

FRANCONIA TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Chairman Grey Godshall called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order on Monday, November 21st, 2022, at 6:01 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, and Supervisor Dr. Charles Amuso. 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.

Open meeting to the Public

Chairman Godshall opened the meeting to the public.

Ms. Anna Trout and Ms. Michelle Mongo from the Montgomery County Office of Health were present to acknowledge the Police Department for completing a CIS law enforcement training. The department has reached 100% completion and every officer has completed the training to handle mental health issues.

Chairman Godshall presented Mr. Roger Koffel a plaque to commemorate 22 years of service. Mr. Koffel is retiring from the Code Enforcement Department at the end of the month.

Solicitor Wert announced that prior to the start of the meeting the Board met in an executive session to discuss matters of real estate.

APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 17, 2022 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Supervisor Nice motioned for the approval. It was seconded by Supervisor Fazio, and all voted in favor, 4-0.

SOLICITOR 'S REPORT – ERIC WERT, ESQUIRE

Resolution 22-11-21-11 Solicitor Wert announced that the resolution allows the Tax Collector to waive fees under limited circumstances that the state law allows. Chairman

Godshall made the motion for approval. Supervisor Amuso seconded, and the motion carried.

Manager Hammer informed the Board that the Souderton Area School District is implementing a policy on bus patrol to make it safer. Cameras will be installed inside and outside the buses to allow local police departments to cite drivers for non-compliance of traffic laws pertaining to school buses. The motion to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between Franconia Township and Souderton Area School District to implement bus patrol within Franconia Township was made by Supervisor Amuso. Supervisor Fazio seconded the motion, and all voted in favor, 4-0.

Chairman Godshall made a motion to appoint Kyle Rodgers as an alternate to the Zoning Hearing Board. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Fazio. The motion passed, 4-0.

POLICE REPORT- CHIEF MICHAEL MARTIN

Chief Martin reported that the drug take back day was a huge success collecting over 138 pounds of drugs. He added that the department is running two food drives, one for local needy families over Thanksgiving and one that is county wide. The annual Shop with a Cop will take place on December 11. The statistical report was submitted prior to the meeting.

HIGHWAY REPORT-ANTHONY FRYDLEWICZ

The highway report was submitted prior to the meeting. Mr. Frydlewicz added that the playground is finished and just waiting on the sign. The Banbury blacktop project is complete as well as the line striping within the Township.

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

Mr. Rossino submitted his report prior to the meeting. He stated that the 209 Schoolhouse Road industrial building is at the end of the 18-month maintenance period and following a final inspection a few items will be addressed.

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. 22-21-11 dated November 21, 2022, in

the amount of \$540,405.04. Mr. Nice reported that it included playground equipment, roadwork equipment and building repairs. The motion passed, 4-0.

PAYROLL

A motion was made by Supervisor Nice and seconded by Supervisor Amuso for the Treasurer to be authorized to pay all employees during the pay period of November 21, 2022, through December 18, 2022, according to the hours worked as listed on the Payroll Journal for the aforesaid period. The motion carried unanimously.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

Resolution 22-12-21-11 A resolution accepting the dedication of Hillstone at Leidy Road and Cowpath Road right-of-way located in the Township of Franconia, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. Supervisor Amuso made a motion for approval. Supervisor Nice seconded the motion. Motion passed, 4-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Franconia Township Planning Commission will hold its regular meeting on Monday, December 5, 2022, 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, December 19, 2022, at 6:00 pm at the Franconia Township Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Telford Pennsylvania 18969. The Board of Supervisors Work Session will be held on December 19, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. at the same location.

Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made by Supervisor Nice and seconded by Supervisor Amuso to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth T. Gooch

Director of Planning and Zoning