

MINUTES
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, October 24, 2019
7:30 PM

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Craig Repmann at 7:30 pm. Mayor Repmann read the OPMA Statement and 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: William H. Pandos (covering for Katrina Campbell, Municipal Attorney)

Comments from the Public on Agenda Items Only:

Lora Jones, 7 Spring Hill Road, came forward to request permission to place the Township Seal on the cover page of a document regarding the history of Phil Fleming's 1729 Stone House and King's Mill. The Committee had no objection. Ms. Jones also requested to place the Township Seal on a historic marker that will be located on Leon Sod Farm. The Committee had no objection. Ms. Jones explained some history of the Stone Houses in Franklin Township and that there would be no cost to the Township.

Mayor Craig Repmann altered the meeting agenda to open comments from the public on general topics.

Comments from the Public:

Suzanne Figler, 214 Sidney Road, presented a document listing questions to the Clerk and requested that said document be laid out in the minutes. She proceeded to ask said questions of the Committee. The Mayor responded to questions regarding Ordinance No. 2018-01. The Municipal Clerk responded to questions regarding the noticing of Ordinance No. 2018-01. The Committee indicated that Ms. Figler should direct her questions regarding the Environmental Commission to Diane Burgess, the Chairman of that subcommittee. Committeeman Koury and the Municipal Attorney responded to questions regarding the Land Use Board. The Municipal Attorney responded to questions regarding the Land Lease Agreement that permits Verizon to erect a cellular monopole on the Municipal Building property. The Committee indicated that Ms. Figler should direct her questions regarding the Municipal Budget to Cameron Keng, Chief Finance Officer. The Municipal Clerk responded to questions regarding the Clerk's Office Budget.

Lori M. Vail, 10 Tara Way, spoke in favor of the cellular monopole to be erected on the Municipal Building property. She also spoke in opposition to information posted on the Internet regarding the height of the cellular monopole, how it would affect property values and health concerns. Ms. Vail spoke in favor of medical marijuana and expressed her approval of the Town Committee. Ms. Figler responded to Ms. Vail's comments.

Brian Yavornitzki, 215 Sidney Road, spoke in opposition to the cellular monopole to be erected on the Municipal Building property and questioned the Committee on their personal property choices and if the Committee had explored other property options for the monopole. The Committee responded.

Alison I. Blaine, Esq., 7 Upper Kingtown Road, spoke in opposition to the cellular monopole to be placed on the Municipal Building property and hand delivered an OPRA request regarding the monopole to the Municipal Clerk. Ms. Blaine questioned the Township's legal compliance in reference to the availability of minutes and other public records. The Municipal Attorney responded. She further questioned the cellular monopole's utilization for access to the Internet. Committeeman Homulak responded. Ms. Blaine questioned why the Liaison to the Land Use Board would have no connection with the approval procedure for the monopole. Committeeman Koury responded.

Walter M. Loftus, 7 Doe Run, spoke regarding an option to publicly notice the residents within 200 feet of the Municipal Building property of Verizon's initial request to place a cellular monopole on said property. He also spoke regarding any other options that might be available for the location of the monopole. Committeeman Koury responded.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the October 10, 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: Homulak Second: Koury

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

Ordinances: None.

Resolutions: None.

Staff Administrative Reports

Police: None.

CFO: None.

Administrative: The Township Clerk updated the Committee on continuing efforts to update the Town Committee Agendas, Minutes, Ordinances and Resolutions on the Township's website. She also indicated that a mold specialist had come to test the mold affecting archival files located in the Municipal Building and that results should be available in four to five days.

Board of Health: None.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

1. Discussion Item: Year End Meeting Schedule

The Committee discussed and agreed upon the following Year End Meeting Schedule:

- November 14, 2019 – The next meeting date.
- November 28, 2019 – No meeting scheduled – Thanksgiving Holiday.
- December 12, 2019 – No change in annual meeting schedule.
- December 26, 2019 – Reschedule to December 30, 2019.
- January 9, 2019 – 2020 Re-Organization meeting.

All meetings will be held at the Franklin Township Municipal Building at 7:30 pm on their respective dates.

2. Discussion Item: Request to print Township Seal on the cover page of a document regarding the history of Phil Fleming's 1729 Stone House and King's Mill.

Topic was discussed and unanimously approved during the "Comments from the Public on Agenda Items Only".

Committee Member Reports:

Committeeman Phil Koury reported on the status of the Township's update to the Master Plan. He noted that the Land Use Board approved the Re-Examination of the Master Plan at the October 23, 2019 meeting and that it is scheduled to be memorialized at the November 13, 2019 meeting. He further indicated that the Land Use Board is looking into a grant to fund any necessary ordinances.

Mayor Craig Repmann stated that the Township's Halloween Tailgate event, "Trunk or Treat" would take place on Friday, October 25, 2019 at 6:00 pm.

Executive Session

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

Committee entered Executive Session at 8:38 pm.

Topics discussed:

1. Personnel & Attorney/Client Privilege – Sergeant Position in Police Department

Committee exited Executive Session at 8:49 pm.

Action by the Committee:

Motion to follow the recommendations of Captain Timothy Snyder to promote a Sergeant and a Corporal in the Police Department: Donaruma Second: Homulak

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


Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Homulak Second: Donaruma

All in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Prepared by Christine Burke, Township Clerk



Adopted: 11/14/2019