

Chairman Steven P. Barndt called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Franconia Township to order on Monday, December 10, 2012 at 7:00 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; Supervisor Curtis N. Kratz; Township Manager Kevin D. Baver; Assistant Manager Jamie P. Worman; Chief Joseph S. Kozeniewski; Township Solicitor, Joseph C. Kuhls, Esquire; Public Works Director Paul R. Nice; Township Engineer Barry L. Wert, P.E.; Building and Code Inspectors Roger M. Koffel and Jerry Rittenhouse and interested residents of Franconia Township. Supervisor Drew Darrah was absent. (excused).

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 19, 2012 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Godshall and seconded by Mr. Kratz to approve the November 19, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – JOSEPH C. KUHL, ESQUIRE

1. A motion was made by Mr. Barndt and seconded by Mr. Godshall to adopt Ordinance 374 – An Ordinance authorizing the Incurring of Debt; Describing the Project for Which the Debt is to be Incurred; Stating the Maximum Aggregate Principal Amount of the Franconia Sewer Authority Guaranteed Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series of 2012 (“Bonds”) to be Secured by A Guaranty Agreement Between the Township and the Franconia Sewer Authority. At 7:02 p.m., a public hearing was conducted prior to the motion to introduce the bond documents and seek public comment. No comments were received. The hearing was closed at 7:05 p.m. The motion carried.
2. A motion was made by Mr. Kratz and seconded by Mr. Freed to adopt Ordinance 373 – An Ordinance Approving Penalty, Interest & Fee Schedule for Collection of Delinquent Real Estate Taxes. The motion carried.
3. A motion was made by Mr. Barndt and seconded by Mr. Kratz to approve Resolution No. 12-22-10-12 for the Approval of the 2013 Budget Documents. The motion carried.
4. A motion was made by Mr. Barndt and seconded by Mr. Kratz to approve Resolution No. 12-23-10-12 Assessing a 2% Discount to Taxpayers Making a Payment of Total Amount Thereof Within Two (2) Months after the Date of the Tax Notice; and Assessing a 10% Penalty to Taxpayers Making Payment of Total Thereof Four (4) Months after the Date of the Tax Notice; and Establishing an Interest Rate of 10% on Municipal Claims for Delinquent Taxes. The motion carried.

5. A motion was made by Mr. Barndt and seconded by Mr. Kratz to approve Resolution No. 12-24-10-12 Requiring Employee Contributions to the Police Pension Plan for 2013. The motion carried.
6. A motion was made by Mr. Barndt and seconded by Mr. Godshall to approve Resolution No. 12-25-10-12 Setting the Real Estate Tax Rate for the 2013 General Fund Budget, Setting the Fire Service Tax, Setting the Library Tax, Assessing Various Properties for Fire Hydrants and Assessing Properties for Street Lights. The motion carried.
7. A motion was made by Mr. Kratz and seconded by Mr. Freed to approve Resolution 12-26-10-12 Authorizing the Settlement and Issuance of a \$500,000 Tax Anticipation Note through Quakertown National Bank. The motion carried.
8. A motion was made by Mr. Barndt and seconded by Mr. Kratz to approve Resolution 12-27-10-12 Authorizing the completion and submittal of the PECO Green Region Open Space Grant Program for the Franconia Community Park Rain Garden Project. The motion carried. Mr. Godshall abstained.
9. A motion was made by Mr. Barndt and seconded by Mr. Godshall to accept and execute a Contract between the Board of Supervisors and the Collective Bargaining Unit Representing the Franconia Police Department beginning on January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2015. The motion carried. Mr. Freed opposed.
10. A motion was made by Mr. Kratz and seconded by Mr. Freed to authorize the Township Treasurer to prepare and issue an Agricultural Conservation Easement Payment in the amount of \$158,243.61 for the Halteman Farm consisting of approximately 50+/- Acres (Allentown Road). The motion carried.
11. A motion was made by Mr. Kratz and seconded by Mr. Godshall to authorize the appropriate Township Officials to execute an Offer Agreement for the Landis Farm consisting of approximately 35+/- Acres (Morwood Road) and the Yoder Farm consisting of approximately 24.5+/- Acres (Orchard Lane). The motion carried.

POLICE REPORT – JOSEPH S. KOZENIEWSKI

Chief Joseph S. Kozeniewski submitted his report for November 2012.

ZONING REPORT – KEVIN D. BAVER

Mr. Baver submitted his report for November 2012.

HIGHWAY REPORT – PAUL NICE

Mr. Paul Nice submitted his report for November 2012.

ENGINEERING REPORT – CINDY VANHISE, P.E.

Ms. VanHise submitted his report for November 2012.

TREASURER’S REPORT – KEVIN D. BAVER

1. A motion was made by Mr. Barndt and seconded by Mr. Freed to approve the December 2012 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. 12-10-12 dated December 10, 2012 in the amount of \$463,280.20. The motion carried.
2. A motion was made by Mr. Barndt and seconded by Mr. Kratz to authorize the Treasurer to pay all 2012 year-end bills for the respective funds to be presented on Voucher No. 12-28-12 dated December 28, 2012. The motion carried.

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A motion was made by Mr. Barndt and seconded by Mr. Kratz for the Treasurer to be authorized to pay all employees during the pay period of December 18, 2012 through December 31, 2012 according to the hours worked as listed on the Payroll Journal for the aforesaid period. The motion carried.

SUBDIVISIONS AND LAND DEVELOPMENTS

1. A Motion was made by Mr. Freed and seconded by Mr. Godshall to approve Resolution 12-28-10-12: A Resolution granting Conditional Preliminary/Final Approval for the “lot Line Adjustment Plan between Russell & Dorothy Freed and Douglas L. & Jody L. Breneman” and the properties situated along Lower Road, Franconia Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Annual Organizational Board of Supervisors Meeting will be held on Monday, January 7, 2013 at 5:30 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, January 21, 2013 at the same location.

The Franconia Township Planning Commission will hold Regular Meeting on Monday, January 14, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Franconia Township Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Franconia, Pennsylvania 18969.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was made by Mr. Godshall and seconded by Mr. Kratz to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin D. Baver, Secretary