

FRANCONIA TOWNSHIP
ANNUAL ORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Franconia Township Solicitor, Frank Bartle, called the Organizational Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Franconia Township to order on **Monday, January 6, 2020** at 5:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Telford, Pennsylvania 18969.

Present were Grey R. Godshall, David B. Fazio, Dr. Charles Amuso, Curtis Kratz and Township Manager Jon A. Hammer. Supervisor Robert H. Nice was excused.

Solicitor Bartle announced that the public officials will be sworn in by District Justice Augustine. Township Supervisor David B. Fazio, Tax Collector Wm. Keith Freed, Township Auditor Brenda Conallen, Township Auditor Jill Halteman were all sworn into office.

Solicitor Bartle asked for Public comment on any legal matters on the agenda and in addition there will be a Resolution before the Board to approve the purchase of certain real estate, 564 Godshall Road, hearing no comment he continued with the meeting.

Solicitor Bartle directed the Township Supervisors to organize as a Board by electing one of their members to be Chairman.

ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD FOR 2020

A motion was made by Supervisor Fazio to elect Grey R. Godshall as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Franconia Township. It was seconded by Supervisor Curtis Kratz. No other motions were made. All voted in favor.

The meeting was turned over to Chairman Godshall.

A motion was made by Dr. Amuso and seconded by Mr. Kratz to elect David B. Fazio, 1st Vice Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Franconia Township. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Godshall and seconded by Dr. Amuso to elect Robert H. Nice, 2nd Vice Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Franconia Township. Motion carried.

SECRETARY/TREASURER AND REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENTS

A motion was made by Supervisor Fazio and seconded by Supervisor Amuso to appoint Jon A. Hammer as Secretary/Treasurer of Franconia Township for the year 2020, to appoint Dischell Bartle and Dooley as Township Solicitor, to appoint Hamburg, Rubin Mullin & Lupin, LLP as ZHB Solicitor and to appoint Gilmore and Associates as Township Engineer along with their corresponding fee schedules and or contract. Motion carried.

REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENTS

A motion was made by Supervisor Amuso and seconded by Supervisor Kratz to appoint the following firms and/or persons to represent Franconia Township for the year 2020, as listed on the meeting agenda under Item 6, a through f. Motion carried.

- a) Jon A. Hammer - Manager
- b) Dischell, Bartle & Dooley - Solicitor
- c) Gilmore and Associates, Russell Dunlevy, P.E. – Township Engineer
- d) Jon Hammer – Zoning Officer
Russell Dunlevy. – Assistant Zoning Officer
Beth T Gooch – Assistant Zoning Officer
- e) Hamburg, Rubin, Mullin, Maxwell & Lupin, LLP

- Christen Gilmore Pionzio, Esquire – Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor
f) Fox, Rothschild, LLP
Industrial Development Authority Solicitor

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CO APPLICATION FOR A HIGHWAY OCCUPANCY PERMIT FOR COWPATH ROAD.

Manager Hammer explained that PennDOT has requested the Township to file as a co applicant in order to allow for the realignment of Indian Creek Road to Cowpath Road during the land development project for W.B. Homes known as Bayard Estates. Supervisor Amuso motioned to authorize, it was seconded by Supervisor Kratz and all voted in favor.

COMMITTEES – APPOINTMENTS

A motion was made by Supervisor Fazio and seconded by Mr. Kratz to appoint the following persons to the committees and positions as noted on the Agenda: Motion carried.

a) Act 537 Committee – Annual Appointments

David Fazio	John Medendorp
Grey R. Godshall	Robert Nice
George E. Witmayer	Jon A. Hammer
Russel Dunlevy, P.E.	Alfred S. Ciottoni, P.E.
Douglas Rossino, P.E.	Daniel Leidy

b) Agricultural Advisory Committee – Annual Appointments

Curtis N. Kratz	David K. Yoder
W. Blaine Souder	Grey R. Godshall
Curtis F. Nice	

c) Code Enforcement Officer – Annual Appointments

Roger M. Koffel
Gerald D. Rittenhouse

d) Emergency Management Agency

Vacant

e) Fire Marshal – Annual Appointment

Steve Coll

f) Deputy Fire Marshals – Annual Appointments

Paul Stoudt – 1st Deputy
Joe Rausch
Donald Lynch

g) Impact Fee Advisory Committee – Annual Appointments

Keith Kneipp	John Medendorp
Gerald R. DeLong	George Balzer
Christopher Canavan	Douglas P. Worley
Steven Barndt	Sanford Alderfer
Richard C. Mast	Nancy Shelly

Gilmore and Associates – Consultant

h) Industrial Development Authority
Fox Rothschild LLP - Solicitor

i) Indian Valley Library Representative
JoAnne Strom – Three (3) year term to December 31, 2022

j) Indian Valley Regional Planning Commission Representative
Steven Hunsberger – Two (2) year term to December 31, 2021

k) MS4 Committee – Annual Appointments
Charles Amuso Paul Nice
David B Fazio George Witmayer
Jon A. Hammer Russel Dunlevy, P.E.
Beth Gooch Doug Rossino, P.E.

l) Northern Montgomery County Recycling Commission - Annual Appointment
Vacant

m) Open Space Advisory Board – Annual Appointments
Charles Amuso Gerald R. DeLong
Grey R. Godshall

n) Parks & Recreation Board
Lisa Mussleman – Five (5) year term to December 31, 2024
John Neves – Five (5) year term to December 31, 2024

o) Pension Funds Actuarial Consultant – Annual Appointment
Univest Pension Advisors

p) Planning Commission
George Balzer – Four (4) year term to December 31, 2023

q) Sewer Authority
Rodney Kratz -Five (5) year term to expire December 31, 2024

r) Township Planner – Annual Appointment
Joseph A. Zadlo, Architect

s) Vacancy Board – Annual Appointment
Douglas P. Worley

t) Zoning Ordinance Committee – Annual Appointments
Doug Rossino Jon Hammer
Charles Amuso Beth Gooch
Russ Dunlevy Joseph A. Zadlo

u) North Penn Water Authority
George Witmayer

v) Zoning Hearing Board

Robert Louden – Three (3) year term to December 31, 2022

Michael Zuerblis – Three (3) year term to December 31, 2023

Solicitor Bartle asked for Public comment and hearing none continued with the meeting.

FINANCIAL AGENCIES APPOINTMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Godshall and seconded by Dr. Amuso to appoint the following financial agencies for the following accounts for the year 2020: Motion carried unanimously.

Univest

Pension Funds

Quakertown National Bank

1. Liquid Fuels Fund (Highway Aid Fund)
2. Act 209 Impact Fee Fund
3. Payroll Fund
4. General Fund/Investment Management
5. Light and Hydrant Fund
6. Capital Reserve Fund
7. Fire Protection Fund
8. Library Tax Fund
9. Liquid Fuels Fund (Highway Aid Fund)
10. Recycling Fund
11. Act 209 Impact Fee Fund
12. Open Space EIT
13. Open Space General Fund
14. Open Space-DVRFA
15. EIT Account
16. Local Service Account

Chairman Godshall asked for a motion to approve Resolution 20-01-06-01 to purchase the Longacre farm that borders the Franconia park. Supervisor Amuso motioned, it was seconded by Supervisor Fazio and all voted in favor.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was made by Mr. Kratz and seconded by Mr. Fazio to adjourn the meeting at 5:13p.m. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth T Gooch
Director of Planning and Zoning