

MINUTES
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, July 11, 2019
7:45 PM

(At the Quakertown Fire Company, 67 Quakertown Road, Pittstown, NJ 08867.)

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Craig Repmann at 7:45 pm. Mayor Repmann led the flag salute.

Roll Call: Mayor Craig Repmann (present) Deputy Mayor Diane Burgess (present)
Mike Homulak (present) Sebastian Donaruma (present) Phil Koury (absent)

Also Present: Katrina L. Campbell (Municipal Attorney), Cameron Keng (Chief Financial Officer)
Lt. Timothy Snyder (Police Department)

Some Others Present: Aram Papazian & Turning Leaf Centers, LLC

Resolution 2019-41: Commendation – Retirement of Patrolman Craig Santoro

Mayor read the commendation. Lt. Timothy Snyder presented a display case to Patrolman Craig Santoro commemorating his service to Franklin Township and Hunterdon County.

Comments from the Public on Agenda Items Only:

The following members of the public spoke regarding a Letter of Support for a medical marijuana cultivation & manufacturing center to be built by Turning Leaf Centers, LLC at 313 Pittstown Road:

Opposed:

Joe O'Grodnick, 163 Old Franklin School Road
Erik Peterson, Assemblyman, 23rd District, 140 Sidney Road
Theresa Temple, 87 Hogback Road
Patrick Dziubek, Veteran, 767 County Road 579
<Redacted per P.L.2021, c.371 "Daniel's Law">
Frank Mazza, Mayor of Union Township
Bruce Derites, 119 Locust Grove Road
<Redacted per P.L.2021, c.371 "Daniel's Law">
Steven Wasser, 6 Stone Barn Road
Scott Martin, 190 Locust Grove Road
Michael Piotrowski, 55 Lower Kingtown Road
Rory Temple, 87 Hogback Road

In Favor:

Liz Shaw, 18 Locust Grove Road
Kimberly Goodwin, 1189 Croton Road
Aram Papazian, Alexandria/Pittstown
Representative from Turning Leaf Centers, LLC

Requested Clarification:

Thomas Lawson, 212 Sidney Road
Frank Mazza, Mayor of Union Township
Patrick Dziubek, Veteran, 767 County Road 579
Kimberly Goodwin, 1189 Croton Road

Discussion Item: Turning Leaf Centers, LLC & Aram Papazian – Request for Letter of Support for a Medical Marijuana Cultivation & Manufacturing Center at 313 Pittstown Road

The Town Committee thanked the public for their comments and, along with Aram Papazian and the representative from Turning Leaf Centers, LLC, addressed the questions and concerns of the public. The Township Attorney explained the Letter of Support and clarified that said letter would apply only to Turning Leaf Centers, LLC for a facility located at 313 Pittstown Road. The Town Committee discussed the possible advantages and disadvantages of bringing marijuana facilities into the Township.

Motion to approve Letter of Support: Burgess Second: Homulak
Roll call: Repmann (Aye) Burgess (Aye) Homulak (Aye) Donaruma (Nay) Koury (Absent)

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the June 27, 2019 minutes Regular Meeting & Executive Session: Burgess
Second: Donaruma
Roll call: Repmann (Aye) Burgess (Aye) Homulak (Aye) Donaruma (Aye) Koury (Absent)

Payment of Bills

Motion to approve the Bills List: Homulak Second: Burgess
Roll call: Repmann (Aye) Burgess (Aye) Homulak (Aye) Donaruma (Aye) Koury (Absent)

Ordinances:

1. First Reading of Ordinance 2019-06: Multi-Use Capital Ordinance Providing for Acquisition of Various Computer Hardware and Software, and the Repair and Maintenance of Various Township Roads and Basins

Motion to Introduce: Donaruma Second: Burgess

Roll call: Repmann (Aye) Burgess (Aye) Homulak (Aye) Donaruma (Aye) Koury (Absent)

Resolutions:

1. Resolution 2019-42: Certification of the 2018 Audit Report

Motion to adopt: Burgess Second: Donaruma

Roll call: Repmann (Aye) Burgess (Aye) Homulak (Aye) Donaruma (Aye) Koury (Absent)

2. Resolution 2019-43: Adopt Corrective Action Plan

Motion to adopt: Burgess Second: Homulak

Roll call: Repmann (Aye) Burgess (Aye) Homulak (Aye) Donaruma (Aye) Koury (Absent)

3. Resolution 2019-44: EMEX Energy Auction Agreement

Motion to adopt: Homulak Second: Burgess

Roll call: Repmann (Aye) Burgess (Aye) Homulak (Aye) Donaruma (Aye) Koury (Absent)

Staff Administrative Reports

Police: None

CFO: None

Administrative: Christine Burke, Township Clerk, updated the Committee on the status of efforts to update the Clerk's Office. Clerk stated that she would place the Turning Leaf Centers, LLC presentation on the Township's website. The Committee expressed their appreciation for the Clerk's efforts.

Board of Health: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

Discussion Item – Hunterdon County Department of Health Notice: Coyote Tested Positive for Rabies (07/10/2019) – Race Street & County Route 513, Union Township.

Mayor Craig Repmann explained that a notice had been received from the County regarding a coyote that has tested positive for rabies. Said notice had been placed on the Township website.

Committee Member Reports:

Mayor Craig Repmann stated that Committeeman Phil Koury had updated him on the status of the Master Plan and that the update was almost complete. Mayor Repmann also spoke regarding Community Day at the Clinton Elks Lodge.

Comments from the Public: None.

Executive Session: None.

Action by the Committee: None.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Homulak Second: Donaruma

All in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:29 pm.

Prepared by Christine Burke, Township Clerk



Adopted: 09/12/2019