

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, April 13, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Franconia, Pennsylvania 18924.

Present were 1st Vice-chairman Grey Godshall; 2nd Vice-chairman W. Keith Freed; Supervisors Drew Darrah and Curtis N. Kratz; Township Manager Kevin D. Baver; Chief of Police Joseph S. Kozeniewski; Township Solicitor, Robert J. Iannozzi, Jr.; Public Works Director Paul R. Nice; Assistant Manager Jamie P. Worman; Township Engineer Barry Wert, P.E.; Building and Code Inspector Roger M. Koffel and interested residents of Franconia Township.

OPENING MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Andrew Jenkins, 1010 Branchmill Road, inquired about Verizon Fios and the status of the availability to Township residents. Mr. Jenkins explained that when he contacted Verizon via phone and website he was instructed to contact the Township. Mr. Baver reported that the Township had entered in an Agreement with Verizon and that they are currently pulling permits to install the new service. Service is expected to be available by the end of 2009.

No other comments were presented at this time.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 2009 MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Kratz and seconded by Mr. Godshall to approve the March 16, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – ROBERT J. IANNOZZI, JR., ESQUIRE

Ordinance 360 - An Ordinance Authorizing the participation of the Franconia Township in the Delaware Valley Health Insurance Trust. A Public Hearing commenced at 7:08 PM. Mr. Baver explained that the Township had entered into an Agreement with DVHIT at a rate which is substantially lower than the rate currently being charged by Blue Cross Blue Shield, with a projected savings of \$70,000.00. Mr. Gerald Thiel had multiple questions; would there be changes to the employee's current coverage. Mr. Baver explained that the change in the employee's coverage would be for the better. The Township employees were given an opportunity to meet with DVHIT and ask questions concerning coverage. Mr. Darrah explained to Mr. Thiel that the Board of Supervisors also reviewed the changes in the new

health care coverage for the township employees. There were no other comments from the public. Hearing closed at 7:17 PM. A motion was made by Mr. Barndt and seconded by Mr. Kratz to approve Ordinance #360. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Godshall and seconded by Mr. Kratz to authorize the appropriate township officials to execute the Delaware Valley Municipal Health Insurance Trust Agreement.

POLICE REPORT – JOSEPH S. KOZENIEWSKI

Chief Kozeniewski submitted his report for March 2009.

ZONING REPORT – KEVIN D. BAVER

Mr. Baver submitted his report for March 2009.

HIGHWAY REPORT – PAUL NICE

Mr. Paul Nice submitted his report for March 2009.

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

Mr. Wert submitted the Engineer report for March 2009.

TREASURER’S REPORT – KEVIN D. BAVER

A motion was made by Mr. Darrah and seconded by Mr. Kratz 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. 09-13-04 dated April 13, 2009 in the amount of \$219,243.14. 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 April 11, 2009 through May 15, 2009 according to the hours worked as listed on the Payroll Journal for the aforesaid period. The motion carried unanimously.

BIDS

A motion was made by Mr. Darrah and seconded by Mr. Kratz to award the bid for the 2010 Model, 64,000 lb GVW Tandem Axle Chassis Cab to Bergeys Truck Center in the amount of 93,595.00. The motion carried unanimously.

LAND DEVELOPMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Freed and seconded by Mr. Godshall to approve Resolution 09-14-13-04, a Resolution to grant Conditional Preliminary Approval for the Souderton Self Storage Subdivision/Land Development (#03-08) –Allentown and Souder Road. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Freed and seconded by Mr. Godshall to approve Resolution 09-15-13-04, a Resolution to grant Conditional Preliminary Approval for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Subdivision/Land Development (#06-08) – Harleysville Pike and Maple Avenue. The motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The appropriate Franconia Township Officials will conduct a BOS Road Inspection beginning at 8:15 a.m. on Friday, May 1, 2009 from the Franconia Township Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Franconia, Pennsylvania 18924.

The Franconia Township Planning Commission will hold Regular Meetings on Monday, May 4, 2009 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, May 18, 2009 at the Franconia Township Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Franconia, Pennsylvania 18924. The Board of Supervisors Work Sessions will be held on Friday, May 8, 2009 at 7:00 a.m. and Monday, May 18, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. at the same location.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was made by Mr. Kratz and seconded by Mr. Godshall to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin D. Baver, Secretary