

## **FRANCONIA TOWNSHIP**

### **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

#### **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Chairman Steven P. Barndt called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Franconia Township to order on Monday, August 20, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Franconia, Pennsylvania 18924.

Present were 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-chairman W. Keith Freed, Supervisor Drew Darrah and Supervisor Curtis N. Kratz; Township Manager Kevin D. Bayer; Sergeant Jeffrey C. Gower; Township Solicitor Joseph C. Kuhls, Esquire; Assistant Manager Jamie P. Worman; Township Engineer Barry Wert, P.E.; Building and Code Inspectors Roger M. Koffel and Jerry Rittenhouse and interested residents of Franconia Township. Absent were 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chairman Grey Godshall and Public Works Director Paul Nice (both excused).

#### **OPENING MEETING TO THE PUBLIC**

Ms. Carol Hampson, President of the Forest View Homeowners Association spoke to the BOS regarding recent problems with juveniles, vandalism and graffiti. She inquired whether the BOS would consider imposing a curfew. Mr. Barndt asked Sgt Gower if the Police Department was aware of these issues at Forest View and his opinion to imposing a curfew. Sgt Gower reported that the department is aware of the damage being done at Forest View, but the problem of apprehending the individuals responsible for the damage are the dark areas within the development. Mr. Freed recommended to Sgt Gower if he could have an officer attend the next Forest View Association meeting to discuss some options to deter the vandalism and address the concerns raised.

Mr. Gerald Thiel, 537 Schoolhouse Road, inquired if there was anything new on the Earlington sanitary sewer. Mr. Bayer reported that the revisions have not been forwarded to DEP at this date, but should be sent within the next two weeks. Mr. Witmayer reported that a meeting with DEP was scheduled for August 23<sup>rd</sup> to review this amendment and other sanitary sewer planning amendments.

#### **APPROVAL OF JULY 2007 MEETING MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Kratz and seconded by Mr. Freed to approve the July 17, 2007 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT – JOSEPH C. KUHL, ESQUIRE**

Mr. Barndt made a motion to “table” action on Ordinance 349, an ordinance authorizing the Incurrence of Non-Electoral Debt by the Township to the Issuance of the General Obligation Note from the Delaware Valley Regional Finance Authority for Open Space Funding and the Redemption of the 2002 Note in the amount of \$8,500,000, until further details were reviewed by the BOS. Mr. Freed seconded the motion. A discussion preceded the motion regarding language within the proposed ordinance relating to fixed and variable rate options. Mr. Lucian Calhoun reviewed the questions with the BOS and agreed to modify the ordinance for action at a future BOS meeting. Mr. Kuhls reviewed those provisions with the BOS and Mr. Calhoun. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Barndt and seconded by Mr. Darrah to adopt Resolution 07-24-20-08 – A Resolution adopting the Montgomery County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Darrah and seconded by Mr. Freed to adopt Resolution 07-25-20-08 – A Resolution accepting the 2007/2008 PennDOT Winter Road Maintenance Agreement. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Darrah and seconded by Mr. Kratz to adopt Resolution 07-26-20-08 – A Resolution authorizing the Appropriate Township Officials to prepare and execute documents relating to the Franconia Township Industrial Development Authority (IDA) for \$1,500,000 financing at the Frederick Mennonite Community. The motion carried unanimously.

### **POLICE REPORT – JEFFREY C. GOWER**

Sergeant Gower submitted the Police report for July 2007. Mr. Kratz thanked Sgt. Gower and the PD for their assistance with planning for the upcoming Franconia Mennonite Community Church Festival.

### **ZONING REPORT – KEVIN D. BAVER**

Mr. Baver submitted his report for July 2007.

#### **HIGHWAY REPORT – PAUL NICE**

Mr. Baver submitted the report for July 2007. Sgt. Gower commended the Public Works Department for the work that they did on Lower Road.

#### **ENGINEERING REPORT – BARRY L. WERT, P.E.**

Mr. Wert reported that there are no exceptions to the items listed on the agenda under Subdivision and Land Development.

#### **TREASURER’S REPORT – KEVIN D. BAVER**

A motion was made by Mr. Darrah and seconded by Mr. Freed 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. 07-20-08 dated August 20, 2007 in the amount of \$ 924,033.84. Mr. Baver reported that settlement on the Morwood Road Open Space property was included in the voucher amount. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **PAYROLL**

A motion was made by Mr. Darrah and seconded by Mr. Kratz for the Treasurer to be authorized to pay all employees during the pay period of August 17, 2007 through September 14, 2007 according to the hours worked as listed on the Payroll Journal for the aforesaid period. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **LAND DEVELOPMENT**

1. A motion was made by Mr. Freed and seconded by Mr. Kratz to grant approval of the Peter Becker Community Land Development Record Plan Amendment (Maplewood Estates Phase II)-Schoolhouse Road. The motion carried unanimously.
2. A motion was made by Mr. Freed and seconded by Mr. Kratz to approve the Component 1 Sewage Facilities Planning Module for the Mininger Subdivision. The motion carried unanimously.
3. A motion was made by Mr. Freed and seconded by Mr. Darrah to approve the Component 1 Sewage Facilities Planning Module for the Godshall Subdivision. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Franconia Township Planning Commission will hold Regular Meetings on Wednesday, September 5, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Franconia Township Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Franconia, Pennsylvania 18924.

The next Regular Board of Supervisors meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 17, 2007 at the Franconia Township Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Franconia, Pennsylvania 18924. The Board of Supervisors Work Sessions will be held on Friday, September 7, 2007 at 7:00 a.m. and Monday, September 17, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. at the same location.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Mr. Kratz and seconded by Mr. Freed to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin D. Baver, Secretary