

FRANCONIA TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MINUTES

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Chairman Grey R. Godshall called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order on Monday, August 18, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Telford, Pennsylvania 18969.

Present were Chairman Godshall, 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.

Prior to the start of the meeting the Board met in an executive session to discuss a matter of personnel and potential litigation.

**OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC**

Chairman Godshall opened the meeting to the public. Mr. Stuart Grahame, 300 Fretz Road, addressed the Board regarding the dam at Branchwood Creek that runs along his property. Mr. Wert stated the DEP did an analysis of the dam and sent the Township a letter about landscaping issues that is not allowing the dam to function properly. The dam is actually not on Township property. Mr. Grahame explained that in '89 the dam was rebuilt, and a gentleman's agreement was made for the Township to upkeep it as it has gradually become part of the park, Jennifer Pawlishn, 300 Fretz Road, added that there are trespassers on their property and swimmers and she is looking for help to keep people from entering their property. Chairman Godshall suggested installing poles or signage to prevent cars from driving on the dam.

Ms. Denise Keiser, 128A Allentown Road, asked for an update on the ordinance violations of her neighbor. Solicitor Wert reported that we are waiting for the district court to set a date for the hearing. He will forward that information once it is received.

**APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 16, 2025 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Supervisor Nice motioned for the approval of the minutes from the June 16, 2025, meeting.

It was seconded by Supervisor Halteman, and all voted in favor, 4-0.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT – ERIC WERT, ESQUIRE**

Resolution 25-05-18-08 A Resolution accepting the dedication of Bayard Estates, Old Forge Acquisitions, L.P. at Indian Creek Road in the Township of Franconia, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. Supervisor Amuso made the motion for approval. Supervisor Nice seconded such motion, and all voted in favor, 4-0.

**POLICE REPORT – CHIEF MICHAEL MARTIN**

Chief Martin submitted his statistical report and year-to-date report prior to the meeting. He announced that the department has begun the application process for a new police officer. There are currently 21 candidates eligible for interviews.

**HIGHWAY REPORT-ANTHONY FRYDLEWICZ**

Mr. Frydlewicz submitted his report prior to the meeting and added that the work at Lesile Lane for storm and sanitary sewer is currently underway as well as the curbing and black top. Godshall Road has been paved and the striping for the all way stop signs should be complete in the next week.

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

Mr. Rossino submitted his report prior to the meeting. Mr. Rossino reported that NCC Automated has received an updated site punch list, as well as Belton Manor Estates for the site features. WB Select at Rising Sun has received the first review letter.

**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. 25-21-07 dated July 21, 2025, in the amount of \$836,395.89. Mr. Nice also made a motion to approve Voucher No. 25-18-08

dated August 18, 2025 in the amount of \$434,909.18 It was seconded by Supervisor Amuso. Mr. Nice reported that \$529,000 was a payment on the Open Space note and there were also payments to the Fire Companies for \$143,000 and the Library for \$71,000. The motions 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 July 21, 2025, through September 14, 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 25-06-18-08 A Resolution granting Conditional Final Approval for the Plans “Parcel Consolidation & Minor Subdivision Plan” prepared for Marjorie Landis for the property located at 478 Smokepipe Road, Souderton, Franconia Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. Chairman Godshall made the motion to approve the Resolution. It was seconded by Supervisor Halteman and the motion carried.

#### **MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

Chairman Godshall made a motion authorize the Township Manager to prepare specifications and advertise for bids for fuel as listed on the agenda 12a through d. Supervisor Nice seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Franconia Township Planning Commission will hold its next Regular meeting on Tuesday, September 2, 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, September 15, 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 September 15, 2025, at 5 p.m. at the same location.

Motion to Adjourn

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

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Respectfully submitted,

Beth T. Gooch  
Director of Administration and  
Community Development