

FRANCONIA TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MINUTES  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Chairman Grey Godshall called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order on Monday, March 18, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Telford, Pennsylvania 18969.

Present were Chairman Grey Godshall, Vice Chairman David B. Fazio, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chairman Robert H. Nice, Supervisor Curtis Kratz and Supervisor Dr. Charles Amuso. Also, in attendance were Township Manager Jon A. Hammer, Chief Michael Martin, Township Solicitor Eric Wert, Esquire, Township Engineer Douglass C. Rossino, P.E., and interested residents of Franconia Township.

**OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC**

Chairman Godshall opened the meeting to the public. Mr. Jesse Landis was present to request a waiver of land development from the Board of Supervisors. He displayed plans for an addition to his shop to be constructed over an existing driveway. Chairman Godshall stated that the Board can take a look at the plans but that the forum of a Work Session would be the appropriate time for discussion to initially take place after the Township Engineer is able to review the plan. Solicitor Wert questioned if Mr. Landis was requesting a waiver from land development in its entirety. Mr. Landis responded that it would be from the civil work only. All of the stormwater calculations were presented in a former plan to the Board in 2016.

Mr. Bill Pellak, from Strawberry Fields, was present to ask for information of the future development of the Allebach Farm that his property backs up to. Ms. Gooch informed Mr. Pellak that staff has met with Mr. Rick Mast to review potential plans of a by-right development of the property but nothing formal has been submitted. Mr. Pellak, then asked about the subdivision on Sunset Lane. He voiced interested to further subdivide the vacant lot. Mr. Wert reported that the Board would need to approve any further subdivision of that

lot. Mr. Pellak stated that 5 acres is a large lot. It was confirmed that the minimum by-right lot size in the RR district of the Township is 4 acres.

**APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 19, 2019 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Supervisor Fazio made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 19, 2019 Regular Meeting. Supervisor Nice seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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

None

**TOWNSHIP MANAGER REPORT – JON A. HAMMER**

Mr. Hammer provided to the Board, a copy of a proposal for IT services has been received from SSI Solutions Inc. This would help to cover the servers, internet and network security and overall IT services for the employees. Mr. Wert stated that some changes have been made to the agreement and requested the approval of the Board. Supervisor Fazio motioned for approval subject to the changes made to the agreement. It was seconded by Dr. Amuso and all voted in favor.

**POLICE REPORT- CHIEF MICHAEL MARTIN**

Chief Martin submitted his report. He announced that on Wednesday the citizens police academy class will focus on internet crimes against child and human trafficking. He added that the Fall Fest planning meetings have been taking place and it is scheduled for October 12<sup>th</sup> and October 13<sup>th</sup>. Chairman Godshall recommended that the topics of the citizens police academy classes be added to the Frank Talk and could possibly be used to promote future classes.

**HIGHWAY REPORT-PAUL R. NICE**

Mr. Nice submitted his report and stated that there had been a total of 28 inches of snow this winter. He added that along with the police truck and one administrative vehicle, the 32 year old truck GMC, will all be sold on Municibid. Mr. Hammer explained that Municibid is a public site on the internet where municipalities can post items as well as vehicles for sale. Supervisor Kratz motioned to authorize the sale of the vehicles and a mower. Supervisor Fazio seconded that motion and all voted in favor. Mr. Nice then reported that that Mininger

Road has been posted with the approved No Trucks signage. Mr. Hammer added that the next step is to update the Ordinance to enforce the restriction.

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

Mr. Rossino submitted his report and added that permits continue to be issued for Lincoln Woods, that Hillstone has begun construction, and the first permits for twin units have been submitted. Mr. Godshall questioned the proposed trail within the Hillstone development and if those improvements will be installed last. Mr. Rossino responded that all DEP permitting is in place for the bridge to cross the trail over the creek and right now the developer is focused on a model home to start the sales process.

**TREASURER'S REPORT –**

A motion was made by Mr. Nice and seconded by Mr. 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. 19-18-03 dated March 18, 2019 in the amount of \$211,217.60. He reported that \$24,000 was for salt, and there were two down payments for the police vehicles. 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 March 18, 2019 through April 14, 2019 according to the hours worked as listed on the Payroll Journal for the aforesaid period. The motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION TO APPROVE BIDS**

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

- a) Ultra-Thin Bonded Wearing Course, Single Bituminous Seal Coat, Type II Slurry Seal and Polymer Modified Crack Seal
  - 1) Ultra-Thin Bonded Wearing Course Approximately 49,000 square yards
  - 2) Single Bituminous Seal Coat Approximately 38,000 square yards
  - 3) Type II Slurry Seal Approximately 38,000 square yards
  - 4) Polymer Modified Crack Seal Approximately 600 GallonsTo Asphalt Maintenance Solutions, was motioned by Supervisor Kratz, seconded by Supervisor Fazio. Motion passed.

- b) Curbing & Sidewalk Installation to Trout Brothers. Supervisor Amuso motioned. It was seconded by Supervisor Fazio and all voted in favor.
- c) 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 tons
- Award is split between Allen Myers and Highway Materials according to the bid tabulation sheet. Supervisor Amuso made the motion for approval that was seconded by Supervisor Fazio. 5-0;

The bids were opened at 2:00 p.m. on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the Franconia Township Municipal Building.

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

Mr. Pete Anderson was present, to discuss the Land Development plan for HTSF. He stated that it has received Conditional Final Approval and has now been sold to a new entity that would like to request a minor change to the plan. Mr. Anderson explained the difference between the plans. The original plan shows 11 loading docks and the amended plan shows 29. Mr. Nice confirmed that this project is located across from the Hagey bus terminal. Discussion took place about the conditional use granted for reserved parking and that the new owner may pave the entire parking in the rear anyway. Mr. Anderson explained that the berm on the detention basin has also changed on the plans. This will allow for the removal of the grass islands necessary to install the 29 loading docks. Chairman Godshall asked if the impervious calculations were still under the requirements. Mr. Anderson stated that a full plan will be submitted for review. The applicant is looking for the Board's blessing and will move forward with the formal submittal. Mr. Guy Wolfington, Endurance, reported that the warehouse will be constructed as a speculative warehouse, as there is no current tenant for the building. Mr. Rossino added that the proposed 29 docks could not increase in number, only be able to decrease, depending on the tenant, should the Board approve the amended plan as shown. Supervisor Amuso asked about the tree and shrub counts, and if those

numbers would be changing. Mr. Anderson replied that possibly, yes, and those calculations would be part of the resubmittal. Fees will be paid to the Township in lieu of the plantings at \$300 per tree, where necessary. Mr. Rossino stated that according to the ITE manual, the added docks do not increase the traffic count, it is based off of the square footage of the proposed building. Mr. Hammer asked if there would be an area to clear off the snow from on top of the trucks. Mr. Wolfington was unaware of such an area.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Franconia Township Planning Commission will hold its regular meeting on Monday, April 1, 2019 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, April 15, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Franconia Township Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Telford Pennsylvania 18969. The Board of Supervisors Work Session will be held on Monday, April 15, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. at the same location.

#### **Motion to Adjourn**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Beth T. Gooch

Director of Planning and Zoning