

FRANCONIA TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MINUTES

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Chairman Grey R. Godshall called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order on Monday, May 18, 2015 at 7:01 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Telford, Pennsylvania 18969.

Present were 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-chairman David B. Fazio, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-chairman Robert H. Nice, Supervisor Curtis N. Kratz, and Supervisor Steven P. Barndt. Also in attendance were Township Manager Jon A. Hammer, Chief of Police Joseph Kozeniewski, Township Solicitor Frank R. Bartle, Esquire, Public Works Director Paul Nice, Township Engineer Cindy VanHise, P.E., Finance Director Ami L. Tarburton, Building Inspectors Jerry Rittenhouse and Roger M. Koffel, and interested residents of Franconia Township. Absent was Assistant Township Manager Jamie P. Worman.

**OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC**

Mr. Godshall opened the meeting to the public.

Mr. Gerald Thiel, 811 Allentown Road, commented on the recent issue of the FrancTalk township newsletter. He stated that the design is terrible, pointing out the red stripe across the top. He questioned whether anyone proofread the document. Chairman Godshall said that the board would take his comments under advisement when the next issue is released. Mr. Thiel also commented on the upcoming storage shed ordinance. He said that the board should consider these “pods” that are becoming big business and that people are getting them and keeping them on their property for months. Chairman Godshall replied that the “pods” are not allowed in front of homes, only in side or rear yards. Mr. Thiel then asked whether there was going to be a financial report. Mr. Robert Nice said that Jon Hammer will discuss that issue later in the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF APRIL 20, 2015 MEETING MINUTES**

Mr. Fazio made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 20, 2015 regular meeting. Mr. Kratz seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT – FRANK BARTLE, ESQUIRE**

Mr. Bartle requested authorization to prepare and advertise proposed Ordinance#384. Mr. Hammer explained that this ordinance was an ordinance authorizing the issuance of a tax exempt note in the principal amount of \$2,650,000. This note will refinance a 2011 Note, lowering the current interest rate and providing additional funds for capital projects, if deemed necessary.

Resolution 15-10-18-05: A Resolution Accepting the Dedication of the Green Hill Road and Rising Sun Road Rights-of-Way located in Franconia Township and offered for dedication through the Gotwals Lot Line Adjustment (#03-15). Mr. Kratz made a motion to approve Resolution 15-10-18-05, and Mr. Fazio seconded the motion.

Resolution 15-11-18-05: A Resolution Accepting the Dedication of the Harleysville Pike (Route 113) and Maple Avenue Rights-of-Way located in Franconia Township and offered for dedication through the 840 Harleysville Pike Land Development Plan (#01-14). Mr. Fazio made a motion to approve Resolution 15-11-18-05, and Mr. Kratz seconded the motion.

**POLICE REPORT- CHIEF JOSEPH S. KOZENIEWSKI**

Chief Kozeniewski submitted his report. He reported that a targeted home invasion occurred in Pear Tree Village last month. Also, Chief stated that the recent bomb threat at the high school turned out to be nothing and that the high school administration did a great job in their handling of the situation. The police department’s activity level has been very steady, with a spike at the beginning of May. They were assisted by other departments 9 times and provided assistant to nearby departments 7 times this past month.

**ZONING OFFICER REPORT-CINDY L. VANHISE, P.E.**

Jamie P. Worman, Zoning Officer submitted her report to the board prior to the meeting. In Ms. Worman’s absence, Ms. Vanhise noted that they are currently working on zoning regulations surrounding accessory structures.

**HIGHWAY REPORT-PAUL R. NICE**

Mr. Nice indicated that the public works department had finally had their last load of salt delivered. They are currently catching up with patching the roadways to prevent potholes, finishing work on Goldenrod Drive, and have completed work on Delp Road. Mr. Nice also said that a portion of Cherry Lane will be closed from May 26<sup>th</sup> through June 5<sup>th</sup>.

**ENGINEERING REPORT- CINDY L. VANHISE, P.E.**

Ms. VanHise submitted her report. She indicated that Metz Engineering is monitoring township projects including Leidy's Church, Godshall Quality Meats, the renovation and addition to 840 Harleysville Pike, an addition of 34,000 square feet to 674 Souder Road, and a preliminary plan from Bergey's for the previous Pilgrim's Pride site.

**TREASURER'S REPORT – JON A. HAMMER**

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. 15-18-05 dated May 18, 2015 in the amount of \$239,877.13 The motion carried unanimously.

**PAYROLL**

A motion was made by Mr. Fazio and seconded by Mr. Nice for the Treasurer to be authorized to pay all employees during the pay period of May 16, 2015 through June 19, 2015 according to the hours worked as listed on the Payroll Journal for the aforesaid period. The motion carried unanimously.

**LAND DEVELOPMENT**

Resolution No. 15-12-18-05: A Resolution granting Conditional Preliminary/Final Approval to the 674 Souder Road Land Development (#02-15)- Souder Road. Mr. Nice made a motion to approve Resolution No. 15-12-18-05, and Mr. Kratz seconded the motion.

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Hammer reported that the Finance Committee will be holding a public meeting to review the township finances over the past years. A date has not yet been selected mainly because the 2014 audit is not finalized due to new GASB requirements for pension reporting. Mr. Hammer indicated that the Board of Supervisors will be appointing up to two additional persons to the finance committee. Ms. Bonnie Miller asked if staff could add a note on the website notifying residents that we are soliciting new members for this committee and include the application process on the website.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Franconia Township Planning Commission will hold its Regular Meeting on Monday, June 1, 2015 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 at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 15, 2015 at the Franconia Township Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Telford, Pennsylvania 18969. The Board of Supervisors Work Sessions will be held on Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. and Monday, June 15, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. at the same location.

#### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Mr. Fazio and seconded by Mr. Kratz to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ami L. Tarburton