

Chairman Grey Godshall called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order on Monday, July 15, 2024, at 6:04 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 Township Manager Jon Hammer, Township Solicitor Eric Wert, Esquire, Township Engineer Douglas C. Rossino P.E, and interested residents of Franconia Township.

Open meeting to the Public

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

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 17, 2024 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Supervisor Fazio motioned for the approval of the minutes from the June 17, 2024, meeting. It was seconded by Supervisor Halteman, and all voted in favor, 5-0.

SOLICITOR 'S REPORT – ERIC WERT, ESQUIRE

Mr. Wert opened the public hearing for Ordinance 419-23. Originally it was part of a hearing a year ago in April of 2023 to rezone portions of 7 parcels from R-130 Residential District to C Commercial. It has been readvertised to be considered this evening. Court Reporter Mary Gladwell was present to record the hearing. Mr. Wert entered the exhibits onto the record. Mr. Oliver Gingrich was present on behalf of Marcho Family LP and R&J Marcho Family LP. The proposed ordinance is to adjust lot lines and rezone portions of the parcels to prevent split zoning. There will not be any changes made to the access of the Marcho Farm business. It will remain on Allentown Road and have no access to Godshall Road. Mr. Barry Hartzel asked about the existing berm on Godshall Road and the proposed use of the property. Mr. Scott McMackin, engineer for the project, confirmed that the berm will remain unchanged, and the use is staying the same. Mr. Wayne Marcho added that there is a proposed new freezer building for the property. Mr. Wert asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 419-23.

Supervisor Nice made the motion, and it was seconded by Supervisor Fazio. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Wert announced that the second hearing is to consider Resolution 24-06-15-07 to authorize the inclusion of the property located at 668 Lower Road, Souderton, Pennsylvania. He entered the exhibits onto the record. Mr. Hammer explained that the Township is moving 668 Lower Road into the agricultural security area, and this is the first step to permanently preserve the property. It is approximately eleven acres, and all of the required criteria are met. Supervisor Fazio made a motion for approval. Supervisor Halteman seconded the motion, and all voted in favor. Mr. Wert closed the hearing at 6:21 p.m.

Mr. Wert asked for a motion to approve Resolution 24-08-15-07 to authorize the purchase of real estate located on Nice Road Parcel number 34-00-04987-00-1 and 34-00-04978-01-9. The motion was made by Supervisor Amuso and seconded by Supervisor Fazio. The motion carried, 5-0.

POLICE REPORT- CHIEF MICHAEL MARTIN

Chief Martin submitted the statistical report and year-to-date report prior to the meeting. He added that the department has completed some training including accident reconstruction class and all personal were recertified in CPR and held a safety presentation for Hopewell Christian Church.

HIGHWAY REPORT-ANTHONY FRYDLEWICZ

Mr. Frydlewicz submitted his report prior to the meeting. The cape seal is complete for Cowpath and Green Street as well as the Godshall Road side of Franconia Park. He also reported that many state roads will soon be oiled and chipped.

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

Mr. Rossino submitted his report prior to the meeting. He stated that a second review letter was issued for 640 Lower Road and first review letters have been issued for 434 Lower Road, the SASD athletic fields, 471 Harleysville Pike and 525 Indian Creek Road.

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. 24-15-07 dated July 15, 2024, in the amount of \$960,998.93, where \$521,000 went to Open Space payment debt and four checks totaling \$139,000 went to the local fire companies. The motion passed, 5-0.

PAYROLL

A motion was made by Supervisor Nice and seconded by Supervisor Fazio for the Treasurer to be authorized to pay all employees during the pay period of July 15, 2024, through August 18, 2024, according to the hours worked as listed on the Payroll Journal for the aforesaid period. The motion carried unanimously.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

Resolution 24-09-15-07 A resolution granting conditional preliminary/final approval for the “Preliminary/Final Land Development Plans for DLKS Properties, LLC” prepared for DLKS Properties, LLC at the property located at 315 E. Township Line Road, Souderton, Pennsylvania. Chairman Godshall motioned for approval. Supervisor Fazio seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

Resolution 24-10-15-07 a resolution granting conditional preliminary/final approval for the plans for “Preliminary/Final Lot Line Adjustment and Land Development Plans” prepared for the Marcho Family LP and R&J Marcho Family LP for the property located at 519 Allentown Road, Telford Pennsylvania. Chairman Godshall announced that this is the second piece to the rezone hearing for the actual building planned for the property and motioned for approval. Supervisor Fazio seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Franconia Township Planning Commission will hold its next Regular meeting on Monday, August 5, 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, August 19, 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 August 19, 2024, at 5 p.m. at the same location.

Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made by Supervisor Halteman and seconded by Supervisor Fazio to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

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Respectfully submitted,

Beth T. Gooch
Director of Administration and
Community Development