

FRANCONIA TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MINUTES

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Chairman Grey Godshall called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order on Monday, January 20, 2025, 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, and interested residents of Franconia Township.

Open meeting to the Public

Chairman Godshall opened the meeting to the public. Ms. Joanne Speigle, 831 Rising Sun Road, asked the Board about the Library representative selection. If the position was advertised as vacant and if the Library Board was consulted prior to appointing a new resident. Chairman Godshall stated that the Board of Supervisors was looking for a change of representation. Mr. William Leister, 337 Morwood Road, stated that the Board of Supervisors were invited to attend a Library Board meeting to meet with the director Tracy Reed. Mr. Jonathan Leister added that the representative's term lasts three years and the Library was not notified that there was going to be a change in the appointed representative.

Ms. Denise Kiser, 128 Allentown Road, requested assistance from the Board regarding her neighbors and their pet goats that wander onto her property. She also had issues with her neighbor's spotlights and unlawful burning.

APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 16, 2024 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Supervisor Amuso motioned for the approval of the minutes from the December 16, 2024 meeting. It was seconded by Supervisor Halteman, and all voted in favor, 5-0.

APPROVAL OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MEETINGS FROM JANUARY 6, 2025

Supervisor Nice motioned for the approval of the Organizational Meeting Minutes from January 6, 2025. Supervisor Fazio seconded the motion. The motion passed, 5-0.

SOLICITOR 'S REPORT – ERIC WERT, ESQUIRE

Ordinance 429-25 and Ordinance amending Chapter 23, Article I (Pensions/Police Pension Fund) of the Franconia Township Code to allow for the purchase of up to 5 years of pension service credit for prior part-time and full-time Police service provided in a Police Department. Supervisor Amuso made the motion for approval. It was seconded by Supervisor Nice, and all voted in favor. 5-0.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF A 2000 GALLON FUEL TANK AND A POST POUNDER.

The motion was made by Supervisor Amuso and seconded by Supervisor Halteman. Motion carried.

POLICE REPORT- CHIEF MICHAEL MARTIN

Chief Martin submitted the statistical report and year-to-date report prior to the meeting. He added that the Shop with a Cop assisted 22 families this year and he thanked a number of organizations for their participation.

HIGHWAY REPORT-ANTHONY FRYDLEWICZ

Mr. Frydlewicz submitted his report prior to the meeting and was absent following a snow event.

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 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. 25-20-1 dated January 20, 2025, in the amount of \$175,381.63. Mr. Nice reported that it was all reoccurring expenditures. 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 January 1, 2025 through February 17, 2025, 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, February 3, 2025, 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 Tuesday, February 18, 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 February 18, 2025, at 5 p.m. at the same location.

Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made by Supervisor Nice and seconded by Supervisor Halteman to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

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Respectfully submitted,

Beth T. Gooch
Director of Administration and
Community Development