

**MINUTES
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
WORK SESSION
THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 2019**

Upon adjourning the Board of Health Reorganization meeting, the Township Committee convened the work session at **7:45 P.M., Thursday, January 3, 2019** at the Municipal Building. This meeting has been properly noticed in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Mayor Craig Repmann called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Michael Homulak PRESENT Philip Koury PRESENT Diane Burgess PRESENT

Craig Repmann PRESENT

Also present: Rich Wenner, Municipal Attorney

Comments from the public: Brian Feeley, owner of Locust Grove Nursery at 56 Locust Grove Road, addressed the Township Committee and expressed disappointment in the fact that the Committee voted not to cost-share in the preservation of his property. While the County and the State will contribute for a direct purchase, the Township Committee has no objection to their preserving the farm in this manner. Mr. Feeley said he began the preservation process this past spring and had gone to both the County and State. He has owned the nursery for 20 years and has thought of preserving it and keeping a building lot in the back of the property to put up a small home for himself. The application came to the township for consideration and he believes the township is tight on money but he would like to Committee to reconsider contributing towards the preservation from some of the funds available. He doesn't think his property has zero potential for development. The Mayor commented on the property being earmarked for direct purchase by the County and State and would not stand in the way . The Committee feels the property is self-preserving and there are other properties in the township that have ranked high for their soils and possible future farmland preservation and the township does not wish to commit funds to his project. Mr. Feeley said he will attend next week's County Ag Board meeting to discuss his farm and funding.

Approval of minutes: December 27, 2018 minutes will be placed on the January 24, 2019 agenda for consideration and adoption.

Payment of Bills: None

Public Hearings: None

Resolutions

Motion to Adopt Resolution 2019 – 12 Resolution of Appreciation for Lora Jones serving on the Open Space Advisory Committee.

Lora Jones recently resigned from the Open Space Advisory Committee and the Township Committee wishes to thank her for all her years of service and expertise in farmland presentation.

Moved Burgess Second Koury All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to Adopt Resolution 2019 – 13 Appoint Amanda Shafiei as temporary part-time employee.

Moved Burgess Second Koury

Roll Call Vote: Homulak AYE Koury AYE Burgess AYE Repmann AYE

All in favor. Motion carried.

Agricultural Leases

The Municipal Clerk received three (3) bids today for agricultural leases of certain municipal property. Mr. Wenner opened the bids and read the results into the public record.

Bid for Block 25 Lots 1.03 and 1.04

Bidder: Scott Hender

Amount: \$1.00 annual rent, \$3.00 three (3) year lease

Bid for Block 4 Lot 3.01

Bidder: Scott Hender

Amount: \$1.00 annual rent, \$3.00 three (3) year lease

Block for 25 Lot 26.01

Bidder: Tom Meyer

Amount: \$1.00 annual rent, \$3.00 three (3) year lease

There were no minimum bids required for these properties. There was some discussion regarding municipal rental properties being assessed differently by the Tax Assessor and the Committee would like to get some information on this prior to making any decision regarding leases. Cameron Keng will follow up with Jeff Ward, Tax Assessor, on this and provide additional information for discussion at the next meeting. No awards are being made this evening.

Ordinance Introduction: None

Staff/Administrative Reports: None

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New Business

Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Municipal Alliance Renewal Application – Grant Year 2020 (July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020).

Moved Burgess Second Koury

Roll Call Vote: Homulak AYE Koury AYE Burgess AYE Repmann AYE

All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Bond Counsel Services Agreement for Year 2019.

Moved Burgess Second Koury

Roll Call Vote: Homulak AYE Koury AYE Burgess AYE Repmann AYE

All in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion Municipal Building Upgrades/Improvements: Mayor Repmann reported on some improvements planned for the Municipal Building. Both the mens and ladies rooms will be upgraded and the DPW will be doing the work.

Motion to authorize upgrades to the Municipal Building restrooms and landing in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00.

Moved Koury Second Burgess

Roll Call Vote: Homulak AYE Koury AYE Burgess AYE Repmann AYE

All in favor. Motion carried.

Committee Member Reports: None

Comments from the public: None

Executive Session

Motion to enter executive session at 8:10 P.M. for discussion of matters pertaining to personnel. Action may be taken upon return to open session.

Moved Koury Second Burgess

Roll Call Vote: Homulak AYE Koury AYE Burgess AYE Repmann AYE

All in favor. Motion carried.

Return to open session

Motion to return to open session at 8:53 P.M.

Moved Burgess Second Koury All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the Department of Public Works Contract with Alan Dilley with changes as discussed in executive session and to be reviewed and approved by the Municipal Attorney.

Moved Burgess Second Koury

Roll Call Vote: Homulak AYE Koury AYE Burgess AYE Repmann AYE

All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the job description for the Chief Finance Officer.

Moved Koury Second Burgess

Roll Call Vote: Homulak AYE Koury AYE Burgess AYE Repmann AYE

All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to authorize the purchase of a document frame for Resolution 2019 – 12.

Moved Burgess Second Koury

Roll Call Vote: Homulak AYE Koury AYE Burgess AYE Repmann AYE

All in favor. Motion carried.

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Adjournment

Motion to adjourn t 9:00 P.M.

Moved Koury Second Burgess All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Ursula V. Stryker, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Date of Adoption: 01/24/2019