

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Chairman Steven P. Barndt called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Franconia Township to order on Monday, September 15, 2008 at 7:00 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 and Supervisor Curtis N. Kratz; Township Manager Kevin D. Baver; Assistant Township Manager, Jamie P. Worman; Chief Joseph Kozeniewski; Township Solicitor Joseph C. Kuhls., Esquire; Township Engineer Barry Wert, P.E.; Building and Code Inspectors Roger M. Koffel and Jerry Rittenhouse and interested residents of Franconia Township. Supervisor Drew Darrah was absent (excused).

**OPENING MEETING TO THE PUBLIC**

Mr. Theil, Allentown Road, commented on the BOS decision to retain counsel for the TMDL appeal. Mr. Barndt stated that the matter has been a topic of discussion at several work sessions over the past 6 or more months. The BOS had to action to protect its interest. The township had contacted the Borough of Telford in regards to the matter. They declined to participate in the appeal with Franconia Township.

**APPROVAL OF AUGUST 2008 MEETING MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Kratz and seconded by Mr. Freed to approve the August 18, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Ordinance 355 - An Ordinance to Amend the Franconia Township Zoning Map to Re-Zone approximately 121.13 acres bounded Allenton Road, Delp Road, Godshall Road and Lower Road from R-175 Residential to R-130 Residential was presented. A Public Hearing commenced at 7:16 PM. Mr. Kuhls noted for the record the Proof of Publication; Posting of Properties; Township and County Planning Commission comments supporting the re-zone and a letter from Mr. Hedrick residing at 393 Allentown Road. Mr. Hedrick commented that he was concerned about a parcel to the rear of his property that is currently owned by NPWA. He suggested that NPWA would benefit by now having a building lot ready for construction. Mr. Baver stated that the lot in question would not satisfy current zoning requirements of R-175 and would not meet the proposed R-130 requirements and would need to make application to the ZHB for any building proposals. Mr. Barndt stated that the re-zone is being done to consolidate the area into one zoning district under R-130 as the current R-175 was established to allow for OLDS. Public sanitary sewer is now available to the area and that justifies the consolidation instead of having fractured zoning. No additional comments were received. Hearing closed at 7:26 PM. A motion was made by Mr. Barndt and seconded by Mr. Kratz to approve Ordinance #355. The motion carried 3-0. Mr. Godshall abstained from the motion.

A motion was made by Mr. Freed and seconded by Mr. Godshall to approve Resolution 08-31-15-09 - A Resolution Acknowledging the Receipt of 2009 Minimum Municipal Obligation Worksheets from the Township Manager as Prepared by Redmond Consulting, Ltd for Inclusion of Said Obligations for the Non-Uniformed Employees Pension Plan and Police Pension Plan in the 2009 Calendar Year. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Barndt and seconded by Mr. Godshall to Adopt a Cable Franchise Agreement between the Township of Franconia and Verizon Pennsylvania, Inc. for a 10-year period. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Kratz and seconded by Mr. Godshall to Award J. P. Mascaro & Sons a 2-year Contract for Bagged Curbside Leaf Collection pursuant to Bids opened on September 2, 2008 at Lower Salford Township in the amount of \$49,344.00. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Godshall and seconded by Mr. Freed to approve Resolution 08-32-15-09 - A Resolution Accepting the Offer of Dedication of Kulp Road Rights-of-Ways on a Record Plan dated November 2, 1999 as Prepared by Stout, Tacconnelli & Associates for the Peter Becker Homes Land Development Approved December 13, 1999, Kulp Road in the Township of Franconia, Montgomery County. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Barndt and seconded by Mr. Kratz to approve Resolution 08-35-15-09 - A Resolution Accepting the Offer of Dedication of Schoolhouse and Kulp Road Rights-of-Ways located in the Township of Franconia, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. The motion carried unanimously.

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#### **POLICE REPORT – JOSEPH KOZENIEWSKI**

Chief Kozeniewski submitted the Police report for August 2008. The Chief reported that the Detective Moyer had been involved in a sting operation to break-up an organized crime element operating between Easton and Philadelphia and committing crimes in Franconia Township. Most crimes were car break-ins.

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

Mr. Baver submitted his report for August 2008.

#### **HIGHWAY REPORT – PAUL R. NICE**

Mr. Baver submitted the Highway report for August 2008.

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

Mr. Wert submitted his report for August 2008.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Godshall 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. 08-15-09 dated September 15, 2008 in the amount of \$271,378.95. The motion carried unanimously.

## **PAYROLL**

A motion was made by Mr. Godshall and seconded by Mr. Freed for the Treasurer to be authorized to pay all employees during the pay period of September 13, 2008 through October 17, 2008 according to the hours worked as listed on the Payroll Journal for the aforesaid period. The motion carried unanimously.

## **LAND DEVELOPMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Freed and seconded by Mr. Kratz to approve Resolution 08-33-15-09 – A resolution granting Conditional Preliminary/Final Approval for the Souderton Mennonite Homes Land Development (#08-08). The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Freed and seconded by Mr. Kratz to grant Preliminary/Final approval of the Leidy Minor Subdivision (#09-08). The motion carried unanimously.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A motion was made by Mr. Barndt and seconded by Mr. Kratz to Adopt Resolution 08-34-15-09 – A Resolution recognizing Fire Prevention Week October 5 – 11, 2008. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Barndt and seconded by Mr. Freed to authorize Supervisor Steven P. Barndt, Supervisor W. Keith Freed, Supervisor Drew Darrah, Township Manager Kevin D. Baver and Assistant Township Manager Jamie P. Worman to attend the meeting of the Montgomery County Association of Township Officials to be hosted by Franconia Township on Friday, September 19, 2008. The motion carried unanimously.

The Franconia Township Planning Commission will hold Regular Meetings on Monday, October 6, 2008 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, October 20, 2008 at the Franconia Township Municipal Building, 671 Allentown

Road, Franconia, Pennsylvania 18924. The Board of Supervisors Work Sessions will be held on Friday, October 10, 2008 at 7:00 a.m. and Monday, October 20, 2008 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 7:36 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin D. Bayer, Secretary