

MINUTES  
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2019  
7:30 PM

Meeting was called to order at 7:30PM by Mayor Craig Repmann. Mayor Repmann led the flag salute.

Roll Call

Sebastian Donaruma Present, Craig Repmann Present, Phil Koury Present, Mike Homulak Absent, Diane Burgess arrived at 7:37pm

Comments from the Public on Agenda Items Only None

Executive Session

- Motion to enter executive session: Sebastian Donaruma
- Second: Phil Koury
- All voted in favor

Meet and greet with Clerk Candidates

- Motion to leave executive session and return to public session: Phil Koury
- Second: Diane Burgess
- All voted in favor

Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve the February 28, 2019 Regular Meeting & Executive Session minutes: Phil Koury
- Second: Sebastian Donaruma
- Roll Call: Donaruma Aye, Repmann Aye, Koury Aye, Burgess abstain

Payment of Bills

- Motion to approve the bills list: Diane Burgess
- Second: Phil Koury
- Roll Call: Donaruma Aye, Repmann Aye, Koury Aye, Burgess Aye

Public Hearings-None

Resolutions

1. Resolution 2019-18: A Resolution amending the Franklin Township Employee Handbook Manual Article VII "Hours and Holidays", Section 7.1 "Hours of Work" to add Subsection E "Inclement Weather."
  - Motion to adopt resolution 2019-18: Diane Burgess Second: Sebastian Donaruma
  - Roll call: Donaruma Aye Repmann Aye Koury Aye Diane Burgess Aye

2. Resolution 2019-19 Refund of Tax Overpayment for 2018 taxes on Block 29, Lot 33.05, Qual. Q0107
  - Motion to adopt resolution 2019-19: Phil Koury Second: Sebastian Donaruma
  - Roll call: Donaruma Aye, Repmann Aye, Koury Aye, Burgess Aye

### Ordinances

1. Final reading and adoption of Ordinance 2019-01: An Ordinance of the Township of Franklin, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey Amending Chapter 56, "Officers and Employees," Article VI "Registrar of Vital Statistics," Section 18 "Creation; Duties; Compensation," of the Code of the Township of Franklin, to Amend the Salary for the Registrar.
  - Motion to enter public hearing: Diane Burgess Second: Sebastian Donaruma
  - Roll Call: Koury Aye, Donaruma Aye, Repmann Aye, Burgess Aye
  - No public comments
  - Motion to close public hearing: Phil Koury Second: Sebastian Donaruma
  - All voted in favor
  - Motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-01: Sebastian Donaruma Second: Diane Burgess
  - Roll Call: Koury Aye, Donaruma Aye, Repmann Aye, Burgess Aye

### Staff Administrative Reports

Police: Tim Snyder presented the monthly report. He also informed the committee that they had picked up the new police car and were very happy with it. He stated that they were in the final interview stage for a new officer. And he requested permission from the committee to re-establish the corporal position. He stated that the last time we had the position was in 2005. He said that re-establishing this position would be helpful to establish a clear cut chain of command. The committee agreed to discuss the corporal position in executive session. Craig Repmann stated that he was working with Kevin Bollaro on the upcoming Easter Egg hunt.

CFO: Cameron Keng stated that we received a \$1500 grant from Walmart. He is active in looking for more grants this year. Mr. Keng also informed the committee that he is looking into new IT vendors. The AFS is complete and he is entering the information in the state system.

Administrative: Catherine Innella stated that she was in contact with the BPU regarding the issues that the township is having with Century Link and was advised that she would be receiving a call from Century Link directly to discuss. Catherine also informed the committee that she was in touch with Statewide insurance regarding cyber risk training for township employees.

### Public Speaker

Prosecutor Kearns was present to discuss the legalization of Marijuana. He spoke about the problems that will come with legalization. At this point there is no test for someone that is driving erratically under the influence of Marijuana. The drug dogs would be rendered useless at this point. In his opinion the state is not ready for the legalization to occur. Phil Koury stated his concern that if all of the surrounding towns allow it, will we see the negative effects without the monetary benefit. Sebastian Donaruma believes there are too many unknowns at this point. Attorney, Katrina Cambell advised the committee to wait on taking a stance until there are more definitive decisions made by the state.

Board of Health – if needed None

Old Business None

New Business

1. Approval of Township Clean Up days for 2019 (4/6, 6/1, 9/7, and 11/2)
  - Motion to approve the clean up days: Phil Koury Second Diane Burgess
  - Roll Call: Donaruma Aye Koury Aye Repmann Aye Burgess Aye
2. Discussion of Summer Hours: Committee agreed to look into options.
3. Discussion on adjusting Tuesday evening office hours:
  - Committee voted all in favor of changing the Tuesday Evening hours to 5:30pm-7:30pm
  - This will begin on April 1
4. Authorize Mayor to sign zoning application for Verizon Monopole on Municipal property.
  - Motion made by Diane Burgess Second: Phil Koury
  - Committee voted all in favor

Committee Member Reports

Phil Koury reported that he met with the subcommittee on the Master Plan, they put together a lot of questions for Darlene from Maser. there were discussions on the different business sections in the town, Echo Housing, Signs, and COAH. He also stated that they want to discuss a wind ordinance with Darlene Green. He felt that the Land Use Board is moving forward on this.

Sebastian Donaruma informed the committee that he is working on the PBA contract with the police department.

Diane Burgess stated that the Franklin Township School has hired a joint superintendent with Union Township.

Craig Repmann informed everyone that the annual egg hunt will be on 4/14/19 at 10:00am. There will be 10,000 eggs.

Comments from the Public None

Executive Session

- Motion to enter executive session: Sebastian Donaruma Second: Diane Burgess
- Items to be discussed: Brinkerhoff contract, changing septic waiver procedure, PBA contract, Corporal position, and personnel discussion on clerk position.
- Motion to leave executive and return to public session: Diane Burgess
  - Second: Sebastian Donaruma

Action by the Committee-if necessary

Brinkerhoff Contract

- Motion to approve Brinkerhoff contract: Sebastian Donaruma
- Second: Diane Burgess
- Roll Call: Burgess Aye, Donaruma Aye, Repmann Aye, Koury Aye

Corporal Position:

- Motion to authorize Tim Snyder to assign corporal position. No salary stipend, retro when contract is done: Sebastian Donaruma
- Second: Diane Burgess
- Roll Call: Donaruma Aye, Burgess Aye, Koury Aye, Repmann Aye

Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn: Phil Koury
- Second: Diane Burgess

*Catherine Lanella  
Adopted 3-28-19*