

Vice Chairman David B. Fazio called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order on Monday, September 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Telford, Pennsylvania 18969.

Present were Vice Chairman David B. Fazio, Supervisor Robert Nice, Supervisor Curtis Kratz and Supervisor Dr. Charles Amuso. Also, in attendance were Township Manager Jon Hammer, Township Solicitor Frank Bartle, Esquire, Chief of Police Michael Martin and interested residents of Franconia Township.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Vice Chairman Fazio opened the meeting to the public. Ms. Peggy Hoffner, 415 Moyer Road, was present to address the Board with her concerns over the truck traffic on Halteman and Moyer Roads. She requested signs to prevent large trucks from traveling on the residential streets. She stated that the Ordinance restricts trucks over 8 tons on Halteman Road. Manager Hammer responded that signs have been ordered and will be posted in accordance with the Ordinance.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 19, 2019 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Supervisor Amuso made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 19, 2019 Regular Meeting. Supervisor Kratz seconded the motion. The motion passed, 4-0.

SOLICITOR 'S REPORT – FRANK BARTLE, ESQUIRE

Mr. Bartle asked for a motion to authorize the Township Manager to expend the necessary funds for an appraisal for a potential real estate purchase. There were no comments from the public. Supervisor Fazio motioned for approval, it was seconded by Supervisor Nice and all voted in favor.

Solicitor Bartle announced that prior to the start of the meeting, from approximately 6pm to 7pm, the Board met in an executive session to discuss personnel matters and potential acquisition of real estate.

Mr. Bartle opened the public hearing in order to consider the rezone of a parcel within Franconia Township and amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision and Land

Development Ordinance. Court reporter Anita Huber was present. Ordinance 404-19 for an amendment to the Zoning Map and Ordinance 405-19 to relocate the requirements for detention basins from the Zoning Ordinance to the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. Mr. Bartle marked exhibits including a proof of publication, the proposed Ordinances, verification of posting, the letter to the Planning Commission request for review, the letter to the law library, the Montgomery County Planning Commission letter, and the Township's Planning Commission minutes. Mr. Joe Kuhls was present on behalf of the applicant and requested a rezone of relatively small residential property next to Biggie's Bar. The property has been a non-conforming use for many years, and he requested the Board to acknowledge that use and rezone it to commercial. The second request is to move the detention basin requirements to a more appropriate location within the Township's code. Should both Ordinances be approved then the applicant is proposing a 12,500 square foot medical building at the corner of Township Line Road and County Line Road. There were no questions or comments from the Board. Ms. Hoffner asked about parking availability at that location. Solicitor Bartle explained that currently only the zoning of the property is before the Board and land development plans will be submitted at another time. Supervisor Amuso motioned to approve Ordinance 404-19. Supervisor Fazio seconded the motion and it passed unanimously, 4-0. Supervisor Nice motioned to approve Ordinance 405-19. Supervisor Amuso seconded and all voted in favor.

Mr. Bartle closed the public hearing.

Resolution 19-17-16-09 A resolution accepting the 5-Year PennDOT Winter Traffic Services Agreement. Supervisor Amuso motioned for approval. It was seconded by Supervisor Fazio and all voted in favor.

Mr. Bartle asked for a motion to accept the 2020 Minimum Municipal Obligations. Supervisor Nice motioned, Supervisor Kratz seconded the motion and the motion carried.

POLICE REPORT- CHIEF MICHAEL MARTIN

Chief Martin submitted his report. He provided an update on the Fall Fest planning. Some major components are now locked in, including a DJ for Saturday, the band for Sunday, and a musical Firework display is scheduled for Saturday at 7pm with a Halloween theme. Currently there are thirty vendors confirmed and numerous volunteers have stepped forward. The community has answered the call.

HIGHWAY REPORT-PAUL R. NICE

Mr. Nice submitted his report prior to the meeting as was not present.

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

Mr. Rossino submitted his report prior to the meeting and was not present.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Supervisor Nice and seconded by Supervisor Amuso 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. 19-16-09 dated September 16, 2019 in the amount of \$327,509.03. Mr. Nice reported that bills included a quarterly payment to the library for about \$69,000 and payments for the asphalt projects throughout the Township. The motion carried unanimously.

PAYROLL

A motion was made by Supervisor Nice and seconded by Supervisor Amuso for the Treasurer to be authorized to pay all employees during the pay period of September 17, 2019 through October 21, 2019 according to the hours worked as listed on the Payroll Journal for the aforesaid period. The motion carried unanimously.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Franconia Township Planning Commission will hold its regular meeting on Monday, October 7, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Franconia Township Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Telford, Pennsylvania 18969.

The next Board of Supervisors Work Session will be held on Monday, October 21, 2019 at 5:00 pm followed by the next regular Board of Supervisors Meeting at 7 p.m. located at the Franconia Township Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Telford Pennsylvania 18969.

Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made by Mr. Kratz and seconded by Dr. Amuso to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth T. Gooch

Director of Planning and Zoning