

FRANCONIA TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MINUTES

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Chairman Grey Godshall called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order on Monday, December 20th, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at the Souderton Area High School Auditorium, 625 Lower Road, Souderton, Pennsylvania 18964.

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, 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 start of the meeting the Board met in an executive session to discuss a matter of Township personnel.

Open meeting to the Public

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

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 3, 2021, WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES

Supervisor Amuso made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 3rd, 2021, Work Session. Supervisor Fazio seconded the motion. The motion passed, 5-0.

SOLICITOR 'S REPORT – ERIC WERT, ESQUIRE

Resolution 21-14-20-12, A Resolution requiring employee contributions of 5% of all wages to the Police Pension Plan for 2022. Chairman Godshall made a motion to approve. It was seconded by Supervisor Nice, and all voted in favor.

Resolution 21-15-20-12 A Resolution setting the real estate tax rate for the 2022 General Fund Budget, setting the Fire Service Tax, setting the Library Tax, assessing various properties for fire hydrants, and assessing properties for streetlights. Chairman Godshall motioned for approval. Supervisor Fazio seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Resolution 21-16-20-12 A Resolution for the approval of the 2022 Budget Documents. Chairman Godshall made the motion to approve, and it was seconded by Supervisor Amuso. All voted in favor.

Resolution 21-17-20-12 A Resolution revising application fees, permit fees, escrow requirements & fees, park & recreation fees, and purchase fees. Chairman Godshall motioned for approval. Supervisor Halteman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Chairman Godshall made a motion to approve a three-year agreement with the Northern Montgomery County Recycling Commission subject to review by the solicitor. It was seconded by Supervisor Fazio, and all voted in favor.

POLICE REPORT- CHIEF MICHAEL MARTIN

The statistical report was submitted prior to the meeting.

HIGHWAY REPORT-PAUL NICE

The Highway Report was submitted prior to the meeting.

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

Mr. Rossino submitted his report prior to the meeting and stated that the J.I. Landis land development project is complete. He added that site work has begun for the Byard Estates development on Indian Creek Road.

TREASURER'S REPORT –

A motion was made by Supervisor Nice and seconded by Supervisor 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. 21-20-12 dated December 20, 2021, in the amount of \$684,916.76. Mr. Nice reported that payments were made to the Fire Departments and the Library as well as to CMG for the building improvements. 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 December 20, 2021 through December 31, 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 Annual Organizational Board of Supervisors Meeting will be held Monday, January 3rd, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.. The next Regular Board of Supervisors meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Monday January 17th, 2022.

The Franconia Township Planning Commission will hold its regular meeting on Monday, January 3rd, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the Franconia Township Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Telford, Pennsylvania 18969.

Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made by Supervisor Fazio and seconded by Supervisor Amuso to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth T. Gooch

Director of Planning and Zoning