

Chairman Grey R. Godshall called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order on Monday, August 17, 2015 at 7:19 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Telford, Pennsylvania 18969. He apologized for the late start.

Present were 1st Vice-chairman David B. Fazio, 2nd Vice-chairman Robert H. Nice, Supervisor Curtis N. Kratz, and Supervisor Steven P. Barndt. Also in attendance were Township Manager Jon A. Hammer, Assistant Township Manager Jamie P. Worman, Chief of Police Joseph Kozeniewski, Finance Officer Ami L. Tarburton, Township Solicitor Frank R. Bartle, Esquire, Township Engineer Cindy VanHise, P.E., Building Inspectors Jerry Rittenhouse and Roger M. Koffel, and interested residents of Franconia Township.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Godshall opened the meeting to the public.

Mr. Gerald Thiel, 811 Allentown Road, questioned whether the next edition of the Franc Talk Newsletter would have the red banner along the top margin as it did in the previous newsletter. He requested that the banner be removed and suggested the BOS look at newsletters that were done in the past and return to something similar. Mr. Godshall replied that the staff can decide on the newsletter. Mr. Hammer agreed to discontinue the banner.

Mr. John McDonough, 318 Melbourne Way, asked how the Township is doing financially now that the 2nd quarter has ended. Mr. Hammer replied that the 2014 Audit is now available on the website. He then explained that, to date, the Township remains on target with what was projected. He reminded the residents that they had projected a very tight year and that remains the case. Mr. McDonough requested that when the budget for 2016 is prepared that it include more detail than it has in the past, specifically the various tax revenues. He asked that rather than the taxes being lumped together that they are itemized. Mr. Nice replied that the taxes are currently itemized. Ms. Tarburton agreed and explained that the budget is set up where each tax revenue category has itemized taxes listed below that make up that tax revenue line item. She suggested that perhaps Mr. McDonough had seen some version of the

budget where those details were collapsed but that is not how it is displayed. Mr. Hammer agreed but agreed to make sure the detail is there.

Ms. Bonnie Miller, 354 High Street, asked if there had been an August Planning Commission meeting. Ms. Van Hise replied that there was no meeting held in August.

Ms. Tara Gray, 453 Mininger Road, questioned the status of the right to know request that was submitted for the meeting minutes and the financials. Mr. Hammer replied that he is in receipt of the request and is gathering the information. He also reported that the minutes that were requested have been added to the website.

APPROVAL OF JULY 20, 2015 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Kratz made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 20, 2015 regular meeting. Mr. Barndt seconded the motion. The motion passed.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – FRANK BARTLE, ESQUIRE

Resolution 15-21-17-08: A resolution accepting the 2015/2016 PennDot Winter Road Maintenance Agreement in the amount of \$49,167.28. Mr. Bartle requested a motion to approve Resolution 15-21-17-08. Mr. Kratz made a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Barndt seconded the motion. The motion passed.

POLICE REPORT- CHIEF JOSEPH S. KOZENIEWSKI

Chief Kozeniewski submitted his report. He reported that they are dealing with an issue in the Strawberry Fields and Banbury developments where residents are having their shrubbery and lawn ornaments damaged. The homes are located in close proximity to the trails and so the bike patrol have been riding along these areas more often. Chief Kozeniewski also reported that there has been some interest from the community in organizing a NNO event. He reminded the BOS that last year they decided to end the department's event because it had gotten so large. He offered to provide advice and assistance to the members of the community who are interested in this event. Ms. Tara Gray, 453 Mininger Road, announced that a committee for NNO has been formed and they will be meeting on September 14th at the Township building to start planning the event. Mr. Godshall asked Chief Kozeniewski about the one arrest listed on the report. Chief Kozeniewski replied that there was actually an assault, two DUI's, and one non-traffic violation.

ZONING OFFICER REPORT-JAMIE P. WORMAN

Jamie P. Worman, Zoning Officer submitted her report. She reported that WB Homes had been before the ZHB on August 6th for a variance to permit an off-premise sign to direct people to their new development located off of Hunsicker Road. She reported that the sign will be located at Keller Creamery Road and Route 113. The application was approved. She reported that there were no hearings scheduled for September. Ms. Worman also noted that the Planning Commission did not meet in August but would reconvene in September. She reminded the BOS that the PC meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 8th, 2015 due to Labor Day. Ms. Bonnie Miller, 354 High Street, asked for an update on the Paragon Project. Ms. Van Hise replied that she has their proof plan in her pile that she just picked up. She will need to review the proof plan. She reminded Ms. Miller that the project will not come back before the BOS as the application has received final approval. Mr. Gerald Thiel, 811 Allentown Road, questioned Ordinance #383. He wanted to know when the ordinance was passed as Jamie had said it was July 8th but he did not see that in the minutes. Ms. Worman replied that the ordinance was passed at the hearing held July 8th, 2015 and the minutes he had in his hand were from the July 20th not July 8th.

HIGHWAY REPORT-JON A. HAMMER

Mr. Hammer submitted the Highway Report on behalf of Mr. Nice. He noted that the report lists the normal routine maintenance items for the month including mowing and a water main repair.

ENGINEERING REPORT- CINDY L. VANHISE, P.E.

Ms. VanHise submitted her report. She noted that there were no plans for approval before the board but that she remains very busy with all of the projects going on right now among other issues outside of land development.

TREASURER'S REPORT – JON A. HAMMER

A motion was made by Mr. Nice and seconded by Mr. Barndt 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. 15-17-08 dated August 17, 2015 in the amount of \$217,093.23. The motion carried unanimously.

PAYROLL

A motion was made by Mr. Nice and seconded by Mr. Kratz for the Treasurer to be authorized to pay all employees during the pay period of August 17, 2015 through September

21, 2015 according to the hours worked as listed on the Payroll Journal for the aforesaid period. The motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Franconia Township Planning Commission will hold its Regular Meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 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, September 21, 2015 at the Franconia Township Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Telford, Pennsylvania 18969. The Board of Supervisors Work Sessions will be held on Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. at the same location.

ADDED MOTION

Mr. Bartle added an agenda item. He requested a motion that the BOS authorize the appropriate Township officials to take all necessary action to exercise the rights of the Township under its Grant of Option, pursuant to the document attached hereto, to acquire property at 291 Leidy Road from Historic Building Rescue, Inc. In the event that the Township receives an offer from HBR, Inc. to settle the matter for a net payment of at least \$100,00.00 with other terms agreeable to the Solicitor, the Solicitor is authorized to delay taking action until the Board's next public meeting. Mr. Nice made a motion to that effect. Mr. Fazio seconded the motion. The motion passed.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was made by Mr. Kratz and seconded by Mr. Fazio to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie P. Worman