

**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 16, 2013 at 7:01 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Franconia, Pennsylvania 18969.

Present were 1st Vice-Chairman Grey Godshall; 2nd Vice-Chairman W. Keith Freed; Supervisors Drew Darrah and Curtis N. Kratz; Township Manager Kevin D. Bayer; Assistant Township Manager Jamie P. Worman; Township Solicitor, Joseph C. Kuhls; Chief of Police Joseph S. Kozeniewski; Public Works Director Paul R. Nice; Township Engineer Cindy VanHise, P.E.; Building and Code Inspectors Jerry Rittenhouse and Roger M. Koffel and interested residents of Franconia Township.

OPENING MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Frank and Luanne Arcaro of 100 Forrest Road spoke to the Board of Supervisors with regard to their neighbor's property at 128 Forrest Road. Ms. Luanne Arcaro questioned the current status of the property since the incident that occurred in which numerous animals were taken from the premises and the house was posted as condemned. Mr. Kuhls responded to the question by explaining that the Township staff is currently reviewing quotes from contractors, one of whom will be selected to bring the house up to the current safety standards. He added that the Township Supervisors could not speak to any future possibilities regarding the current owner or the condition of the property. He also reviewed the various actions the Township has taken in response to this situation to the extent possible under state and federal law.

Elliott Keller, Judy Stevenson, and Steve Toal of JBS introduced themselves to the Board and explained that they would like to set up quarterly information meetings with the Board of Supervisors.

Gerald Thiel of 811 Allentown Road noted that a change should be made to the March 19th Minutes regarding the Small Games of Chance. He also spoke to Mr. Bayer with regard to the Earlington properties that are not hooked up to sewer and that they are in violation of Ordinance 328-Section 1 and 2; Section 5 a-c; Section b and d. Mr. Bayer stated that a letter was going out this week to those residents.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 2013 MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Kratz and seconded by Mr. Godshall to approve the March 19, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – JOSEPH C. KUHL, ESQUIRE

A motion was made by Mr. Kratz and seconded by Mr. Freed to authorize the Township Manager and Township Solicitor to prepare and advertise an Ordinance Authorizing the Adoption of the International Property Maintenance Code. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Freed and seconded by Mr. Barndt to authorize the Township Manager and Township Solicitor to prepare and advertise an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 23 Article I Police Pension Fund. "Killed In Action" State Law changes. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Godshall and seconded by Mr. Kratz to authorize the Township Manager and Township Solicitor to prepare a Deferred Retirement Option Plan Draft Ordinance-Police Pension Fund. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Godshall and seconded by Mr. Barndt to Repeal Resolution 82-608: Salford/Franconia Recreation Commission and to authorize the staff to terminate any agreements. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Barndt and seconded by Mr. Freed to make the following changes to the Police Department with no financial changes: Brian Kelly to a Full Time Officer; Jessica Whiteside to a Part Time Officer; Officer Steve Cronin to Corporal; and Detective George Moyer to Detective Sergeant. The motion carried unanimously.

POLICE REPORT – KEVIN D. BAVER

The Police Report was submitted for March 2013.

ZONING REPORT – KEVIN D. BAVER

Mr. Baver submitted his report for March 2013.

HIGHWAY REPORT – PAUL NICE

Mr. Paul Nice submitted his report for March 2013.

ENGINEERING REPORT – CINDY VANHISE, P.E.

Ms. VanHise submitted the Engineer report for March 2013.

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. 13-15-04 dated April 15, 2013 in the amount of \$237,529.09. The motion carried unanimously.

PAYROLL

A motion was made by Mr. Darrah and seconded by Mr. Godshall for the Treasurer to be authorized to pay all employees during the pay period of April 13, 2013 through May 17, 2013 according to the hours worked as listed on the Payroll Journal for the aforesaid period. The motion carried unanimously.

LAND DEVELOPMENT

No Action

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Franconia Township Planning Commission will hold Regular meeting on Monday, May 6, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Franconia Township Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Franconia, Pennsylvania 18969.

The next Regular Board of Supervisors Meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 20, 2013 at the Franconia Township Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Franconia, Pennsylvania 18969. The Board of Supervisors Work Session will be held on Friday, May 10, 2013 and Monday, May 20, 2013 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 7:29 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin D. Baver, Secretary