

FRANCONIA TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MINUTES

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Chairman Grey Godshall called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order on Monday, April 21, 2025, at 6:00 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 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 the Board met in an executive session prior to the start of the meeting to discuss matters of personnel and collective bargaining.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

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

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 17, 2025 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Supervisor Fazio motioned for the approval of the minutes from the March 17, 2025, meeting. It was seconded by Supervisor Amuso, and all voted in favor, 5-0.

SOLICITOR 'S REPORT – ERIC WERT, ESQUIRE

Mr. Wert opened the Conditional Use public hearing for 4th Soil Investments and property on 24 Allentown Road. Court Reporter Mary Gladwell was present to record the meeting. Mr. Wert entered the exhibits onto the record. Mr. Nate Fox, council for the applicant, entered his exhibits onto the record. He stated that the application is for reserve parking for a 150,000 square foot warehouse building. Three hundred spaces are required by ordinance, and the plan is to build 204 and put 101 spaces into reserve. The Zoning Hearing Board granted a variance on September 10, 2024, to permit more than 10 spaces between the building and the street. The stormwater design will accommodate the uninstalled spaces, and a covenant will be recorded and run with the land. The applicant proposes to post financial security for a period of five years to cover the cost of the uninstalled spaces. Mr. Justin Geonnotti,

Dynamic Engineering, testified that 200 spaces are more than enough for a warehouse of this size. Discussion took place about the end user and that there is no proposed tenant at this time. Mr. Wert asked for a motion to approve the conditional use after no additional questions or comments were heard. Supervisor Fazio made such a motion. It was seconded by Supervisor Amuso and all voted in favor.

Solicitor Wert opened the next set of hearings to add properties to the Township's Agricultural Security Area. He entered the exhibits onto the record and asked for a motion to approve Resolution 25-03-21-04 to include:

- 1) Parcel No 34-00-02989-00-1 Keller Creamery Road
- 2) Parcel No 34-00-03316-00-7 575 Meetinghouse Road
- 3) Parcel No 34-00-03943-00-1 774 Morwood Road
- 4) Parcel No 34-00-00850-00-7 736 Clemens Road

in the Agricultural Security Area. Supervisor Nice made the motion and Supervisor Fazio seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

POLICE REPORT- CHIEF MICHAEL MARTIN

Chief Martin submitted the statistical report and year-to-date report prior to the meeting. He added that the department hosted a human trafficking training for local authorities, school district staff and some administrative staff. He also announced that the reaccreditation process has started.

HIGHWAY REPORT-ANTHONY FRYDLEWICZ

Mr. Frydlewicz submitted his report prior to the meeting. The month has been spent cleaning up after winter. He also announced that the new bridge at Enos Godshall Park is complete.

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

Mr. Rossino submitted his report prior to the meeting and added that Godshall's Quality Meats has started construction of the treatment building and 356 Meadow Wood Lane grading permit has been approved for construction.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Supervisor Nice and seconded by Supervisor 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. 25-21-04 dated April 21, 2025, in the amount of \$255,460.65. Mr. Nice reported that \$50,000 is a check for EMS. The motion passed, 5-0.

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 April 21, 2025, through May 18, 2025, according to the hours worked as listed on the Payroll Journal for the aforesaid period. The motion carried unanimously.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

Resolution 25-02-21-04 A resolution granting Conditional Preliminary/Final approval for the “Preliminary/Final Subdivision and Land Development Plans for 4th Soil Investments, LLC Proposed Warehouse Facility” on the property located at 24 Allentown Road, Souderton, Franconia Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. Supervisor Fazio made the motion for approval. Supervisor Amuso seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Franconia Township Planning Commission will hold its next Regular meeting on Monday, May 5, 2025, 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, May 19, 2025, 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 May 19, 2025, at 5 p.m. at the same location.

Motion to Adjourn

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

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Respectfully submitted,

Beth T. Gooch
Director of Administration and
Community Development