

FRANCONIA TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MINUTES

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Chairman Grey R. Godshall called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order on Monday, December 15, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Telford, Pennsylvania 18969.

Present were Chairman Godshall, Supervisor 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.

Prior to the start of the meeting the Board met in an executive session to discuss a matter of potential real estate purchase.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Chairman Godshall opened the meeting to the public. Ms. Peggy Hoffner, 415 Moyer Road, addressed the Board about the back gate of the high school. She stated that at the last meeting there were people present that wanted the gate open that do not live near the gate. Ms. Hoffner requested a traffic study as the gate is currently open all of the time and it was originally designed for emergencies only. Halteman Road is a country road without curbing, markings or sidewalks. Cars are ruining neighboring lawns. Chairman Godshall reported that 17 to 18 years ago it was for emergency exit only. In 2017 the School District was permitted to open it in the mornings. Since the School District asked for a waiver to not improve Halteman Road 18 years ago, a new land development needs to be filed in order to change the use of the gate which would include a traffic study and review of road width, speed limits, signage, etc. The School District has reached out to the Township Engineer to discuss the scope of what needs to be addressed.

Ms. Hoffner added that kids are flying out of the school and she is concerned that there will be an accident as it is being used weekends and even at night. She raised concerns about the timeline and wants something to be done soon. Chairman Godshall stated that the Township is working on the process for a resolution. Ms. Debbie Tuccillo, 640 Halteman Road,

requested speed limit signs as it currently is not safe. She added that the gate is open 24 hours. Mr. John Corner, 572 Halteman Road, asked if the purpose of the study is to allow more or less use of the gate. Mr. Wert stated that the code requires the applicant, or the School District, to prove it is safe and would be beneficial to the Township to increase the use. Discussion continued about road deterioration, additional traffic, speed limit signs, and possibly prohibiting the traffic classification that is permitted to use the entrance. Chairman Godshall stated that the Township is committed to going through land development to evaluate the use of the gate.

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 17, 2025 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Supervisor Fazio motioned for the approval of the minutes from the November 17, 2025, meeting. It was seconded by Supervisor Nice, and all voted in favor, 5-0.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – ERIC WERT, ESQUIRE

Ordinance 432-25, an Ordinance amending the pension retirement age for non-uniform employees. A motion to approve was made by Supervisor Amuso and seconded by Supervisor Fazio. All voted in favor.

Resolution 25-09-15-12 a Resolution to approve the 2026 budget documents. Mr. Hammer reported that there is an 2.5% real estate tax increase for the Township. Supervisor Fazio motioned for approval. It was seconded by Chairman Godshall and the motion carried, 5-0.

Resolution 25-10-15-12 a Resolution requiring employee contributions of 5% of all wages to the Police Pension Plans for 2026. The motion for approval was made by Supervisor Fazio and seconded by Supervisor Halteman. All voted in favor.

Resolution 25-11-15-12 a Resolution setting the Real Estate Tax Rate for the 2026 General Fund Budget, setting the Fire Service Tax, setting EMS Tax, and setting the Library Tax. Supervisor Fazio made the motion to approve the resolution. Chairman Godshall seconded the motion, and the motion carried, 5-0.

Ms. Hoffner asked the Board for the amount of money that goes to the Library. Mr. Hammer responded that he could get her that information as it fluctuates with the different assessments each year. Supervisor Fazio added that it is in the \$275,000 range. Discussion took place about representation on the Library board, the process which books are selected and that this a tax that the Township collects on behalf of the Library and forwards it to them.

Solicitor Wert announced the hearing to add a parcel to the Agricultural Security Area. The hearing was publicly advertised and no comments were received. He entered the legal advertisement, the Montgomery County Planning Commission review onto the record. He added that the Planning Commission reviewed the application and it was well received. He asked for a motion to approve Resolution 25-12-15-12 a Resolution authorizing the inclusion of Parcel 34-00-01969-00-4 (261 Green Hill Road) in the Franconia Township Agricultural Security Area. Supervisor Fazio motioned for approval. Chairman Godshall seconded and all voted in favor.

POLICE REPORT – CHIEF MICHAEL MARTIN

Chief Martin submitted his statistical report and year-to-date report prior to the meeting. He added that on December 6th they held breakfast with Santa and there were over 400 paid participants which helps raise funds for shop with a cop. This year around 15 families will be assisted. Officer Pursell retired this month after 25 years of service with Franconia. Chief added that the food drive is wrapping up and what has been collected will be distributed to local food banks.

HIGHWAY REPORT-ANTHONY FRYDLEWICZ

Mr. Frydlewicz submitted his report prior to the meeting and was not present.

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

Mr. Rossino submitted his report prior to the meeting and was not present.

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. 25-15-12 dated December 15, 2025, in the amount of \$594,529.09. Mr. Nice reported that \$140,000 was for four fire companies and \$116,000 for a new truck for the Public Works department. The motion passed, 5-0.

PAYROLL

A motion was made by Supervisor Nice and seconded by Supervisor Halteman for the Treasurer to be authorized to pay all employees during the pay period of December 15, 2025,

through December 31, 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, January 5, 2026, at 6:00 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 5, 2026, at 4:00 pm at the Franconia Township Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Telford Pennsylvania 18969. The next regular Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on January 19, 2026, at 6 p.m. and the work session will be held at 5:00 p.m. at the same date and location.

Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made by Supervisor Nice and seconded by Supervisor Halteman to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

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Respectfully submitted,

Beth T. Gooch
Director of Administration and
Community Development