

FRANCONIA TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MINUTES

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Chairman Grey Godshall called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 7:05 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Telford, Pennsylvania 18969.

Present were Chairman Grey Godshall, Vice Chairman David Fazio, 2nd Vice-Chairman Robert H. Nice, and Supervisor Dr. Charles Amuso. Also, in attendance were Township Manager Jon A. Hammer, Sargent Detective George Moyer, Township Solicitor Eric Wert, Esquire, Township Engineer Douglas C. Rossino P.E, and interested residents of Franconia Township. Supervisor Kratz was absent.

Solicitor Wert announced that prior to the meeting the Board held an executive session to discuss employment for the township and potential real estate transaction.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Chairman Godshall opened the meeting to the public. Ms. Jennifer Torres, 26 Cowpath Road, was present to discuss truck traffic near her home. She is upset that neighboring Township have rerouted trucks to use Mininger and Cowpath Roads. Chairman Godshall stated that Hatfield Township filed with Penn Dot to post some of their roads. The trucks have moved over to Mininger Road. Once the east west connector is built, Franconia can then post Mininger Road. If it is posted now, the trucks will simply move over to Beck Road. Ms. Torres stated that she is unable to even sit outside of her home currently. Ms. Dawn Transue, 422 Mininger Road, asked if the Board had read the article stating the closing of Derstine Road to trucks being the next step. Mr. Godshall assured the residents that the Board and staff will look into what can be done in the meantime. Ms. Torres asked if any traffic studies were done. Chairman Godshall responded that since Franconia has not made any changes, so No, a study has not been done, but Hatfield would have been required to do the study to post its roads. Ms. Torres expressed concern that Hatfield is benefitting from the businesses and tax revenue, but no longer allow the trucks in their township. Chairman Godshall told residents that a serious look will be taken into the situation.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2, 2018 ORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES

Supervisor Fazio made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 2nd, 2018 Organizational Meeting. Supervisor Nice seconded the motion. The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 15, 2018 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Fazio made the motion to approve the minutes from the January 15th, 2018 Regular meeting. It was seconded by Dr. Amuso and passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 23, 2018 MEETING MINUTES

Supervisor Fazio motioned to approve the minutes from the January 23rd, 2018 meeting. Mr. Nice seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

INDIAN VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Dr. Alex Grande was present on behalf of the Indian Valley Public Library. He reported that the strategic plan is alive and well. He thanked the Board for appointing JoAnne Strom as its Township representative and added that the library has about 800 visitors daily. He introduced the director, Ms. Margie Stern. She reported that 2017 has been very busy year. As of January 1st the library stopped charging for DVD's and books on tape. To offset the costs, they have raised the over due fines minimally. She stated that the library is looking to go with a new and less expensive system to check out books and catalogs to locate books. They have received a VNA of Greater North Penn Grant of \$10,000 to be used for a new website design as well and children's books. She thanked the Board of Supervisors for the continued support. Chairman Godshall recognized Ms. Storm's dedication since 2001 and thanked her.

Chairman Godshall asked for a motion to appoint Don Lynch as Deputy Fire Marshall for 2018. Supervisor Fazio motioned, Dr. Amuso seconded and all voted in favor.

Chairman Godshall requested a motion to appoint Caryn Koffel as Deputy Tax Collector and announced that Mr. Wm. Keith Freed had been appointed Tax Collector at the previous meeting. Mr. Fazio made the motion that was seconded by Mr. Nice. Motion carried.

Solicitor 's Report – Eric Wert, Esquire

None.

POLICE REPORT- SARGENT DETECTIVE GEORGE MOYER

Sgt. Moyer submitted his report. Chairman Godshall asked if there had been any recent opioid issues. Sgt. Moyer replied that it has been a while since the Narcan has been used. He did add that a large arrest on drug trafficking on Cowpath Road had just taken place and was still under investigation.

HIGHWAY REPORT-PAUL R. NICE

Mr. Nice submitted his report and added that the salting this month had been much better than December. He stated that we have received over 25" of snow thus far. He hopes that they are done with the salt for the winter.

ENGINEERING REPORT- DOUGLAS C. ROSSINO P.E.

Mr. Rossino submitted his report and asked for any questions or comments. None were heard.

TREASURER'S REPORT –

A motion was made by Mr. Nice and seconded by Mr. Fazio 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. 18-20-02 dated February 20, 2018 in the amount of \$248,576.55. He reported that nothing out of the ordinary appeared this month. The motion carried unanimously.

PAYROLL

A motion was made by Mr. Nice and seconded by Mr. Fazio for the Treasurer to be authorized to pay all employees during the pay period of February 20, 2018 through March 18, 2018 according to the hours worked as listed on the Payroll Journal for the aforesaid period. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS

Chairman Godshall made a motion to advertise for the following bids:

- a) Stone
 - 1) No. 1 Screening – approximately 100 ton
 - 2) No. 1-B Aggregate – approximately 500 ton
 - 3) No. 2-A Aggregate – approximately 1,000 ton
 - 4) No. 2-B Aggregate– approximately 500 ton
 - 5) No. 3-A Aggregate– approximately 200 ton
 - 6) No. 4 Aggregate– approximately 300 ton

- b) Paving Materials – Asphalt price adjustment included (PA 408 Section 110.04)
- 1) Superpave HMA Wearing PG64-22 0-0.3 million ESAL's 9.5 mm SRL H 1,000 tons
 - 2) Superpave HMA Wearing PG64-22 .3<3. million ESAL's 9.5 mm SRL H 500 tons
 - 3) Superpave HMA Wearing PG64-22 0-0.3 million ESAL's 19. mm SRL H 500 tons
 - 4) Superpave HMA Binder PG64-22 .3<3.million ESAL's 19. mm 500 tons
 - 5) Superpave HMA Base PG64-22 .3<3. million ESAL's 25. mm 500 tons
 - 6) PSP Cold Patch– approximately 10 ton

The motion was seconded by Supervisor Fazio and all voted in favor. The bids are to be opened at 2:00 p.m. on March 15th, 2018 at the Franconia Township Municipal Building.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

Chairman Godshall asked for a motion to approve Resolution No. 18-01-20-02 to grant conditional preliminary land development approval for “Hillstone” and the property located along Cowpath and Leidy Roads, Franconia Township. Mr. Fazio motioned for approval, seconded by Dr. Amuso. Motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Franconia Township Planning Commission will hold its regular meeting on Monday, March 5, 2018 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 19th, 2018 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 Monday, March 19, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. at the same location.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

Respectfully submitted,

Beth T. Gooch

Director of Planning and Zoning