

Vice Chairman David B. Fazio called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order on Monday, November 16, 2020 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, and Supervisor Dr. Charles Amuso. Also, in attendance were Township Manager Jon A. Hammer, Chief Michael Martin, Township Solicitor Frank Bartle, Esquire, Township Engineer Douglas C. Rossino, P.E., and interested residents of Franconia Township.

Vice Chairman Fazio made a motion to accept the resignation letter of Supervisor Curtis Kratz. Mr. Hammer read a letter from Supervisor Kratz aloud.

Supervisor Amuso seconded the motion and the motion passed, 3-0.

Chairman Godshall joined the meeting via zoom.

Chairman Fazio announced that Ms. Jill Halteman has volunteered to fill the vacant seat for the remainder of Mr. Kratz's term as Supervisor. Chairman Fazio asked for any public comments, hearing none, he made a motion to appoint Ms. Halteman Township Supervisor. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Nice and all voted in favor. Ms. Halteman was sworn in and took her Oath of Office. She joined the meeting already in progress.

Chairman Godshall left the meeting at 7:10 pm.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Vice Chairman Fazio opened the meeting to the public. Mr. Jerry Guertse, Telford Fire Company, announced that the relief funds provided by the municipality get audited periodically. He stated that there were no findings following the completion of the most recent audit.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 19, 2020 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Supervisor Amuso made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 19th, 2020 Regular Meeting. Supervisor Nice seconded the motion. The motion passed, 4-0.

SOLICITOR 'S REPORT – FRANK BARTLE, ESQUIRE

Mr. Bartle stated that earlier in the evening amendments were made to a land development approval resolution.

POLICE REPORT- CHIEF MICHAEL MARTIN

Chief Martin submitted his written statistical report. He stated that the national drug take back day held earlier in the month was very successful. Food was delivered to the children identified by the Norristown Office of Children and Youth as well as several hundreds of dollars in gift cards. They are currently prepping for shop with a cop. It will look a little different this year as the shopping will be done via lists to limit exposure. Supervisor Fazio asked if the funding is anticipated to be about the same as previous years. Chief confirmed that the donors and fundraising are again doing well. He added that Sergeant George Moyer has announced his retirement and entered into the DROP program.

HIGHWAY REPORT-PAUL R. NICE

Mr. Nice submitted his report and added the highway projects for the year are complete. The department has a lot of sewer work coming up as well as the waterline replacement along Cowpath Road.

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

Mr. Rossino submitted his report prior to the meeting and reported that the Vistas at Highland Ridge project is coming to the conclusion of their 18-month maintenance period. The Pizza Box is under construction but probably will not be able to pave this season. He added that Godshall's Quality Meats has received their final site approval letter and the medical office building on County Line Road is under construction. The Township's NPDES permit has been submitted to DEP.

TREASURER'S REPORT –

A motion was made by Mr. Nice and seconded by Ms. Halteman 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. 20-16-11 dated November 16, 2020 in the

amount of \$221,367.63. He reported that approximately \$57,000 was from liquid fuel funds in order to pave Landis Road. The motion carried unanimously.

PAYROLL

A motion was made by Supervisor Nice and seconded by Supervisor Halteman for the Treasurer to be authorized to pay all employees during the pay period of November 16, 2020 through December 20, 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 20-13-16-11 A resolution granting conditional preliminary/final approval for “The Pocket Neighborhood (Phase IV) at Peter Becker Community”. Solicitor Bartle announced that the resolution will be modified to include the email of Douglas Rossino of Gilmore and Associates dated November 13, 2020. Waiver “r” will be replaced stating that the applicant will pay a fee in lieu of providing land for recreational use as outlined in the exhibit A. Number 6 in the email shall be removed and the waiver request from section 122-17G8 shall be changed to read 25 feet or as approved by the Township Engineer.

Vice Chairman Fazio motioned to approve the resolution as amended. It was seconded by Supervisor Nice and all voted in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Franconia Township Planning Commission will hold its regular meeting on Monday, December 7, 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, December 21, 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, December 21, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. at the same location.

2021 Budget

Manager Hammer announced that the overall financial situations remain strong. The 2020 budget is holding up well considering the challenges. There a few revenue concerns with permits being down a bit this year and real estate transfer tax. Other revenues are actually up

including the real estate tax. He also reported that the Township's expenditures are down for the year. Looking forward to 2021 no significant changes are proposed. The revenue expectation is around the same as 2020. The budget will be placed on display at the office and advertised as required under the second-class Township code, and it will be on the agenda in December for adoption. He also announced that there will be zero increase in taxes for 2021.

Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made by Supervisor Amuso and seconded by Supervisor Nice to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

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Respectfully submitted,

Beth T. Gooch

Director of Planning and Zoning