

Minutes
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, March 28, 2019
7:30 PM

Mayor Craig Repmann called the meeting to order at 7:39 pm. He led the flag salute.

Roll Call

Mike Homulak present Craig Repmann present Diane Burgess present
Sebastian Donaruma present Phil Koury arrived at 7:50pm

Comments from the Public on Agenda Items Only: none

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve March 14, 2019 minutes Regular meeting and Executive Session: Diane Burgess

Second: Sebastian Donaruma

Roll Call: Donaruma Aye Repmann Aye Burgess Aye Homulak abstain Koury absent

Payment of Bills

Motion to approve bills list: Mike Homulak

Second: Diane Burgess

Roll Call: Donaruma Aye Repmann Aye Burgess Aye Homulak Aye

Public Hearings-None

Resolutions

1. Resolution 2019-20: A Resolution amending budget transfer
Motion to adopt 2019-20: Mike Homulak
Second: Diane Burgess
Roll Call: Donaruma Aye Repmann Aye Burgess Aye Homulak Aye

2. Resolution 2019-21: A Resolution appointing Franklin Township's Fund Commissioner and Alternate Fund Commissioner for the Fund Year 2019. Catherine Innella is re-appointed fund commissioner and Cameron Keng is appointed the alternate fund commissioner for 2019.
Motion to adopt 2019-21: Mike Homulak
Second: Diane Burgess
Roll Call: Donaruma Aye Repmann Aye Burgess Aye Homulak Aye

3. Resolution 2019-22: A Resolution amending 2018 Budget appropriation transfer resolution
Motion to adopt 2019-22: Diane Burgess
Second: Sebastian Donaruma
Roll Call: Donaruma Aye Repmann Aye Burgess Aye Homulak Aye

Ordinances

1. Final Reading and adoption of Ordinance 2019-2: An ordinance of the Township of Franklin, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey amending Chapter 220 "Land Use", Article II "Districts; Map; Boundaries," Section 7 "Zoning map," Of the code of the Township of Franklin to amend the zoning map.

Motion to open the public hearing: Diane Burgess Second: Sebastian Donaruma

All in favor: Aye

No public present

Motion to close the public hearing: Diane Burgess Second: Mike Homulak

All in favor: Aye

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-2: Mike Homulak Second: Diane Burgess

Roll call: Donaruma Aye Repmann Aye Burgess Aye Homulak Aye

2. Final Reading and adoption of Ordinance 2019-3: An ordinance to amend, revise and supplement Chapter 75 "Police Department," Article II "Establishment and organization," Section 5 "Authority; Organization," Subsection A "Organization," of the Township of Franklin, Hunterdon County, New Jersey to create a captain position.

Motion to open the public hearing: Sebastian Donaruma Second: Mike Homulak

All in favor: Aye

No public present

Motion to close the public hearing: Sebastian Donaruma Second: Mike Homulak

All in favor: Aye

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-3: Sebastian Donaruma Second: Mike Homulak

Roll Call: Homulak Aye Donaruma Aye Repmann Aye Burgess Aye

Staff Administrative Reports

Police, CFO, Administrative: None

Board of Health: None

Old Business

New Business

1. Approval of Raffle Application #113 for the Quakertown Fire Company and waive the municipal fee

Motion to approve raffle and waive municipal fee: Donaruma Second: Burgess

Roll Call: Homulak Abstain Burgess Aye Repman Aye Donaruma Aye

2. Discussion of culvert/bridge on Franklin Township School property: Alan Dilley and the Engineer went out to the site and agreed that they can assist the school with the work. They are comfortable that it is within his scope of work. This will save the school money and in turn save our tax payers money.

Motion to approve Alan to do the work on the school culvert if Alan is comfortable with the job and gets indemnification from the school: Diane Burgess Second: Sebastian Donaruma
All in favor Aye

3. Discussion on Rogers Pond: Diane Burgess provided an update on Rogers Pond. At this point we have recommendations from companies, and are working with wetlands mitigation. Whatever we choose we will not spend township money to fix the area. We may use some funds for benches, picnic tables or signage. They are reaching out to some organizations such as the boy scouts to see if someone wanted to spearhead. Diane said that they will continue to apply for grants to get rid of the damn and clean up the area because to repair the dam is too expensive. Phil Koury asked if residents utilize the area. Diane said that there are residents that use the property. It was also used in the past for a variety of activities.

Committee Member Reports

1. Sebastian Donaruma reported that he will discuss police contract in executive session.
2. Diane Burgess reported:
 - DPW is working on taking down the snow fence
 - May is older american's month, we should recognize the seniors with a resolution in May. Catherine will take care of that.
 - Seniors are working on updating the veterans list and directory
 - We will be hosting the well testing again this year.
3. Phil Koury reported that at the land use board meeting they spoke about the Master plan.
 - Solar: Land Use board wants feedback from committee on their feelings toward roof mount vs. ground mount solar. Committee discussed concerns about roof mounts systems and fires in the homes. It is believed that the systems have a quick disconnect that is required to be on the systems when they are installed. The new systems are also lighter than the older systems so they can be removed easily in an emergency.
 - Marijuana and Hemp: Phil called around to see what other towns thoughts were. Phil stated that he told the land use board that the township committee is not taking a position on either and is waiting until the state makes its determinations.
4. Mike Homulak: Public Safety, he is working on some incentive programs to promote volunteering.

Officer Kevin Bollaro was present and informed the committee that the Fishing Derby would be held on April 13 this year. Catherine will put together a flyer for the event. The Egg hunt will be on April 14 and Catherine will also get a flyer out for this.

Comments from the Public: none

Executive Session

Motion to go to executive session: Diane Burgess Second: Sebastian Donaruma
All in favor: Aye

Topics to be discussed: IT, Clerk position, Driveway appeal, and Police Contract

Motion to leave executive session: Diane Burgess Second: Phil Koury
All in favor: Aye

Action by the Committee

Motion to extend offers of employment as discussed in executive session: Diane Burgess
Second: Sebastian Donaruma
Roll Call vote: Repmann Aye Donaruma Aye Homulak Aye Burgess Aye Koury Aye

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Diane Burgess Second: Mike Homulak

Prepared by Catherine Innella, Deputy Clerk

C. Innella

Adopted 4-11-19