

Chairman Grey Godshall called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order on Monday, September 18th, 2017 at 7:05 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Telford, Pennsylvania 18969.

Present were Vice Chairman David Fazio, 2nd Vice-Chairman Robert H. Nice, Supervisor Curtis Kratz and Supervisor Dr. Charles Amuso. Also in attendance were Township Manager Jon A. Hammer, Detective Sergeant George Moyer, Township Solicitor Frank Bartle, Esquire and interested residents of Franconia Township.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Chairman Godshall opened the meeting to the public. Ms. Linda Spencer, 374 Harrington Way, raised concerns about the heavy traffic flow on Leidy Road. She stated that speeding is a major factor and with the traffic backed up from Cowpath it is hard to get out of Harrington. Chairman Godshall replied that that seems to be the easy way for traffic to get to the turnpike from the Souderton/Telford area. The only way to alleviate this traffic will be the connector. He informed Ms. Spencer and those present that Penn Dot will be holding a meeting to discuss the connector at the Hatfield Municipal building on October 19th. He also suggested that the Township have the police do some spot checks on speeding in that area.

Mr. Nice added that it may be that the signal can be re timed and he will look into having that checked out.

Ms. Shirley Noack, 14 Cowpath Road, was present to express her concerns about the land surrounding the new water tower. She is concerned about the proposed residential development around the water tower. She expressed additional concerns about vacant homes being rented out, foreclosures, and the general economy of the Township. Ms. Noack requested that the board consider a 10 year freeze on all future development within the Township.

Chairman Godshall recommended that due to the large number of topics that Ms. Noack was presented, she set up a time to meet with Township staff to discuss what can and cannot be accomplished and additional background information.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 21, 2017 MEETING MINUTES

Supervisor Kratz made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 21, 2017 Board of Supervisors Regular meeting, Supervisor Fazio seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Solicitor's Report – Frank Bartle, Esquire

Mr. Bartle requested a motion to acknowledge that due to the untimely death of David Smith in the course of his township employment, benefits will be paid to the Smith family. Motion would grant the appropriate Township officials authorization to take all necessary action to effectuate the intent of this motion. Supervisor Kratz made the motion and it was seconded by Supervisor Fazio. All voted in favor.

POLICE REPORT- DETECTIVE SERGEANT GEORGE MOYER

Det. Sgt. Moyer stated that this month's report is a work in progress. He reported that he had been to see Jeff Moyer at Temple Hospital earlier in the day and that Jeff was still in critical condition with some limited communication.

HIGHWAY REPORT-PAUL R. NICE

Mr. Paul Nice submitted his report and stated that it had been a good month up until the tragedy struck. He will be operating with half the force for the remainder of the year. He took the time to thank everyone for all of the support and concerns that have been shown over the past few weeks.

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

Mr. Rossino submitted his report prior to the meeting, and was unable to attend.

TREASURER'S REPORT –

A motion was made by Mr. Nice and seconded by Mr. 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. 17-18-09 dated September 18, 2017 in the amount of \$241,176.35. The motion carried unanimously.

PAYROLL

A motion was made by Mr. Nice and seconded by Mr. Fazio for the Treasurer to be authorized to pay all employees during the current pay period September 19, 2017 through

October 16, 2017 according to the hours worked as listed on the Payroll Journal. The motion carried unanimously.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

Resolution 17-11-18-09 – a Resolution granting conditional Preliminary/Final Approval of the Vucenovic/Parker Lot Line Adjustment for property along North Fourth Street. A motion for approval was made by Supervisor Kratz, seconded by Supervisor Fazio, and all voted in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Franconia Township Planning Commission will hold a Regular Meeting on Monday, October 2nd, 2017 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 at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 16, 2017 at the Franconia Township Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Telford, Pennsylvania 18969. The Board of Supervisors Work Sessions will be held on October 16, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. at the same location.

Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made by Mr. Fazio and seconded by Mr. Nice to adjourn the meeting at 7:28p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth T. Gooch

Director of Planning and Zoning