

FRANCONIA TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MINUTES

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Chairman Grey Godshall called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order on Monday, May 20, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Telford, Pennsylvania 18969.

Present were Chairman Grey Godshall, Vice Chairman David B. Fazio, Supervisor Robert Nice, Supervisor Charles Amuso and Supervisor Jill Halteman. Also, in attendance were Director of Administration and Community Development Beth T. Gooch, Township Solicitor Eric Wert, Esquire, Township Engineer Douglas C. Rossino P.E, and interested residents of Franconia Township.

Solicitor Wert announced that prior to the start of the meeting the Board met in an executive session to discuss a matter of potential litigation.

**Open meeting to the Public**

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

**APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 15, 2024 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Supervisor Fazio motioned for the approval of the minutes from the April 15, 2024, meeting. It was seconded by Supervisor Nice, and all voted in favor, 5-0.

**SOLICITOR 'S REPORT – ERIC WERT, ESQUIRE**

Mr. Wert asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 425-24 to adopt the 2021 International Property Maintenance Code, as amended as published by the International Code Council. Supervisor Amuso made the motion, and it was seconded by Supervisor Fazio, the motion carried.

Solicitor Wert then opened the public hearing for Ordinance 426-24 to amend and restate in its entirety Chapter 145, Article XIV [Zoning/LI-Limited Industrial District] of the Franconia Township Code and to create a new I-Industrial District in the Township and to amend the Franconia Township Zoning Map to change the underlying zoning of select properties. Court

reporter Mary Gladwell was present to record the proceedings. Township appointed Land Planner Joseph Zadlo was present to explain the changes proposed and answer questions from the Board and the public. He explained the purpose of a comp plan, and that the examination that the impact the connector will have on the community drove the proposed changes. Concerns were raised by a number of local business owners including Nate Clemmer of Synatek, Joel Nice of Godshall's Quality Meats, and Jesse Landis from JI Landis Welding and Mechanical. Mr. Wert reported that the code does allow for natural expansion of non-conforming uses. Attorney Bill Fox, representing JP Mascaro, was also present to express concerns related to the proposed Ordinance. A few residents added to the public comment portion of the hearing. Jack Borse, Vicki Stauffer, Carlene DeRosa, and Lori Groff all addressed the Board of Supervisors. Chairman Godshall made a motion to approve Ordinance 426-24. Supervisor Fazio seconded the motion, and all voted in favor. Mr. Wert closed the hearing.

**POLICE REPORT- CHIEF MICHAEL MARTIN**

Chief Martin submitted the statistical report and year-to-date report prior to the meeting. He announced that the drug take back held at the end of April resulted in 586 pounds.

**HIGHWAY REPORT-ANTHONY FRYDLEWICZ**

Mr. Frydlewicz submitted his report prior to the meeting. He added that oil chipping will take place this month and all of the stone at Branchwood Park is for a PennDOT project. He also stated that the storm pipe on Reliance Road is being replaced.

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

Mr. Rossino submitted his report prior to the meeting.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

A motion was made by Supervisor Nice and seconded by Supervisor Fazio 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. 24-20-05 dated May 20, 2024, in the amount of \$605,590.08, where \$216,000 was for the preservation of the Frankenfield Farm. The motion passed, 5-0.

**PAYROLL**

A motion was made by Supervisor Nice and seconded by Supervisor Amuso for the Treasurer to be authorized to pay all employees during the pay period of May 20, 2024, through June 16, 2024, according to the hours worked as listed on the Payroll Journal for the aforesaid period. The motion carried unanimously.

**SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT**

The Resolution on the agenda authorizing the inclusion of the property located at 668 Lower Road, Souderton, Pa into the Franconia Township Agricultural Security Area will appear on the agenda June 17, 2024 for approval.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Franconia Township Planning Commission will hold its next Regular meeting on Monday, June 3, 2024, 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, June 17, 2024, at 6:00 pm at the Franconia Township Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Telford Pennsylvania 18969. The Board of Supervisors work session will be held on June 17, 2024, at 5 p.m. at the same location.

**Motion to Adjourn**

A motion was made by Supervisor Fazio and seconded by Supervisor Halteman to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth T. Gooch  
Director of Administration and  
Community Development