

FRANCONIA TOWNSHIP
ANNUAL ORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Franconia Township Solicitor, Eric Wert, called the Organizational Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Franconia Township to order on **Monday, January 5, 2026** at 4:04 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 671 Allentown Road, Telford, Pennsylvania 18969. Present were Grey R. Godshall, David B. Fazio, Dr. Charles Amuso, Robert Nice, and Township Manager Jon A. Hammer.

The Board met in executive session prior to the start of the meeting to discuss a matter of personnel.

Solicitor Wert asked for public comment and hearing none he continued with the meeting.

Solicitor Wert directed the Township Supervisors to organize as a Board by electing one of their members to be Chairman.

ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD FOR 2026

A motion was made by Supervisor Fazio to elect Grey R. Godshall as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Franconia Township. It was seconded by Supervisor Amuso. No other motions were made. All voted in favor, 4-0.

The meeting was turned over to Chairman Godshall.

A motion was made by Supervisor Nice and seconded by Supervisor Amuso to elect David B. Fazio, 1st Vice Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Franconia Township. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Fazio and seconded by Dr. Amuso to elect Robert H. Nice, 2nd Vice Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Franconia Township. Motion carried.

The swearing in of David B. Fazio, Supervisor, Wm. Keith Freed, Tax Collector, and Cheryl Bonavita, Auditor, was administered by an official notary.

SECRETARY/TREASURER AND REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENTS

A motion was made by Supervisor Fazio and seconded by Supervisor Amuso to reappoint Jon A. Hammer as Secretary/Treasurer of Franconia Township for the year 2026.

To appoint Dischell Bartle and Dooley as Township Solicitor.

To appoint Hamburg, Rubin Mullin & Lupin, LLP as ZHB Solicitor.

To appoint Gilmore and Associates as Township Engineer along with their corresponding fee schedules and or contracts. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENTS

A motion was made by Supervisor Fazio and seconded by Supervisor Amuso to appoint the following firms and/or persons to represent Franconia Township for the year 2026, as listed on the meeting agenda under Item 7, a through g. Motion carried, 4-0.

- a) Jon A. Hammer - Manager
- b) Dischell, Bartle & Dooley - Solicitor
- c) Gilmore and Associates – Township Engineer
- d) Jon Hammer – Zoning Officer
Beth T Gooch – Zoning Officer
Russell Dunlevy. – Assistant Zoning Officer
- e) Hamburg, Rubin, Mullin, Maxwell & Lupin, LLP
Christen Gilmore Pionzio, Esquire – Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor
- f) Fox, Rothschild, LLP
Industrial Development Authority Solicitor
- g) Deputy Tax Collector – Caryn Koffel

COMMITTEES – APPOINTMENTS

A motion was made by Supervisor Fazio and seconded by Supervisor Amuso to appoint the following persons to the committees and positions as noted on the Agenda: Motion carried, 4-0.

a) Act 537 Committee – Annual Appointments

David Fazio	John Medendorp
George E. Witmayer	Jon A. Hammer
Russel Dunlevy, P.E.	Alfred S. Ciottoni, P.E.
Douglas Rossino, P.E.	Daniel Leidy
Robert Nice	

b) Agricultural Advisory Committee – Annual Appointments

Vacant	David K. Yoder
W. Blaine Souder	Grey R. Godshall
Curtis F. Nice	

c) Code Enforcement Officer – Annual Appointments

Gerald D. Rittenhouse
Timothy Meyers

d) Fire Marshal – Annual Appointment

Steve Coll

e) Deputy Fire Marshal – Annual Appointments

Joe Rausch

f) Impact Fee Advisory Committee – Annual Appointments

Charlotte Hunsberger	John Medendorp
Paul Nice	George Balzer
Christopher Canavan	Douglas P. Worley
Steven Barndt	Sanford Alderfer
Richard C. Mast	Nancy Shelly
Gilmore and Associates – Consultant	

g) Industrial Development Authority

Fox Rothschild LLP – Solicitor
Vacant – Five (5) year term to December 31, 2029.

h) Indian Valley Regional Planning Commission Representative
Steven Hunsberger– Two (2) year term to December 31, 2027.

i) MS4 Committee – Annual Appointments

Charles Amuso	Paul Nice
David B Fazio	George Witmayer
Jon A. Hammer	Russell Dunlevy, P.E.
Beth Gooch	Doug Rossino, P.E.

j) North Penn Water Authority – George Witmayer

k) Northern Montgomery County Recycling Commission – vacant

I) Open Space Advisory Board – Annual Appointments

Robert Nice Paul Nice
Jill Halteman

m) Parks & Recreation Board
Nancy Shelly – Five (5) year term to December 31, 2030.
Nicole Peck – Four (4) year term to December 31, 2029.
Tara Esposito – One (1) year term to December 31, 2026.

n) Pension Funds Actuarial Consultant – Annual Appointment
Girard Pension Advisors

o) Planning Commission
Douglas Worley – Four (4) year term to December 31, 2029.
Paul Nice – Four (4) year term to December 31, 2029.
Nancy Shelly – Four (4) year term to December 31, 2029.

p) Sewer Authority
Michael Alderfer -Five (5) year term to expire December 31, 2030.

q) Township Planner – Annual Appointment
Joseph A. Zadlo, Architect

r) Vacancy Board – Annual Appointment
Douglas P. Worley

s) Zoning Ordinance Committee – Annual Appointments

Doug Rossino	Jon Hammer
Charles Amuso	Beth Gooch
Russell Dunlevy	Joseph A. Zadlo
David B. Fazio	

t) Zoning Hearing Board
David Bernhauser alternate – Two (2) year term to December 31, 2027.
Roger Koffel – Three (3) year term to December 31, 2028.
Robert Loudon – Three (3) year term to December 31, 2028

FINANCIAL AGENCIES APPOINTMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Nice and seconded by Dr. Amuso to appoint the following financial agencies for the following accounts for the year 2026: Motion carried unanimously.

Univest/Girard

1. Pension Funds
2. Park and Recreation Fund
3. Recycling Fund
4. ACT 209 Impact Fee Fund

Quakertown National Bank

1. Liquid Fuels Fund (Highway Aid Fund)
2. Payroll Fund
3. General Fund/Investment Management
4. Light and Hydrant Fund
5. Capital Reserve Fund
6. Fire Protection Fund
7. Library Tax Fund
8. Open Space EIT
9. Open Space General Fund
10. Open Space-DVRFA
11. EIT Account
12. Local Service Account

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF INVOICES.

The motion was made by Supervisor Amuso and seconded by Supervisor Nice. All voted in favor, 4-0.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was made by Supervisor Nice and seconded by Supervisor Fazio to adjourn the meeting at 4:13 p.m. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth T. Gooch
Director of Administration
and Community Development