

MINUTES  
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING  
THURSDAY, October 10, 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 (absent)  
Mike Homulak (present) Sebastian Donaruma (present) Phil Koury (present)

Also Present: Katrina L. Campbell (Municipal Attorney)  
Cameron Keng (Chief Finance Officer)  
Cpt. Timothy Snyder (Police) (Arrived 7:32 PM)

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 26, 2019 minutes Regular Meeting & Executive Session: Donaruma

Second: Koury

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

Payment of Bills

Motion to approve the Bills List: Donaruma Second: Homulak

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

Ordinances:

1. Final Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 2019-07: Ordinance of the Township of Franklin, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey Amending Chapter 182 "Fees", to Create Section 28 "Tax Collector Fees", of the Code of the Township of Franklin to Authorize the Tax Collector to Charge Fees for Tax Sale Notices.

Motion to open Public Hearing: Koury Second: Donaruma 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: Donaruma Second: Homulak

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

Resolutions: None.

### Staff Administrative Reports

**Police:** Captain Timothy Snyder reported on the Police Department's activities in the month of September. He further noted "Less Lethal" training for all officers and "Marijuana" training for Corporal Bollaro. Committeeman Koury requested a comparison of activity to the previous year. Captain Snyder responded. Committeeman Homulak requested clarification of officer training. Captain Snyder responded.

**CFO:** Cameron Keng, Chief Finance Officer, updated the Committee on new software being used for requisitions and explained the software's benefits. He also noted that the 2019 Year-End and 2020 Budget planning had begun, and efforts continue to find and submit appropriate grant applications for the Township.

**Administrative:** The Township Clerk updated the Committee on continuing efforts to update the Township's website. She also spoke regarding mold issues affecting archival files located in the Municipal Building.

**Board of Health:** None.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** None.

### Committee Member Reports:

Committeeman Sebastian Donaruma noted efforts to fill a Sergeant position in the Police Department. He also spoke regarding a speeding complaint on Main Street.

Committeeman Mike Homulak reported on the Quakertown Fire Company's event, "Octoberfest", that took place on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.

Committeeman Phil Koury reported on the status of the Township's update to the Master Plan. He noted that the Public Hearing would take place at the Land Use Board's next meeting, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 PM, and that all notices have been sent.

Mayor Craig Repmann noted that the Township's Halloween Tailgate event, "Trunk or Treat" would take place on Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. He also reported on the success of "Community Day" held on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, and discussed options to increase participation in 2020.

### Comments from the Public:

The following members of the public spoke in opposition to the development of a cellular monopole on Municipal Building property:

Mr. Anderson, 11 Doe Run  
Suzanne S. Figler, 214 Sidney Road  
George Faragalla, 205 Sidney Road  
Sylvia Hollister, 9 Doe Run

And one other unidentified member of public.

Mr. Ramalho, 18 Spring Hill Road, acknowledged changes being made to the website and made recommendations.

Mayor Repmann responded to questions regarding the Cellular Monopole and referenced an available summary document. The Municipal Attorney explained the municipal approval process taken by the Township upon the request of Committeeman Koury. The Municipal Attorney also answered the questions of Ms. Figler regarding a document placed on the Township website regarding the project.

Mayor Repmann noted that the cellular monopole would have gone up on the Elks property across the street if it was not approved for municipal property. The Attorney explained her efforts to reach out to Verizon to inform them of the public opposition to the monopole. She explained that she had questioned Verizon on other property options, but Verizon had indicated that the options would not serve their needs. The Attorney also explained that the Township is under contract and could not breach the contract without serious legal repercussions. Committeeman Koury explained the financial benefits the Township would receive from the lease. The Chief Finance Officer responded to a resident's question that 5G service would not be available on the monopole. The public was informed that they could acquire the contact information for Verizon's representative on the document that had been placed on the website.

Executive Session

Motion to enter executive session: Koury Second: Donaruma  
All in favor. Motion carried.

Committee entered Executive Session at 8:45 pm.

Topics discussed:

1. Personnel – Sergeant Position in Police Department

Committee exited Executive Session at 8:49 pm.

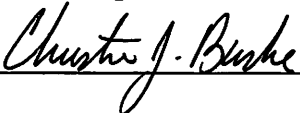
Action by the Committee: None.

Adjournment

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:49 pm.

Prepared by Christine Burke, Township Clerk

  
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Adopted: 10/24/2019