

**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, December 8, 2008 at 7:02 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Franconia, Pennsylvania 18924.

Present were 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-chairman W. Keith Freed; Supervisors Drew Darrah and Curtis N. Kratz; Township Manager Kevin D. Baver; Sergeant Jeff Gower; Township Solicitor, Frank R. Bartle; Public Works Director Paul R. Nice; Assistant Manager Jamie P. Worman; Township Engineer Barry L. Wert, P.E.; Building and Code Inspectors Roger M. Koffel and Jerry Rittenhouse and interested residents of Franconia Township. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-chairman Grey Godshall was absent. (excused)

**OPENING MEETING TO THE PUBLIC**

Mr. Gerald Theil, 811 Allentown Road, inquired about Resolution 08-43-08-08-12 requiring employee contributions to the Police Pension Plan for 2009 and preparation for emergencies – should they occur – when the new SASD high school opens in September 2009.

**APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER, 2008 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Freed and seconded by Mr. Darrah to approve the November 17, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion carried.

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT – FRANK R. BARTLE, ESQUIRE**

1. Mr. Bartle opened a public hearing at 7:22 p.m. for review of Ordinance 356 – an ordinance amending Article XVI relating to Institutional Districts and Ordinance 357 – an ordinance amending Article XVII relating to Recreation / Open Space Districts. Mr. Bartle identified the Ordinance 356 as exhibit T-1; Ordinance 357 as exhibit T-2; Proof of Publication as exhibit T-3; and a Montgomery County Planning Commission letter dated November 17, 2008 supporting the proposed amendments as exhibit T-4. Mr. Baver reported that the Franconia Township Planning Commission has recommended support for the proposed amendments at their October 6, 2008 regular meeting. No other comments were received relating to the proposed ordinances. A motion was made by Mr. Kratz and seconded by Mr. Darrah to close the public hearing at 7:25 p.m. The motion carried.

2. A motion was made by Mr. Barndt and seconded by Mr. Freed to approve Ordinance 356 Amending Article XVI, Institutional Districts of the Code of the Township of Franconia. The motion carried.
3. A motion was made by Mr. Kratz and seconded by Mr. Darrah to approve Ordinance 357 Amending Article XVII, Recreation – Open Space Districts of the Code of the Township of Franconia. The motion carried.
4. A motion was made by Mr. Barndt and seconded by Mr. Darrah to approve Resolution No. 08-43-08-12 Requiring Employee Contributions to the Police Pension Plan for 2009. The motion carried.
5. A motion was made by Mr. Barndt and seconded by Mr. Freed to approve Resolution No. 08-44-08-12 for the Approval of the 2009 Budget Documents. The motion carried.
6. A motion was made by Mr. Barndt and seconded by Mr. Kratz to approve Resolution No. 08-45-08-12 Assessing a 2% Discount to Taxpayers Making a Payment of Total Amount Thereof Within Two (2) Months after the Date of the Tax Notice; and Assessing a 10% Penalty to Taxpayers Making Payment of Total Thereof Four (4) Months after the Date of the Tax Notice; and Establishing an Interest Rate of 10% on Municipal Claims for Delinquent Taxes. The motion carried.
7. A motion was made by Mr. Darrah and seconded by Mr. Kratz to approve Resolution No. 08-46-08-12 Setting the Real Estate Tax Rate for the 2009 General Fund Budget, Setting the Fire Service Tax, Setting the Library Tax, Assessing Various Properties for Fire Hydrants and Assessing Properties for Street Lights. The motion carried.
8. A motion was made by Mr. Kratz and seconded by Mr. Freed to approve Resolution No. 08-47-08-12 Establishing and Appointing an Open Records Officer(s) as required b Acct 3 of 2008. The motion carried.
9. A motion was made by Mr. Barndt and seconded by Mr. Darrah to approve Resolution No. 08-48-08-12; A Resolution evidencing the approval of Resolution 08-26-21-07:A Resolution authorizing Peter Becker Community to secure Tax Exempt Financing through the Borough of Langhorne Manor Higher Education and Health Authority as required for the Maplewood Estates Land Development. The motion carried.
10. A motion was made by Mr. Barndt and seconded by Mr. Darrah for Authorization to file a Letter of Intent with the Governor’s Center for Local Government Services to Request a Study of the Existing Fire Company Districts in Franconia Township. The motion carried.

**POLICE REPORT – JEFF GOWER**

Sergeant Gower submitted his report for November 2008.

**ZONING REPORT – KEVIN D. BAVER**

Mr. Baver submitted his report for November 2008.

**HIGHWAY REPORT – PAUL NICE**

Mr. Paul Nice submitted his report for November 2008.

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

Mr. Wert submitted his report for November 2008.

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

1. A motion was made by Mr. Darrah and seconded by Mr. Freed to approve the December 2008 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. 08-08-12 dated December 8, 2008 in the amount of \$442,697.90. The motion carried.
2. A motion was made by Mr. Darrah and seconded by Mr. Godshall to authorize the Treasurer to pay all 2008 year-end bills for the respective funds to be presented on Voucher No. 08-30-12 dated December 30, 2008. The motion carried.

**PAYROLL**

A motion was made by Mr. Darrah and seconded by Mr. Freed for the Treasurer to be authorized to pay all employees during the pay period of December 6, 2008 through December 31, 2008 according to the hours worked as listed on the Payroll Journal for the aforesaid period. The motion carried.

**SUBDIVISIONS AND LAND DEVELOPMENTS**

1. A motion was made by Mr. Freed and seconded by Mr. Kratz to Grant an extension of Resolution 08-20-21-04 for a period of one-year to expire December 31, 2009 (Lincoln Woods-THP). The motion carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Annual Organizational Board of Supervisors Meeting will be held on Monday, January 5, 2009 at 5:30 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, January 19, 2009 at the same location. The Board of Supervisors Work Session will be held on Friday, January 9, 2009 at 7:00 a.m. at the same location.

The Franconia Township Planning Commission will hold Regular Meeting on Monday, January 12, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Franconia Township Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Franconia, Pennsylvania 18924.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Mr. Kratz and seconded by Mr. Freed to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin D. Baver, Secretary