

## 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, October 16, 2006 at 7:11 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Franconia, Pennsylvania 18924.

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

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

- Mr. & Mrs. Conley, future Westport Farms residents, inquired as to the status of the permits to be released to TH Properties to commence construction. Engineering deficiencies in design have been noted, and the Township Engineer is working closely with THP to make those corrections before proceeding. Mr. Wert noted that, in his professional opinion, those permits are a few months away from being approved.
- Paul Baumgartner, representing Residents Alliance for Franconia Township, submitted a letter to the Township Manager and BOS, noting points of concern regarding the Sewer Management Plan. The letter set forth recommendations they strongly advocate for finance costs and resident information availability. In closing, Mr. Baumgartner commended the BOS for the hiring of George Witmayer, stating George's performance is outstanding. Mr. Witmayer, he said, was very open with the facts, confident and very competent, and his heart is in this (SMP) program.
- Regarding the Earlington Sewer plans, the Board was requested to provide an update and a date when the new changes will be advertised. Response: In the next 3-4 weeks (no meeting date yet determined), the Act 537 Committee will meet to review the written comments submitted during the most recent "30-day comment period" and compile their recommendations to offer to the BOS. The BOS will then review and make any changes necessary, and at that time, if changes are being made, it will again be advertised prior to the plans' submission to the DEP.

#### **APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER, 2006 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Kratz and seconded by Mr. Godshall to approve the September 18, 2006 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion carried.

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

- A motion was made by Mr. Barndt and seconded by Mr. Darrah to approve Resolution 06-35-16-10 Specifying the Distribution of the Pension Allocation from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania pursuant to the Municipal Pension Plan Funding Standard and Recovery Act 205 of 1984. The motion carried.
- A motion was made by Mr. Darrah and seconded by Mr. Freed to approve Resolution 06-36-16-10 Accepting the Dedication of Lower Road Rights-of-Way located in Franconia Township. The motion carried.
- A motion was made by Mr. Kratz and seconded by Mr. Barndt to approve Resolution 06-38-16-10 Extending the Term of Existence of the Franconia Sewer Authority to October 1, 2056. The motion carried.
- A motion was made by Mr. Barndt and seconded by Mr. Freed to approve the Indian Valley Regional Planning Commission 2007 Budget that includes a \$3,000.00 Contribution from Franconia Township. The motion carried.
- A motion was made by Mr. Freed and seconded by Mr. Barndt to Authorize the Township Manager and Township Solicitor to Prepare and Advertise Zoning Amendments for Industrial, R-130 Residential and Commercial Districts. The motion carried.

#### **POLICE REPORT – JOSEPH S. KOZENIEWSKI**

Sergeant Jeff Gower, on behalf of Chief Kozeniewski, submitted the report for September 2006. Sgt. Gower also wanted to extend thanks to Jamie Worman for all her efforts in Franconia's successful 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. The BOS joined him.

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

Mr. Baver submitted his report for September 2006.

#### **HIGHWAY REPORT – PAUL NICE**

Mr. Baver, on behalf of Mr. Nice, submitted the report for September 2006.

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

Mr. Wert reported that J.T. Landis, with consideration to their requests for waivers regarding storm water and drainage solutions, had satisfied Metz' recommendations regarding this land development, and he was therefore in support of the Board's approval of the Resolution presented later in the agenda.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Darrah and seconded by Mr. Godshall 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. 06-16-10 dated October 16, 2006 in the amount of \$579,171.79. The motion carried.

#### **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 October 14, 2006 through November 17, 2006, according to the hours worked as listed on the Payroll Journal for the aforesaid period. The motion carried.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS/MOTIONS**

- A motion was made by Mr. Freed and seconded by Mr. Godshall to approve, at the recommendation of Metz Engineers, Resolution 06-37-16-10 Granting Conditional Preliminary Approval of the J. T. Landis Welding and Mechanical Land Development (#04-06) – Hagey Road.
- A motion was made by Mr. Barndt and seconded by Mr. Freed to approve the hire of Mr. Matthew J. Weiss as Part Time Highway Maintenance employee, effective October 16, 2006. The motion carried.

The Franconia Township Planning Commission will hold its regular meeting on Monday, November 6, 2006 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, November 20, 2006 at the Franconia Township Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Franconia, Pennsylvania 18924. The Board of Supervisors work sessions will be held on Thursday, November 9, 2006 at 7:00 a.m. and November 20, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. at the same location.

#### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Mr. Godshall and seconded by Mr. Kratz to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin D. Baver, Secretary