

FRANCONIA TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MINUTES

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Chairman Grey R. Godshall called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order on Monday, November 17, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Telford, Pennsylvania 18969.

Present were Chairman Godshall, Supervisor 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.

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

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Chairman Godshall opened the meeting to the public. Ms. Maureen Kratz, resident of Lower Salford, addressed the Board regarding the Halteman Road gate at the high school. Chairman Godshall reported that in 2007 or so, during the land development, the School District only wanted one entrance and did not want to pay for road improvements for two. The Township saw the issues and wanted to help and in 2017 issued a letter after a mini traffic study with limited open morning times. The School District recently asked for a test to open the gate in the afternoon. Solicitor Wert added that the Halteman Road entrance was always on the plan as a secondary or emergency entrance as the School District wanted. Supervisor Amuso stated that the School Board at the time spent approximately 10 million dollars to rebuild Lower Road for the main entrance. The School Board did not want to improve Halteman Road as well. Ms. Kratz asked about the gate being locked, and Mr. Wert replied that the School District needs to submit a traffic study to determine what improvements would need to be done in order to open the gate.

Discussion took place about direction of turning in and out, the speed limit, truck access. Ms. Katie Pisoni, 398 Augusta Drive, raised concern about access for emergency vehicles. Mr. Rich Halteman, 585 Lower Road, stated that at the last School Board meeting the public was

told that this was the Township not allowing the gate to be open. Mr. Wert reported that there is nothing pending in front of the Board of Supervisors regarding this issue. Ms. Kelly Word, 108 Cobbler Court, asked for confirmation that the gate was approved to be open for special events and open in the a.m. Chairman Godshall reported that in 2017 the District got a traffic engineer to ok the opening for a.m. use and it was allowed to be open for a couple of special events such as graduation, but it is now being opened for non-school related events. Ms. Word expressed concerns about students trying to beat the buses to get out of the parking lot on Lower Road.

Mr. Michael Drake, 662 Halteman Road, addressed the significant increase in traffic and his concern for safety along Halteman Road. The Moyer and Halteman Road intersection is only a stop one way and Halteman Road is a 35-mph unlined road in the Township near a school zone with weight limits and is not ideal. There is no curbing or widening on Halteman Road. Mr. Dave Moyer, 623 Halteman Road, asked if the School District does submit land development can the Board force them to put in sidewalk.

Ms. Eileen Danko, 626 Halteman Road, informed the Board that the exit traffic goes left and right and that backs up traffic. The driveway is 20 feet from her bedroom window. She wants the Board to realize that parents only have to deal with this during their kids' school years and residents will have to deal with this forever.

Mr. Steven Tucillo, 640 Halteman Road, suggested some type of security to stop the speeding and that the exit was not designed for traffic going both ways, it is not wide enough. Ms. Nancy Welby, 175 Morwood Road, raised concerns about traffic.

APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 20, 2025 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Supervisor Fazio motioned for the approval of the minutes from the October 20, 2025, meeting. It was seconded by Supervisor Halteman, and all voted in favor, 5-0.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – ERIC WERT, ESQUIRE

None

POLICE REPORT – CHIEF MICHAEL MARTIN

Chief Martin submitted his statistical report and year-to-date report prior to the meeting. He added that the department was investigating some auto thefts and the arrest of two suspects out of Carbon County has been made. There was a burglary in the Reserve at Franconia, and

it is currently an active case. He also reported that the airplane crash was actually a para glider and it is a private issue on private property.

HIGHWAY REPORT-ANTHONY FRYDLEWICZ

Mr. Frydlewicz submitted his report prior to the meeting and added that the work on Leslie Lane is complete as well as some improvements to the front of the Public Works pole barn.

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

Mr. Rossino submitted his report prior to the meeting. Mr. Rossino reported that Lincoln Woods is 100% complete and the Township's NPDES report was officially submitted.

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. 25-17-11 dated November 17, 2025, in the amount of \$552,719.38. Mr. Nice reported that \$83,000 was for the library, \$62,000 to Green Ridge for tree projects, and a payment to MRC for playground equipment. The motion passed, 5-0.

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 November 17, 2025, through December 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

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Franconia Township Planning Commission will hold its next Regular meeting on Monday, December 1, 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, December 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 December 15, 2025, at 5 p.m. at the same location.

Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made by Supervisor Nice and seconded by Supervisor Halteman to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

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Respectfully submitted,

Beth T. Gooch
Director of Administration and
Community Development