

FRANCONIA TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MINUTES  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Chairman Grey Godshall called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order on Monday, January 20, 2020 at 7:02 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 Frank Bartle, 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. Ms. Denise Pulli, 420 Beck Road, addressed the Board with her concerns about the truck traffic on Beck Road. While the signs have been posted there is still a considerable amount of truck traffic. She requested that the restrictions be enforced. Chief Martin explained the process of educating the truck drivers first with a warning then a second offense would warrant ticketing.

Ms. Denise Kiser, 128 Allentown Road, was present to request help regarding the number of feral cats that her neighbor feeds. She is unable to keep the thirty to forty cats off of her property and defecating everywhere. Chairman Godshall agreed to look into what kind of rights the Township has to enforce, possibly a nuisance ordinance.

**APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 16, 2019 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Supervisor Kratz made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Regular Meeting. Supervisor Fazio seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF JANUARY 6, 2020 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES**

Supervisor Amuso made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Organizational Meeting. Supervisor Kratz seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**SOLICITOR 'S REPORT – FRANK BARTLE., ESQUIRE**

Mr. Bartle announced that the Board met in executive session prior to the meeting to discuss two matters of potential litigation and one matter of contract negotiations.

Mr. Bartle announced that the public hearing for Ordinance 409-19 was continued on the record at the previous meeting, January 6<sup>th</sup>, and would now resume. He opened the hearing for public comment. A request was made for a summary of the Ordinance. Mr. Bartle explained that it contains a number of housekeeping items that have come up over the years. No other questions or comments were heard. Supervisor Amuso made the motion for approval, it was seconded by Supervisor Nice and all voted in favor. The hearing was closed.

Chairman Godshall asked for a motion to adopt a revised Township Personnel Handbook. Supervisor Kratz made such a motion. It was seconded by Supervisor Nice and passed unanimously.

**POLICE REPORT- CHIEF MICHAEL MARTIN**

Chief Martin submitted his written report. He added that December has been a busy month with modifying the hiring policy and updating the website in preparation to hire two part time officers. He stated that the first Fall Fest meeting took place a few weeks ago for the planning of next year's event.

**HIGHWAY REPORT-PAUL R. NICE**

Mr. Nice submitted his report and commented that the weather has been favorable thus far and we are about halfway through winter.

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

Mr. Rossino submitted his report and summarized ongoing projects and stated that December has been a slow month due to the holidays. Hillstone construction is underway and both Schoolhouse Road and the B&H Investments projects have had construction escrow releases. Work continues on the HVAC for the police department.

**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. 20-20-01 dated January 20, 2020 in the

amount of \$489,210.91. He reported that \$230,000 was to purchase a property designated for Open Space on Allentown Road. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **PAYROLL**

A motion was made by Mr. Nice and seconded by Mr. Kratz for the Treasurer to be authorized to pay all employees during the pay period of January 1, 2020 through February 18, 2020 according to the hours worked as listed on the Payroll Journal for the aforesaid period. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Resolution 20-02-20-01 A resolution granting conditional preliminary approval for the “Preliminary Land Development Plan prepared for Old Forge Acquisitions, LP, Bayard Estates” for property located on Indian Creek Road and Cowpath Road, Telford, Franconia Township. Supervisor Kratz motioned for approval. Supervisor Nice seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Franconia Township Planning Commission will hold its regular meeting on Monday, February 3, 2020 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 Tuesday, February 18, 2020 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 Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. at the same location.

Supervisor Kratz asked Chief Martin for an update n the Shop with a cop program. Chief reported that 16 families were chosen to receive \$1500 to spend on more than just toys. Many household necessities were purchased and officers from other municipalities stepped in to help out. Following the shopping, Souderton Pizza and Pasta hosted a dinner donating all of the food.

Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made by Mr. Kratz and seconded by Mr. Fazio to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth T. Gooch

Director of Planning and Zoning