

FRANCONIA TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Chairman Steven P. Barndt called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Franconia Township to order on Monday, July 18, 2011 at 7:03 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, Supervisors Drew Darrah and Curtis N. Kratz; Township Manager Kevin D. Bayer; Assistant Township Manager, Jamie P. Worman; Chief Joseph Kozeniewski; Township Solicitor Joseph C. Kuhls, Esquire; Public Works Director Paul R. Nice; Township Engineer Barry Wert, P.E.; Building and Code Inspector Jerry Rittenhouse and interested residents of Franconia Township.

OPENING MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

No Public Comment.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 2011 MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Godshall and seconded by Mr. Freed to approve the June 13, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – JOSEPH C. KUHL, ESQUIRE

A motion was made by Mr. Barndt and seconded by Mr. Freed to table Ordinance 371 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 145 {Zoning} Article XXVI of the Franconia Township Codebook. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Barndt and seconded by Mr. Godshall to table Ordinance 369 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 145 {Zoning} Article XXII of the Franconia Township Codebook. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kuhls opened the floor to those in attendance for Ordinance 369 U&O.

Jamie Ridge of Suburban Realtors Alliance spoke in regard to making some changes to the checklist items and the legality of a township blocking a U&O. Mr. Ridge also mentioned the possibility of an affidavit system.

Gary Cassel of Prudential Keystone Properties spoke to the Board and listed all Non U&O Municipalities.

Dick Hendricks, Realtor and Resident at 559 4th Street asked what the remedy would be if decks and/or sheds are too close to property lines. Mr. Hendricks also spoke to the requirements listed for a Fire Separation Wall. Mr. Kuhls explained that the Board of Supervisors was taking these issues under consideration.

Roger Hope of 237 Country Club Drive, Telford and local businessman asked that the Board of Supervisors think twice about enacting the current U&O Ordinance.

A Motion was made by Mr. Godshall and seconded by Mr. Barndt to Approve Resolution 11-16-18-07: A Resolution Revising Resolution 10-11-16-02. The motion carried unanimously.

A Motion was made by Mr. Darrah and seconded by Mr. Barndt to Approve Resolution 11-17-18-07: A Resolution to Participate in the Montgomery County Public Safety Communications System Upgrade and Purchase of Related Radio Equipment. The motion carried unanimously.

A Motion was made by Mr. Barndt and seconded by Mr. Kratz to Approve Resolution 11-18-18-07: A Resolution Accepting the 2011/2012 PennDot Winter Road Maintenance Agreement. The motion carried unanimously.

A Motion was made by Mr. Barndt and seconded by Mr. Kratz to Appoint Ami L. Tarburton, Finance Officer to replace David S. Bernhauser as the Primary Earned Income Tax Representative as required by Act 32 of 2008. The motion carried unanimously.

POLICE REPORT – SERGEANT JEFFREY C. GOWER

Chief Kozeniewski submitted the Police report for June 2011.

ZONING REPORT – KEVIN D. BAVER

Mr. Baver submitted his report for June 2011.

HIGHWAY REPORT – PAUL NICE

Mr. Paul Nice submitted his report for June 2011.

ENGINEERING REPORT – BARRY WERT, P.E.

Mr. Wert submitted his report for June 2011.

TREASURER’S REPORT – KEVIN D. BAVER

A motion was made by Mr. Barndt and seconded by Mr. Godshall 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. 11-18-07 dated July 18, 2011 in the amount of \$718,181.92. The motion carried unanimously.

PAYROLL

A motion was made by Mr. Barndt and seconded by Mr. Freed for the Treasurer to be authorized to pay all employees during the pay period of July 16, 2011 through August 12, 2011 according to the hours worked as listed on the Payroll Journal for the aforesaid period. The motion carried unanimously.

LAND DEVELOPMENT

On motion made by Mr. Freed and seconded by Mr. Godshall to approve Resolution 11-19-18-07: Accepting the Legal and Ultimate Rights-Of-Way offered for Dedication on the Lomas Subdivision Plan dated December 1, 2010. The motion carried unanimously.

BIDS

A motion was made by Mr. Barndt and seconded by Mr. Godshall to approve acceptance of fuel contract awards to the lowest responsible bidders for the following items pursuant to public bids opened July 14, 2011 and received at this meeting by the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Unleaded Gasoline – PK Moyer & Sons Inc. \$67,957.00
- b) Diesel Fuel – PK Moyer & Sons Inc. \$36,234.00
- c) No. 2 Fuel Oil – Farm & Home Oil \$34,072.50
- d) Propane Gas – Penn Valley Bottle Gas \$ 9,950.00

The motion was unanimously approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Franconia Township Planning Commission will hold its next Regular Meeting on Monday, August 1, 2011 at 7:00 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, August 15, 2011 at the Franconia Township Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Franconia, Pennsylvania 18969. The Board of Supervisors Work Sessions will be held on Friday, August 5, 2011 at 7:00 a.m. and Monday, August 15, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. at the same location.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was made by Mr. Barndt and seconded by Mr. Godshall to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin D. Baver, Secretary