

FRANCONIA TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MINUTES  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Chairman Grey Godshall, called the Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Franconia Township to order on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via ZOOM as advertised in The Reporter and posted on the Township website.

Participating were Grey R. Godshall, David B. Fazio, Dr. Charles Amuso, Robert Nice, Jill Halteman, Township Manager Jon A. Hammer, Township Solicitor Eric Wert, Township Engineer Douglas C. Rossino, Director of Planning and Zoning Beth Gooch, and Building Code Official Jerry Rittenhouse.

Solicitor Wert announced that the Board met in an executive session on February 10, 2021 as well as prior to the start of the meeting to discuss matters of real estate and a potential litigation.

Mr. Wert asked for a motion to authorize the solicitor's firm to appear in opposition to the DARA Property Group LLC zoning hearing application. Chairman Godshall made such motion. Supervisor Halteman seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

**OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC**

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

**APPROVAL OF JANUARY 18, 2021 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Supervisor Amuso made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 18, 2021 Regular Meeting. Supervisor Nice seconded the motion. The motion passed, 5-0.

**SOLICITOR 'S REPORT – ERIC WERT, ESQUIRE**

Mr. Wert asked for a motion to authorize an agreement with Montgomery County to store/utilize a variable message sign board. Hearing no comments or questions, Supervisor Fazio motioned for authorization. It was seconded by Supervisor Halteman and all voted in favor.

Solicitor Wert stated that Cohen Law has negotiated a franchise agreement with Verizon. Mr. Hammer added that the 5% of the gross revenue remains the same. Supervisor Nice motioned to approve Ordinance 401-21 authorizing execution of a cable franchise agreement

between the Township and Verizon Pennsylvania LLC. Supervisor Fazio seconded the motion, and motion carried 5-0.

**POLICE REPORT- CHIEF MICHAEL MARTIN**

Chief Martin submitted his written statistical report prior to the meeting. Manager Hammer reported that new officer Ryan Geist started and is on the street working with the other officers. Chairman Godshall asked at some point to have him attend a meeting to put a face to the name.

**HIGHWAY REPORT-PAUL R. NICE**

Mr. Nice submitted his report prior to the meeting and Mr. Hammer added that with another oncoming storm Mr. Nice was not present and the highway department has been busy.

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

Mr. Rossino submitted his report prior to the meeting and noted that the 309 Connector project is moving along, and signal plans have been reviewed and a meeting is to be held tomorrow before the Township signs off on any plans. Chairman Godshall questioned Phase III and tying into Hilltown Township. He requested an update. Mr. Rossino stated that Phase III was supposed to be designed at the same time as Phase II, but he had no update at all in 2020. Mr. Hammer reported that there is a municipal meeting scheduled for February 25<sup>th</sup> with PennDOT.

Mr. Rossino informed the Board that the HVAC system for the police department went out to BID today. The bids will be in and received and prepared for the March meeting. Construction should take place in the spring.

**TREASURER'S REPORT –**

A motion was made by Supervisor Nice and seconded by Supervisor 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. 21-16-02 dated February 16, 2021 in the amount of \$265,509.76. The motion carried unanimously.

**PAYROLL**

A motion was made by Supervisor Nice and seconded by Supervisor Fazio for the Treasurer to be authorized to pay all employees during the pay period of February 16, 2021 through

March 14, 2021 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, March 1, 2021 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, March 15, 2021 at the Franconia Township Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Telford, Pennsylvania 18969 and the Board of Supervisors Work Session will be held on Monday, March 15, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. at the same location.

**Motion to Adjourn**

A motion was made by Supervisor Fazio and seconded by Supervisor Nice to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

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Respectfully submitted,

Beth T. Gooch

Director of Planning and Zoning