

FRANCONIA TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MINUTES

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Chairman Godshall called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order on Monday, March 15, 2021 at 7:07 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 Dr. Charles Amuso, and Supervisor Jill Halteman. Also, in attendance were Township Manager Jon A. Hammer, Chief Michael Martin, Township Solicitor Eric Wert, Esquire, Township Engineer Douglas C. Rossino, P.E., and interested residents of Franconia Township.

Solicitor Wert announced that prior to the meeting the Board meet in an executive session to discuss a matter of potential litigation and real estate.

Open meeting to the Public

Chairman Godshall opened the meeting to the public. Mr. Jerry Guertse, Telford Fire Company, announced that Indian Valley Meadows had a major structural fire and the four surrounding companies all worked together. He added that there were no crowd issues thanks to the police efforts.

PRESENTATION IN RECOGNITION OF SERVICE

Chairman Godshall presented Curtis Kratz with an award thanking and recognizing 20 years of service as Township Supervisor. Mr. Kratz stated that it was an honor, and he is pleased to have Jill Halteman replace him adding that she will be a great asset. He announced that in 2000 the 4% referendum to Open Space was intended to preserve 800 acres of farmland and today over 1,000 acres have been preserved.

Chief Martin announced that the second award for Detective Sergeant Moyer is to recognize his retirement and 31 years of service. Chairman Godshall added that George was a great

asset and maintained morale and communication within the department and with the Supervisors. Manager Hammer announced that his last ride is scheduled for March 26th.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 16, 2021 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Supervisor Nice made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 16th, 2021 Regular Meeting. Supervisor Fazio seconded the motion. The motion passed, 5-0.

SOLICITOR 'S REPORT – ERIC WERT, ESQUIRE

None.

POLICE REPORT- CHIEF MICHAEL MARTIN

Chief Martin submitted his written statistical report. He stated that the new hire Officer Ryan Geist is doing fantastic in field training and the two promotions are going well. The first Fall Fest Committee meeting is next week.

HIGHWAY REPORT-PAUL R. NICE

Mr. Nice submitted his report and added that the department is done with snow and moving into spring cleaning and chores.

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

Mr. Rossino submitted his report prior to the meeting and reported that the Hagey Road building #5 is complete, Hillstone is gearing up to install the pedestrian bridge and sidewalk along Mininger Road. The HTSF Schoolhouse Road exterior is complete, and reviews are underway for the Bayard Estates revised layout.

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. 21-15-03 dated March 15, 2021 in the amount of \$261,841.07. He reported that approximately \$50,000 went to the library and salt and raw materials made up another \$30,000. The motion carried unanimously.

PAYROLL

A motion was made by Supervisor Nice and seconded by Fazio for the Treasurer to be authorized to pay all employees during the pay period of March 15, 2021 through April 18,

2021 according to the hours worked as listed on the Payroll Journal for the aforesaid period. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF CONTRACT AWARDS

Chairman Godshall made a motion to reject all bids received and opened on March 9, 2021 for the police department HVAC project and to rebid the project. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Amuso and the motion passed. 5-0

Chairman Godshall made a motion to award the following items pursuant to public bids opened on March 12, 2021 and received at the meeting by the Board of Supervisors to JH Freed.

- a) Construction Equipment
 - 1) Case 580 Backhoe or equal – approximately 240 hours
 - 2) Triaxle Dump Truck – approximately 320 Hours
 - 3) Pipe Laborer – approximately 496 Hours
 - 4) Flag Person– approximately 80 Hours
 - 5) Trackhoe (min 36,000 lb. operating weight)– approximately 40 Hours

Supervisor Fazio seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Franconia Township Planning Commission will hold its regular meeting on Monday, April 5, 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 on Monday, April 19, 2021 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 April 19, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. at the same location.

Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made by Supervisor Amuso and seconded by Supervisor Nice to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth T. Gooch

Director of Planning and Zoning