

MINUTES
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, September 26, 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)

Promotion of Lt. Timothy Snyder to Rank of Captain:

The Municipal Attorney administered the Oath of Office. Pictures were taken by friends, family and fellow officers. Mayor Repmann commented on Captain Snyder's achievements in Franklin Township. Captain Snyder thanked the Committee and the Police Department.

Comments from the Public on Agenda Items Only:

No one from the public spoke regarding Agenda Items.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the September 12, 2019 minutes Regular Meeting & Executive Session: Homulak

Second: Burgess

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

Payment of Bills

Motion to approve the Bills List: Koury Second: Burgess

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

Ordinances: None.

Resolutions:

1. Resolution 2019-52: Tax Sale Redemption of Lienholder – Certificate #17-00001.

Motion to adopt: Burgess Second: Donaruma

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

2. Resolution 2019-53: Tax Sale Redemption of Lienholder – Certificate #17-00002.

Motion to adopt: Donaruma Second: Burgess

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

Staff Administrative Reports

Police: None.

CFO: None.

Administrative: The Township Clerk spoke regarding the General Election to be held on November 5, 2019. The last day to register to vote for the General Election is October 15, 2019. She also spoke regarding mold issues that are currently affecting files located in the Municipal Building.

Board of Health: None.

Old Business: Mayor Repmann updated the Committee on efforts to address concerns with safety at a bus stop on Oak Grove Road. An e-mail had been received and forwarded to the Police Department.

New Business: None.

Committee Member Reports:

Committeeman Mike Homulak reported on the status of the Police Contract. He also updated the Committee on the Quakertown Fire Company's expansion of services into Alexandria Township.

Committeeman Phil Koury reported on the status of the Township's update to the Master Plan.

Deputy Mayor Diane Burgess reported on a 2020 Census meeting held at the County. Information will be placed on the website once available. She also spoke regarding Fire Code upgrades made by the Public Works Staff to the Municipal Building and continuing complaints regarding a tree encroaching on Oak Grove Road near a curve.

Mayor Craig Repmann and the Attorney updated the Committee on the status of the Affordable Housing RFP for Block 5, Lots 2 & 3. Mayor Repmann reported that he met with Marc Saluk, Hunterdon County Economic Development Coordinator, and Mayor Janice Kovach, Town of Clinton, at a meeting of the Route 78/20 Coalition and spoke to them regarding water issues affecting development in Hunterdon County. The Attorney reported that she had spoken with the RFP Proposal companies regarding requested amendments to their proposals. The Mayor reminded everyone present that Community Day is on Saturday and highlighted scheduled events.

Deputy Mayor Diane Burgess reported that the Hunterdon County Historic Society will be hosting an event at the Blew Farm on Sunday.

Comments from the Public:

Christina Faragalla, 205 Sidney Road, spoke in opposition to the development of a cellular monopole on Municipal Building property and questioned the Committee on alternative options. Mayor Repmann and the Attorney responded.

Suzanne S. Figler, 214 Sidney Road, also spoke in opposition to the development of a cellular monopole on Municipal Building property and questioned if the Open Space & Recreation Plan affects its placement. The Attorney and Committeeman Koury responded.

Executive Session

Motion to enter executive session: Homulak Second: Burgess
All in favor. Motion carried.

Committee entered Executive Session at 8:19 pm.

Topics discussed:

1. Personnel – Sergeant Position in Police Department

Committee exited Executive Session at 8:31 pm.

Action by the Committee:

Motion to advertise for Sergeant Position in the Franklin Township Police Department: Donaruma
Second: Homulak


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

Adjournment

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Prepared by Christine Burke, Township Clerk



Adopted: 10/10/2019