

FRANCONIA TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MINUTES

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Chairman Grey Godshall called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order on Monday, April 20, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. via a conference call that was advertised in The Reporter and posted to the Township website.

Participating were Chairman Grey Godshall, Supervisor Robert H. Nice, Supervisor David B. Fazio, Supervisor Curtis Kratz and Supervisor Dr. Charles Amuso. Also, participating were Township Manager Jon A. Hammer, Chief Michael Martin, Township Solicitors Frank Bartle and Eric Wert, Esquires, Township Engineer Douglass C. Rossino, P.E., Chief of Police Michael Martin, Public Works Director Paul Nice, Director of Planning and Zoning Beth Gooch, Bob Keehler and resident D.F. Pace of 202 W Summit Street.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Chairman Godshall opened the meeting to the public. D.F. Pace, 202 W Summit Street, addressed the Board concerning his interest in building a more modern home on his property. He has secured a builder and wants to build a second home prior to demolishing the existing home that that he can continue to live in his home during the construction. Solicitor Bartle informed Mr. Pace, that additional information will need to be researched in order to provide direction to him. The Zoning Code, a plot plan and the dimensional requirements are all items for consideration. Mr. Pace stated that he believes he owns two separate parcels. It was recommended that Mr. Pace contact staff and information can be provided to him directly.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 18, 2020 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Supervisor Amuso made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 18th, 2020 Regular Meeting. Supervisor Kratz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

SOLICITOR 'S REPORT – FRANK BARTLE., ESQUIRE

Resolution 20-04-20-04 a resolution to support the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission Transportation and Community Development Initiative or the TCDI application. It is an application for a grant pursuant to the conditions for the development and

expenditures having to do with transportation within the community. Chairman Godshall made the motion to approve and Supervisor Nice seconded the motion. The Resolution passed unanimously.

POLICE REPORT- CHIEF MICHAEL MARTIN

Chief Martin submitted his written report. He added that the Police association has been providing meals for people in the community that need them. They provided close to 300 dinners at the Café and this last week over 300 dinners at Pizza and Pasta all taking place on Friday evenings. In general, there has been less crime and have not seen any of the COVID-19 scams yet. The shift has gone to more nuisance and domestic complaints. Responding to some social distancing complaints, mainly in the parks. Chairman Godshall asked for confirmation that the supply of gloves and masks with replaceable filters, is sufficient should there be any larger scale incident. Chief is confident that they are good for now.

HIGHWAY REPORT-PAUL R. NICE

Mr. Nice submitted his report and commented that while they are unable to do the projects they want right now they are keeping their distances and concentrating on the parks.

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

Mr. Rossino submitted his report and stated that there has been a little bit of construction. Lincoln Woods received an as built for one lot in order to make settlement, and Hillstone received a building permit approval. Bayard Estates and CHOP have submitted second submission packages that are also being reviewed.

TREASURER'S REPORT –

A motion was made by Mr. Nice and seconded by Mr. 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. 20-16-03 dated March 16, 2020 in the amount of \$177,605.41. He reported that the voucher contained regular monthly business. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Nice and seconded by Supervisor 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. 20-20-04 dated April 20, 2020 in the amount of \$630,090.28. He stated that about \$69,000 was for the semi-annual Library

contribution and \$412,000 was from the Open Space Fund to purchase the Longacre property adding land to our park system.

PAYROLL

A motion was made by Mr. Nice and seconded by Mr. Amuso for the Treasurer to be authorized to pay all employees during the pay period of March 17, 2020 through April 20, 2020 according to the hours worked as listed on the Payroll Journal for the aforesaid period. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE FOR BIDS

Has been tabled.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Franconia Township Planning Commission will hold its regular meeting on Monday, May 4, 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 Monday, May 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 Monday, May 18, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. at the same location.

Chairman Godshall took a moment to recognize and thank Township staff for working remotely and continuing to accommodate the needs of the residents as possible.

Motion to Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,

Beth T. Gooch

Director of Planning and Zoning