

MINUTES
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, June 27, 2019
7:30 PM

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Craig Repmann at 7:30 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 (present)

Also Present: Katrina L. Campbell (Municipal Attorney), Alan Dilley (Director of Public Works)
Adam Wisniewsky, Engineer (Maser Consulting, P.A.)

Some Others Present: Bob Hornby, Hunterdon County Agricultural Development Board Director
Aram Papazian & Turning Leaf Centers, LLC (Joe McDermott, David Fournier, David Reiner)

Comments from the Public on Agenda Items Only: None

Presentation on Farmland Preservation:

Bob Hornby, Hunterdon County Agricultural Development Board Administrator, updated the Committee on active farmland preservation projects in the Township. He sought the Committee's opinion regarding the preservation of the Onuschak Farm, 452 Cherryville Road. Upon discussion the Committee indicated that they were not opposed in proceeding to the next step in the preservation process.

Presentation on 313 Pittstown Road:

Aram Papazian and representatives of Turning Leaf Centers, LLC (Joe McDermott, David Fournier & David Reiner), presented a proposal for a medicinal marijuana growing and processing facility to be located on 313 Pittstown Road, Lot 19.09. Turning Leaf Centers, LLC sought a letter of municipal support from the Committee.

Board of Health:

The Regular Meeting of the Township Committee was called to recess at 8:26 pm to convene a Board of Health Meeting.

The Regular Meeting of the Township Committee was reconvened at 8:35 pm.

Upon return to the Regular Meeting of the Township Committee, the representatives of Turning Leaf Centers, LLC continued their presentation and there was discussion regarding their proposal. The Township Attorney explained the need for a letter of municipal support. The Committee decided to place the proposal as a discussion item on the next Township Committee meeting to be held on July 11, 2019.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the June 13, 2019 minutes Regular Meeting & Executive Session: Burgess

Second: Donaruma

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

Payment of Bills

Motion to approve the Bills List: Burgess Second: Homulak

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

Ordinances:

1. Final Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 2019-05: Ordinance to Create Chapter 210, "Hazardous Materials Clean-Up"

Motion to open Public Hearing: Koury Second: Burgess All in favor. Motion carried.

No one from the Public came forward to speak.

Motion to close Public Hearing: Koury Second: Donaruma All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt: Burgess Second: Koury

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

Resolutions:

1. Resolution 2019-40: Resolution Authorizing the Release of Performance Bond – St. Catherine of Siena Church – 2 Whitebridge Road, Pittstown, NJ, Block 26, Lot 17.02 – Renovations/Improvements.

Township Attorney explained the release of the performance bond.

Motion to adopt: Burgess Second: Koury

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

Staff Administrative Reports

Police: None

CFO: None

Administrative: Christine Burke, Township Clerk, updated the Committee on the status of the Clerk's Office.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Authorize RFP for Affordable Housing

The Township Attorney explained the Township's affordable housing obligations and sought authorization for a RFP for Affordable Housing Development for Block 5, Lots 2 & 3.

Motion to authorize: Donaruma Second: Burgess

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

2. Committee Discussion regarding drainage on Spring Hill Road and clear-cutting for a new driveway.

Alan Dilley, Director of Public Works, explained the results of an investigation into complaints regarding drainage on Spring Hill Road. He recommended that the Committee authorize the Township Engineer to inspect the site.

Motion to authorize: Burgess Second: Donaruma

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

Committee Member Reports:

Phil Koury updated the Committee on the progress of updating the Master Plan. The LUB Subcommittee will meet on July 8, 2019.

Sebastian Donaruma and Alan Dilley, Director of Public Works, explained actions taken by the Police and Public Works Departments to address complaints of speeding on Lower Landsdown Road.

Comments from the Public: None.

Executive Session

Motion to enter executive session: Burgess Second: Koury

All in favor. Motion carried.

Committee entered Executive Session at 9:19 pm.

Topics discussed:

1. Contractual – Personnel – Promotion
2. Contractual – AT&T Cell Tower (Block 5, Lot 1)
3. Personnel/Contractual – Police Union Contract

Committee exited Executive Session at 9:39 pm.

Action by the Committee:

Motion to promote of Sgt. John Oliveira to Rank of Lieutenant upon retirement, with no retro-active pay increase: Burgess Second: Donaruma

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

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Burgess Second: Homulak All in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Prepared by Christine Burke, Township Clerk



Adopted: 07/11/2019