

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, November 19, 2012 at 7:19 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 and Supervisor Curtis N. Kratz; Township Manager Kevin D. Baver; Assistant Township Manager Jamie P. Worman; Chief Joseph S. Kozeniewski; Township Solicitor Joseph C. Kuhls, Esquire; Township Engineer Cindy Van Hise, P.E.; Building and Code Inspector Jerry Rittenhouse and interested residents of Franconia Township. Supervisor Drew Darrah was absent (excused).

OPENING MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Thiel of 831 Allentown Road commented on the topic of firework displays being conducted on private property and suggested that large aerial displays should be considered as not authorized in residential settings, but should not be permanently banned.

Mr. Joe Phelps of 176 Middlepark Drive addressed the Board of Supervisors and Public Works Director, Paul Nice in regards to the cutting and chipping of trees on private property. Mr. Nice explained to Mr. Phelps that the Township offers a branch chipping service after storms and that his Public Works staff does not go on to private property and cut down trees. Branches are brought to the curb and then chipped.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 2012 MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Godshall and seconded by Mr. Kratz to approve the October 15, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – JOSEPH C. KUHL, ESQUIRE

A motion was made by Mr. Godshall and seconded by Mr. Freed to authorize the preparation of the Montgomery County Tax Collection Bureau Ordinance. The motion carried unanimously.

POLICE REPORT – CHIEF JOSEPH S. KOZENIEWSKI

Chief Kozeniewski submitted the Police report for October 2012.

ZONING REPORT – KEVIN D. BAVER

Mr. Baver submitted his report for October 2012.

HIGHWAY REPORT – PAUL R. NICE

Mr. Nice submitted the Highway report for October 2012.

ENGINEERING REPORT – CINDY VANHISE, P.E.

Ms. VanHise submitted his report for October 2012.

TREASURER’S REPORT – KEVIN D. BAVER

A motion was made by Mr. Godshall and seconded by Mr. Freed 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. 12-19-11 dated November 19, 2012 in the amount of \$555,311.56. The motion carried unanimously.

PAYROLL

A motion was made by Mr. Godshall and seconded by Mr. Kratz for the Treasurer to be authorized to pay all employees during the pay period of November 17, 2012 through December 7, 2012 according to the hours worked as listed on the Payroll Journal for the aforesaid period. The motion carried unanimously.

LAND DEVELOPMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Freed and seconded by Mr. Godshall to Release John Garis Homes from their Maintenance Bond for Carrington Way located along Smokepipe Road. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Freed and seconded by Mr. Kratz to Release Terra View, LP from their Maintenance Bond for Synatek Land Development located along Hagey Center Drive. The motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/MOTIONS

A motion was made by Mr. Barndt and seconded by Mr. Freed to authorize the Advertising of a Notice of Intent to Appoint the firm of Bergey Yoder & Associates, PC, Certified Public Accountants to perform an Audit of All Township Funds for the 2012 Calendar Year in lieu of Elected Auditors. Said appointment to be certified by Resolution of the Board of Supervisors at the Annual Organization Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 2, 2013. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Barndt and seconded by Mr. Freed to advertise that the 2013 Franconia Township Budget Documents are available for Public Inspection on Weekdays at the Franconia Township Municipal Building from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm beginning Wednesday, November 21, 2012. The Board of Supervisors of Franconia Township will adopt the 2013 Budget documents at the Regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors to be held on Monday, December 10, 2012. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Barndt and seconded by Mr. Godshall to accept the resignation from Ralph Landis from the Zoning Hearing Board effective December 31, 2012. The motion carried unanimously.

The Franconia Township Planning Commission will hold Regular Meetings on Monday, December 3, 2012 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, December 10, 2012 at the Franconia Township Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Franconia, Pennsylvania 18969. The Board of Supervisors Work Sessions will be held on Friday, December 7, 2012 at 7:00 a.m. at the same location.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was made by Mr. Kratz and seconded by Mr. Godshall to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin D. Baver, Secretary