

Vice Chairman David B. Fazio called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 7:01 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Telford, Pennsylvania 18969.

Present were Chairman Grey R. Godshall, 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, Chief of Police Joseph Kozeniewski, Township Solicitor Frank Bartle, Esquire, Township Engineer Douglas C. Rossino, P.E, and interested residents of Franconia Township.

Mr. Bartle announced the addition of two items to the agenda, 6b The Pennsylvania Turnpike commission's offer to purchase Township owned land and 6c. The Township Manager's Contract.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Vice Chairman Fazio opened the meeting to the public.

Jerry Guretze, from the Telford Fire Company announced that during the blizzard they had a full crew on staff. He reported that the Fire Company provided 225 man hours during the snow emergency.

Mr. Thiel, of 811 Allentown Road, asked Mr. Hammer is there was going to be a budget committee. Mr. Hammer responded that there would be four public meetings as discussed at the previous Board of Supervisors meeting. Mr. Thiel asked if Mr. Hammer would be the chairman for these meetings. Mr. Bartle replied that the meetings will have staff to address issues and questions of the residents. Mr. Theil asked if the residents could be involved in ways other than just asking questions at the meetings. Mr. Godshall stated the after the first presentation if there are objections to what is discussed, then if there are issues or objections we can address them. Mr. Hammer informed the residents that at the March 2nd presentation he plans to show how little flexibility there is in the budget. Mr. Godshall stated that the budget changes little year to year.

Mr. Norm Hartzell asked about the two additional items that have been added onto the agenda. Mr. Bartle stated the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission is offering \$88,700 for Township owned property for the expansion project and easements and the amount is required to be fair market value.

The second item added to the agenda is Mr. Hammer's employment contract. Mr. Hartzell wanted to know how the \$88,000 will be spent. He questioned if it could go into the open space fund. Mr. Bartle stated the money paid to the Township will go into the General Fund. The auditors will then direct what fund it will be placed in.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 4, 2016 ORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Godshall made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 4th, 2016 meeting. Mr. Kratz seconded the motion. The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 18, 2016 ORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Kratz made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 18th, 2016 meeting. Mr. Godshall seconded the motion. The motion passed

Solicitor's Report – Frank Bartle, Esquire

Resolution 16-03-16-02 A Resolution accepting the dedication of the Leidy Road Right-of-Way located in Franconia Township and offered for dedication through the Shoemaker Land Development

Mr. Bartle asked for a motion to approve Resolution 16-03-16-02 Mr. Barndt made the motion and Mr. Nice seconded, the motion carried.

Mr. Bartle requested acceptance of the Turnpike Commission's offer the Indian Creek Road property in the amount of \$88,700. Mr. Godshall made a motion and Mr. Kratz seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bartle asked for a motion to adopt the Township Manager's Contract. Mr. Nice made a motion for approval and Mr. Kratz seconded. All voted in favor.

Ms. Bonnie Miller asked what the contract was. Mr. Bartle reported that the law states that it is necessary to renew the contract every couple of years.

POLICE REPORT- CHIEF JOSEPH S. KOZENIEWSKI

Chief Kozeniewski submitted his report. He made a correction to the January report, that the death that occurred was before the accident and the death was not a result of the accident. The report will be corrected. Chief Kozeniewski summarized the 2015 annual police report, indicating that reported complaints are down, there was a drop in reportable accidents, and Franconia is still among the lowest rated in the county for crime.

HIGHWAY REPORT-PAUL R. NICE

Paul Nice reported the efforts on the storm and the flooding afterwards. He said that the salt budget is in fine shape. Mr. Thiel asked why the crew was chipping limbs from the trees along Morwood and Bergey Road. Mr. Nice responded that is was to allow for appropriate sight distance.

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

Mr. Rossino submitted the report and provided a summary of the projects. .

TREASURER'S REPORT –

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. 16-16-02 dated February 16, 2016 in the amount of \$244,156.66. The motion carried unanimously.

PAYROLL

A motion was made by Mr. Nice and seconded by Mr. Godshall for the Treasurer to be authorized to pay all employees during the current pay period through March 20, 2016 according to the hours worked as listed on the Payroll Journal for the aforesaid period. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Fazio requested a motion to authorize the Township Manager and Township Public Works Director to exercise the option to extend the current contracts for road materials and equipment including stone, paving material, paving equipment rental, construction equipment rental, and road and oil related equipment rental for a period of one year as specified in the current contracts. Said contracts will expire on March 31, 2017. Mr. Godshall made a motion, Mr. Kratz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Barndt made a motion to approve resolution No 16-02-16-02 to grant Conditional Final Approval to the Robert P. Martin Minor Subdivision at 766 Indian Creek Road, Mr. Godshall seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Mr. Barndt made a motion to adopt Resolution No 16-04-16-02 to grant Conditional Final Approval to the 675 Mill Road Land Development for Godshall's Quality Meats Inc. Mr. Godshall seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Franconia Township Finance meeting will be held at 4:30p.m. on Wednesday March 2, 2016 at the Franconia Township Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Telford, Pennsylvania 18969.

The Franconia Township Planning Commission will hold its regular meeting on Monday, March 7, 2016 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 on Monday, March 21st, 2016 at 7:00 pm at the Franconia Township Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Telford Pennsylvania 18969. The Board of Supervisors Work Sessions will be held on Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. and on Monday, March 21, 2016 at the same location.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was made by Mr. Godshall and seconded by Mr. Nice to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth T. Gooch

Planning and Zoning Coordinator