

FRANCONIA TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Chairman Grey Godshall, called the Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Franconia Township to order on Monday, December 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. via conference call as advertised in The Reporter and posted on the Township website.

Participating were Grey R. Godshall, David B. Fazio, Dr. Charles Amuso, Jill Halteman, Township Manager Jon A. Hammer, Township Solicitor Eric Wert, Director of Planning and Zoning Beth Gooch, Building Code Official Jerry Rittenhouse and Bob Keeler.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Chairman Godshall opened the meeting to the public. No comments were made.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 16, 2020 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Supervisor Amuso made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 16th, 2020 Regular Meeting. Supervisor Fazio seconded the motion. The motion passed, 4-0.

SOLICITOR 'S REPORT – ERIC WERT, ESQUIRE

Mr. Wert asked for a motion for Resolution 20-14-21-12 a resolution requiring employee contribution of 5% of all wages to the police pension plan for 2021. Chairman Godshall made the motion, it was seconded by Supervisor Fazio and all voted in favor.

Resolution 20-15-21-12 a resolution setting the real estate tax rate for the 2021 general fund budget, setting the fire service tax, setting the library tax, assessing various properties for fire hydrants and assessing properties for street lights. Manager Hammer added that as previous discussed, there are no proposed tax increases for 2021. Vice Chairman Fazio motioned for approval. Supervisor Halteman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Resolution 20-16-21-12 a resolution for the approval of the 2021 budget documents. Vice Chairman Fazio made the motion to approve the resolution. It was seconded by Supervisor Amuso and all voted in favor.

Solicitor Wert asked for a motion to authorize the police contract extension settlement agreement. Manager Hammer stated that the current contract is set to expire on the 31st of 2020. He added that the extension would be for three more years. The one change would be

to the salaries each year. Supervisor Amuso motioned for approval and it was seconded by Supervisor Fazio. Motion carried.

POLICE REPORT- CHIEF MICHAEL MARTIN

Chief Martin submitted his written statistical report prior to the meeting.

HIGHWAY REPORT-PAUL R. NICE

Mr. Nice submitted his report prior to the meeting.

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

Mr. Rossino submitted his report prior to the meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT –

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Fazio 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. 20-21-12 dated December 21, 2020 in the amount of \$370,937.86. The motion carried unanimously.

PAYROLL

A motion was made by Supervisor Fazio and seconded by Supervisor Amuso for the Treasurer to be authorized to pay all employees during the pay period of December 21, 2020 through December 31, 2020 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 Annual Organizational Board of Supervisors Meeting will be held Monday, January 4, 2021 at 5:00p.m. The Franconia Township Planning Commission will hold its regular meeting on Monday, January 4, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Franconia Township Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Telford, Pennsylvania 18969.

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Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made by Supervisor Fazio and seconded by Supervisor Amuso to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth T. Gooch

Director of Planning and Zoning