoning Hearing Board application for 596 Forman Road. Supervisor Amuso motioned and it was seconded by Supervisor Nice. No comments were heard, and all voted in favor.

POLICE REPORT- CHIEF MICHAEL MARTIN

Chief Martin submitted his report. He announced that the majority of the department completed their semiannual firearms qualification. Two officers assisted at the Souderton High School graduation. And they attended a pizza party at Franconia Elementary for Autism awareness.

Mr. Fazio asked for an update on the Fall Fest planning. Chief reported that they were in the process of securing vendors, preparing print advertising material and the Frac Talk publication was moved up to include the event.

HIGHWAY REPORT-PAUL R. NICE

Mr. Nice submitted his report and stated that Regent Road was now complete and there had been difficulty with the location of the utilities.

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

Mr. Rossino submitted his report and added that The Vistas at Highland Ridge received its final site list completion letter and final security release. A preconstruction meeting was held for the HTSF project on Schoolhouse Road and they have broken ground. He also informed the board that the application to prohibit truck traffic on Beck Road has been submitted to PennDOT.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Supervisor Nice and seconded by Supervisor 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. 19-15-07 dated July 15, 2019 in the amount of \$1,007,527.57. Mr. Nice reported that about \$53,000 was to the local fire

companies. Additional items included payment of the Open Space Note, general note payment of \$104,000 and funding for asphalt. The motion carried unanimously.

PAYROLL

A motion was made by Supervisor Nice and seconded by Supervisor Kratz for the Treasurer to be authorized to pay all employees during the pay period of July 16, 2019 through August 18, 2019 according to the hours worked as listed on the Payroll Journal for the aforesaid period. The motion carried unanimously.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Franconia Township Planning Commission will hold its regular meeting on Monday, August 5, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Franconia Township Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Telford, Pennsylvania 18969.

The next Board of Supervisors Work Session will be held on Monday, August 19, 2019 at 5:00 pm followed by the next regular Board of Supervisors Meeting at 7 p.m. located 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 Dr. Amuso to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth T. Gooch

Director of Planning and Zoning