

Vice Chairman David B. Fazio called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order on Monday, October 21, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Telford, Pennsylvania 18969.

Present were Chairman Grey Godshall, Vice Chairman David B. Fazio, Supervisor Robert Nice, Supervisor Curtis Kratz and Supervisor Dr. Charles Amuso. Also, in attendance were Township Manager Jon Hammer, Township Solicitor Frank Bartle, Esquire, Chief of Police Michael Martin and interested residents of Franconia Township.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Vice Chairman Fazio opened the meeting to the public. Mr. Nick Braccio, 403 Morwood Road, was present and presented the Board of Supervisors with photos he took showing damage to the road and traffic light control box at Morwood and Allentown Road. He stated that the amount of traffic from the turnpike construction has broken black top and is concerned that the light may fail. He also congratulated Chief Martin and the Township on the great job at the Fall Fest. Mr. Joel Hackman also commented on the Fall Fest and that he was blown away and received compliments from the vendors and how well organized the event was. Chief Martin stated that it had been estimated that between 5 and 6,000 showed up for the event. Mr. Shirley Hackman commented that she had been nominated to be on the committee and agreed to help. She stated that it was fun and is looking forward to next year.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2019 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Supervisor Kratz made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 16, 2019 Regular Meeting. Supervisor Amuso seconded the motion. The motion passed, 5-0.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – FRANK BARTLE, ESQUIRE

Mr. Bartle asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance 406-19 an ordinance amending Chapter 137 (vehicles and traffic) of the Franconia Township Ordinance and to amend article 132 to add 35mph speed limit to Hunsicker Road and 25mph to West Broad Street as well as restrict the vehicle weight on Beck Road. Supervisor Nice motioned for approval. Supervisor Amuso seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Ordinance 407-19 An ordinance that authorizes the incurrence of nonelectoral, general obligation debt by the Township of Franconia pursuant to the issuance of the general obligation notes, 2019 Series in the aggregate principal amount of 1.8 million dollars and approves certain refunding projects. Mr. Hammer reported that the refinancing would result in gross savings of about \$184,000. The 2.75% current rate would go variable in two years. This would allow for a 1.7% fixed rate. Supervisor Nice made that motion to approve the Ordinance and is was seconded by Supervisor Kratz. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Resolution 19-18-21-10 A resolution accepting the dedication of Cowpath Road and Mininger Road rights-of-way located in the Township of Franconia. Mr. Hammer stated that this is the corner of Cowpath Road and Mininger Road. As part of the land development project, WB Homes will be installing new sidewalk to connect to the existing sidewalk. Supervisor Amuso motioned for approval. Supervisor Kratz seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Resolution 19-19-21-10 A resolution authorizing Franconia Township to commit funds for an agricultural conservation easement on property located on Nice Road in Franconia Township. Mr. Hammer announced that the easement is for the Frankenfield Farm consisting of about 18.3 acres for which the Township will contribute \$38,430 to assist the county in the preservation. Supervisor Kratz motioned for the approval. It was seconded by Supervisor Amuso, motion carried.

Resolution 19-20-21-10 A resolution authorizing the conversion of all or a portion of the guaranteed revenue notes, 2007 Series issued by the Township of Franconia to a loan fixed rate and the repeal of any inconsistent resolutions. Mr. Hammer explained that the open space notes expire in 2027 with a 2% rate, the proposal is to change that to a 1.5% fixed rate and save approximately \$15,000. Supervisor Nice motioned, Supervisor Kratz seconded the motion for approval and all voted in favor, 5-0.

POLICE REPORT- CHIEF MICHAEL MARTIN

Chief Martin submitted his report. He added that the Fall Fest went well and relatively smooth. He stated that they had learned a lot and hope to improve next year. He took the time to recognize all the vendors, volunteers, especially the Fire Police and public works

department. Chief commended the high school volunteers and thanked the Board and the Township for its support.

Chief, on behalf of Sgt. George Moyer, thanked the Board for its support and sincere kindness following the loss of his mother.

Supervisor Nice commended Chief and his department for their efforts. Chairman Godshall added that the event was extremely successful and has received dozens of compliments from residents.

HIGHWAY REPORT-PAUL R. NICE

Mr. Nice submitted his report and added that due to the good weather his crew has been able to get caught up on a number of projects.

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

Mr. Rossino submitted his report prior to the meeting and was not present.

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. 19-21-10 dated October 21, 2019 in the amount of \$498,317.44. Mr. Nice reported that bills included a partial pension payment in the amount of \$184,000 and \$95,000 total to the Fire Departments. 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 October 22, 2019 through November 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, November 4, 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, November 18, 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 Chairman Godshall and seconded by Supervisor Kratz to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth T. Gooch

Director of Planning and Zoning