

Chairman Grey Godshall called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order on Monday, August 19, 2019 at 7:02 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Telford, Pennsylvania 18969.

Present were Chairman Godshall, Vice Chairman David B. Fazio, Supervisor Robert Nice, Supervisor Curtis Kratz and Supervisor Dr. Charles Amuso. Also, in attendance were Township Manager Jon Hammer, Township Solicitor Eric Wert, Esquire, Township Engineer Douglass C. Rossino, P.E., Chief of Police Michael Martin and interested residents of Franconia Township.

Solicitor Wert announced that prior to the start of the meeting that the Board met in an executive session to discuss a personnel matter and potential purchase of real estate.

**OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC**

Chairman Godshall opened the meeting to the public. Ms. Nicole Russell, 145 Bartlett Court, was present to address the Board with her concerns over the communal mailbox that was knocked over. She stated that over a month ago a delivery driver knocked over the mailbox for the residents at Bartlett Court and currently there is no Home Owner's Association. She requested direction and if each homeowner can install their own individual mailbox. Vice Chairman Fazio replied that individual mailboxes cannot be installed at each house. That is determined by the United States Postal Office. Mr. Vinson Armstead, 148 Bartlett Court, added that a replacement would run about \$3500 and is looking to see who is responsible for replacing the box. Solicitor Wert commented that information and plans would need to be pulled to identify who owns the land where the boxes are located. It was decided that staff will look into the ownership of the land and follow up with the post office and residents on a solution.

**APPROVAL OF JULY 15, 2019 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Supervisor Kratz made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 15, 2019 Regular Meeting. Supervisor Fazio seconded the motion. The motion passed, 5-0.

**SOLICITOR 'S REPORT – ERIC WERT., ESQUIRE**

Resolution 19-15-19-08 A resolution authorizing the conversion of all or a portion of the guaranteed revenue notes, 2007 series issued by the Township of Franconia to a loan fixed rate and the repeal of any inconsistent resolutions. Chairman Godshall motioned for approval. It was seconded by Supervisor Fazio and all voted in favor.

Mr. Bartle asked for a motion to advertise a public hearing to consider the rezone of a parcel and amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. Supervisor Amuso motioned, Supervisor Fazio seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Resolution 19-14-19-08 A resolution regarding the purchase of real estate. Supervisor Fazio motioned for approval of the proposed resolution. It was seconded by Supervisor Amuso and all voted in favor.

**POLICE REPORT- CHIEF MICHAEL MARTIN**

Chief Martin submitted his report. He announced that a small black pit bull type dog had been found on Lower Road and at this time no one was coming forward to claim the animal. He added that it had been taken to the Perkiomen SPCA until the owner can be located. Chief stated that they are currently looking for volunteers to help with the Fall Fest to be held October 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.

**HIGHWAY REPORT-PAUL R. NICE**

Mr. Nice submitted his report and stated that the seal work has been completed.

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

Mr. Rossino submitted his report and added that construction is under way for B & H Investments along Allentown Road, the Schoolhouse Road project, as well and the J.I. Landis expansion project. Mr. Rossino reported that the Beck Road truck restriction application has been finalized and verbal approvals have been received. The Township is just waiting on the written approval from PennDOT to install the signage.

Additional discussion took place regarding truck traffic on Halteman Road and if trucks are restricted from using it. Mr. Paul Nice confirmed that it had never been posted nor restricted. Staff will verify the code approved for that roadway.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

A motion was made by Supervisor Nice and seconded by Supervisor 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. 19-19-08 dated August 19, 2019 in the amount of \$180,747.70. Mr. Nice reported that bills included regular health, attorney and engineering costs. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **PAYROLL**

A motion was made by Supervisor Nice and seconded by Supervisor Kratz for the Treasurer to be authorized to pay all employees during the pay period of August 19, 2019 through September 16, 2019 according to the hours worked as listed on the Payroll Journal for the aforesaid period. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT**

Resolution 19-16-19-08 A resolution granting waivers for the “Bergey’s Parking Lot Expansion” grading plan for the property situated on Godshall Road, Franconia Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. Supervisor Kratz motion for the approval. Supervisor Fazio seconded the motion and the motion carried. 5-0.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Franconia Township Planning Commission will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Franconia Township Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Telford, Pennsylvania 18969.

The next Board of Supervisors Work Session will be held on Monday, September 16, 2019 at 5:00 pm followed by the next regular Board of Supervisors Meeting at 7 p.m. located at the Franconia Township Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Telford Pennsylvania 18969.

#### **Motion to Adjourn**

A motion was made by Mr. Fazio and seconded by Mr. Kratz to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth T. Gooch

Director of Planning and Zoning