

FRANCONIA TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Chairman Grey Godshall called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order on Monday, December 19th, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Telford, Pennsylvania 18969.

Present were Chairman Grey Godshall, Supervisor Robert Nice, and Supervisor Jill Halteman. Dr. Charles Amuso joined in by phone. 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 personnel and a matter of potential real estate purchase.

Open meeting to the Public

Chairman Godshall opened the meeting to the public.

Mr. Jerry Guretse presented the Board with various statistics relating to the Fire companies, including number of calls, the percentage of calls from Franconia, and the hours spent in training. He added that the companies work together and have responded to 19 different municipalities this past year.

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 21, 2022 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

SOLICITOR 'S REPORT – ERIC WERT, ESQUIRE

Resolution 22-13-19-12 A Resolution for the approval of the 2023 Budget Documents. Manger Hammer reported that there is no increase to the real estate tax proposed. Supervisor Halteman motioned for the approval. It was seconded by Supervisor Amuso and the motion passed, 4-0.

Resolution 22-14-19-12 A Resolution requiring employee contributions of 5% of all wages to the Police Pension Plan for 2023. Mr. Hammer stated the there is a collective bargaining agreement with the Police Department and there is no change in the percentage contributed. Supervisor Nice made a motion to approve the resolution. Supervisor Halteman seconded, and all voted in favor.

Resolution 22-15-19-12 A Resolution setting the real estate tax rate for the 2023 General Fund Budget, setting the Fire Service Tax, setting the Library Tax, assessing various properties for fire hydrants and assessing properties for streetlights. The motion for approval was made by Supervisor Halteman and seconded by Supervisor Nice. Motion carried, 4-0.

POLICE REPORT- CHIEF MICHAEL MARTIN

Chief Martin reported that the department was involved in three successful holiday events. The Souderton Parade, shop with a cop where 17 families received \$1500 to Walmart and for food, and the Patty Simmons food drive, which filled four food banks.

HIGHWAY REPORT-ANTHONY FRYDLEWICZ

The highway report was submitted prior to the meeting. Mr. Frydlewicz added that November included a lot of work at the pole barn site off Indian Creek Road and preparing equipment for the winter.

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

Mr. Rossino submitted his report prior to the meeting. He reported that Hillstone is now in the 18-month maintenance period and the 209 Schoolhouse Road industrial building is at the end of their 18-month maintenance period. Following a final inspection a few items will be addressed and the project will be closed out. The Reserves at Franconia, Pulte project, had a preconstruction meeting and is just waiting on recording documents.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Supervisor Nice and seconded by Supervisor Halteman 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. 22-19-12 dated December 19, 2022, in the amount of \$366,619.90. Mr. Nice reported that it included \$68,000 to the library and four checks to the Fire Companies. The motion passed, 4-0.

PAYROLL

A motion was made by Supervisor Nice and seconded by Supervisor Halteman for the Treasurer to be authorized to pay all employees during the pay period of December 19, 2022, through December 31, 2022, 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 Reorganizational meeting on Tuesday, January 3, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Franconia Township Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Telford, Pennsylvania 18969.

The annual Reorganizational Board of Supervisors Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 3, 2023, at 4:00 pm at the Franconia Township Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Telford Pennsylvania 18969. The Board of Supervisors regular meeting will be held on January 16, 2023, at 6p.m. with the work session taking place prior to at 5 p.m. at the same location.

Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made by Supervisor Halteman and seconded by Supervisor Nice to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth T. Gooch

Director of Planning and Zoning