

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, December 16, 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 Township Manager Jon A. Hammer, Township Solicitor Eric Wert, Esquire, Township Engineer Douglas C. Rossino, P.E. and interested residents of Franconia Township.

Solicitor Wert announced that the Board met in an executive session to discuss a matter of personnel and a matter of real estate.

**Open meeting to the Public**

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

**APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 18, 2024 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Supervisor Fazio motioned for the approval of the minutes from the November 18, 2024, meeting. It was seconded by Supervisor Halteman, and all voted in favor, 5-0.

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

Solicitor Wert asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance 428-24. An Ordinance updating the salary of Franconia Township Supervisors pursuant to ACT 94 of 2024 to \$5,450.00 annually. This is a recent change in state law and does not change until the new term for each Supervisor begins. Supervisor Amuso made the motion for approval. It was seconded by Supervisor Fazio and all voted in favor.

Resolution 24-18-16-12, a Resolution for the approval of the 2025 Budget Documents. Supervisor Nice motioned to adopt the Budget and it was seconded by Supervisor Fazio. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 24-19-16-12, a Resolution requiring employee contributions of 5% of all wages to the Police Pension Plan for 2025. The motion was made by Supervisor Amuso and seconded by Supervisor Fazio. Motion carried, 5-0.

Resolution 24-20-16-12, a Resolution setting the Real Estate Tax rate for the 2025 General Fund budget, setting the Fire Service Tax, setting an EMS Tax Rate, and setting the Library Tax. The motion to approve was made by Supervisor Fazio and seconded by Supervisor Nice. All voted in favor.

Manager Hammer announced that the Police agreement can be extended two additional years to 2028 with a 3.75% increase in salary each year and a provision for the officers to buy back prior years of service. Supervisor Fazio motioned for approval of the Police Collective Bargaining Extension Agreement. Supervisor Halteman seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

#### **POLICE REPORT- CHIEF MICHAEL MARTIN**

Chief Martin submitted the statistical report and year-to-date report prior to the meeting.

#### **HIGHWAY REPORT-ANTHONY FRYDLEWICZ**

Mr. Frydlewicz submitted his report prior to the meeting. He added that the collapsed pipe on Reliance Road at Souderton Mennonite Homes has been replaced and the brush along the PennDOT roads has been cleaned up.

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

Mr. Rossino submitted his report prior to the meeting. The 205 Schoolhouse Road land development has received final approval and the projects at 315 E Township Line Road for DLKS Properties and the Souderton Area School District athletic fields have both started.

#### **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. 24-16-12 dated December 16, 2024, in the amount of \$531,915.79. Approximately \$87,000 was for the Library, \$151,000 to the four Fire Companies, and \$136,000 was for debt payment. 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 December 16, 2024, through December 31, 2024, 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 Franconia Township Planning Commission will hold its next Regular meeting on Monday, January 6, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the Franconia Township Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Telford, Pennsylvania 18969.

The annual Organizational Meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be held on Monday January 6, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. The next Regular Board of Supervisors Meeting will be held on Monday, January 20, 2025, 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 January 20, 2025, at 5 p.m. at the same location.

**Motion to Adjourn**

A motion was made by Supervisor Fazio and seconded by Supervisor Amuso to adjourn the meeting at 6:09 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth T. Gooch  
Director of Administration and  
Community Development