

FRANCONIA TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MINUTES

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Chairman Godshall called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order on Monday, June 21st, 2021 at 7:10 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 the Board had met in executive session prior to the start of the meeting to discuss matters of potential litigation and personnel.

Open meeting to the Public

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

APPROVAL OF MAY 17, 2021 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Supervisor Fazio made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 17th, 2021 Regular Meeting. Supervisor Halteman seconded the motion. The motion passed, 5-0.

SOLICITOR 'S REPORT – ERIC WERT, ESQUIRE

Mr. Wert opened the public hearing for consideration and adoption of Ordinance 413-21. He reported that the Ordinance authorizing the incurrence by the Township of Franconia of nonelectoral debt by the issuance of a general obligation note, series 2021 in the aggregate principal amount of up to \$800,000. Mr. Hammer added that it allows for the borrowing of up to \$800,000 and will be drawn down if need be. The funds will be used for renovations to the Township building and the HVAC for the police department. Mr. Wert announced that it had been advertised in The Reporter. Chairman Godshall motioned for approval. It was seconded by Supervisor Fazio and the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 21-05-21-06 A resolution by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Franconia pursuant to the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended, generally approving the issuance of tax-exempt obligation by the Borough of Langhorne Manor Higher Education and Health Authority and a loan of the proceeds therefrom to Peter Becker Community. Mr. Wert stated that this borrowing by Peter Becker Community, in order to have the tax benefit, needs the Township's authority and carries no liability potential at all. Supervisor Nice made the motion to approve the resolution. Supervisor Fazio seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

POLICE REPORT- CHIEF MICHAEL MARTIN

Chief Martin submitted his written statistical report. He announced that the newest vehicle is finally having the equipment installed and will be on the road soon. He also reported that the body cameras were delivered, and the components will be installed into the cars. He anticipates full implementation by the fall.

Mr. Jerry Guretse informed the board that there have been several house fires and a multiple number of companies have responded. He added that recruitment is still difficult given the training hours required, getting state certified and the 6 month probation period.

HIGHWAY REPORT-PAUL R. NICE

Mr. Nice submitted his report and added that all is going well with the cooperation of great weather.

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

Mr. Rossino submitted his report prior to the meeting and reported that the Pizza Box had a deadline of June 17th to complete the site improvements. They were on track until they poured the walkway going into the building, and the wearing course was too low. That needed to be redone and the striping is being done presently.

Resolution 21-06-21-06 a resolution authorizing the Township Manager of Franconia Township to submit a traffic signal maintenance agreement and submit future modification to the Department of Transportation. He explained that this one-time resolution would cover all traffic signals for the future. Supervisor Amuso motioned for approval. Supervisor Fazio seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT –

A motion was made by Mr. Nice and seconded by Dr. Amuso 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. 21-21-06 dated June 21, 2021 in the amount of \$513,011.70. Mr. Nice reported that about \$70,000 went to the library, a large amount for liquid fuels for asphalt, and a loader was purchased for \$177,000. 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 June 21, 2021 through July 18, 2021 according to the hours worked as listed on the Payroll Journal for the aforesaid period. The motion carried unanimously.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

Resolution 21-07-21-06 A resolution granting conditional preliminary/final approval to the land development plans prepared for Old Forge Acquisitions, LP, Bayard Estates on the property located on Indian Creek Road and Cowpath Road, Telford, Franconia Township, Montgomery County Pennsylvania. Mr. Wert added that all required easements, include the conservation easement and the public access easement as discussed in the Work Session. Chairman Godshall motioned for approval; Supervisor Fazio seconded the motion. The motion carried, 5-0.

Resolution 21-08-21-06 A resolution granting conditional preliminary/final approval to the minor plan of subdivision as part of the Allebach Tract – Phase I prepared for 502 Township Line Road, Lawyers LLC for properties with frontage along Cowpath Road and Forrest Road, Franconia Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. Chairman Godshall made the motion to approve the resolution, it was seconded by Supervisor Fazio. All voted in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Motion to Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,

Beth T. Gooch

Director of Planning and Zoning