

MINUTES
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
WORK-SESSION/REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2020
7:30 PM

(Location Changed to Online Application: Zoom - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82238382394>)

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Koury at 7:30 pm. Mayor Koury read the OPMA Statement and led the flag salute.

Roll Call: Mayor Philip Koury (present) Deputy Mayor Diane Burgess (present)
Sebastian Donaruma (present) Mike Homulak (present)
Craig Repmann (absent)

Also present: Katrina L. Campbell, Municipal Attorney
Christine Burke, Municipal Clerk
Cameron Keng, Chief Finance Officer
Captain Timothy Snyder, Police Department
Adam T. Wisniewski, P.E., Township Engineer, Maser Consulting

Comments from the Public on Agenda Items Only:

No one from the public spoke regarding Agenda Items.

Presentation: None.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the June 11, 2020 minutes Work Session/Regular Meeting: Donaruma

Second: Burgess

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

Payment of Bills

Motion to approve the Bills List: Burgess Second: Donaruma

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

Mayor Koury explained that the line item for the Township's Insurance company represented the bill for the entire year.

Ordinances:

1. Public Hearing & Final Adoption of Ordinance 2020-06: Ordinance Revising Chapter 220 of the Code of the Township of Franklin to Amend and Enhance Parking Regulations, to Eliminate Outdated Affordable Housing References and Regulations, to Clarify Regulations Related to Electronic Signage, to Permit Live-Work Units as a Conditional Use, and to Permit Wind Energy Systems as an Accessory Conditional Use. *(As amended on May 21, 2020.)*

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

No one from the Public came forward to speak.

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

Motion to adopt: Donaruma Second: Homulak
Roll call: Burgess (Aye) Donaruma (Aye) Homulak (Aye) Koury (Aye) Repmann (Absent)

Resolutions:

1. Resolution 2020-32: Refund Tax Overpayment – Disabled Veteran – 2 Coach N Four Road – Block 31, Lot 10.08.

Deputy Mayor Burgess questioned the effective date of the Disabled Veteran status on the property. The CFO explained. Upon questioning by Mayor Koury, the CFO explained that the full amount of the taxes would be refunded, which includes the municipal, county and school portion of the tax payment.

Motion to adopt: Burgess Second: Homulak
Roll call: Burgess (Aye) Donaruma (Aye) Homulak (Aye) Koury (Aye) Repmann (Absent)

2. Resolution 2020-33: Tax Sale Redemption of Lienholder – Duplicate – 678 Route 12 – Block 50, Lot 7 – Certificate #15-00003.

The CFO explained the need for the creation of Duplicate Tax Redemption Certificates. Deputy Mayor Burgess questioned why the original resolutions could not be used to create the duplicates. The CFO explained.

Motion to adopt: Burgess Second: Donaruma
Roll call: Burgess (Aye) Donaruma (Aye) Homulak (Aye) Koury (Aye) Repmann (Absent)

3. Resolution 2020-34: Tax Sale Redemption of Lienholder – Duplicate – 170 Oak Grove Road – Block 43, Lot 15 – Certificate #19-00003.

Motion to adopt: Burgess Second: Donaruma
Roll call: Burgess (Aye) Donaruma (Aye) Homulak (Aye) Koury (Aye) Repmann (Absent)

4. Resolution 2020-35: Tax Sale Redemption of Lienholder – Duplicate – 170 Oak Grove Road – Block 43, Lot 15 – Certificate #19-00004.

Upon questioning by the Mayor, the CFO explained that the Tax Sale Certificate was for the qualifier portion of the property.

Motion to adopt: Donaruma Second: Homulak
Roll call: Burgess (Aye) Donaruma (Aye) Homulak (Aye) Koury (Aye) Repmann (Absent)

5. Resolution 2020-36: Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Oak Grove Road Improvement Project (00376).

Mayor Koury explained that the resolution allowed for the Township to receive money from the State for the Oak Grove Road Improvement Project.

Motion to adopt: Donaruma Second: Burgess

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

6. Resolution 2020-37: Authorize the Release of Performance Bond – Conti Solar, LLC/Quakertown Solar Farm, LLC – 967 Croton Road, Pittstown, NJ – Block 49, Lot 15.

Motion to adopt: Burgess Second: Homulak

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

7. Resolution 2020-38: Authorize ABC License Renewal – Clinton Lodge #2434 Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks – License No. 1010-33-001-003.

Motion to adopt: Donaruma Second: Burgess

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

8. Resolution 2020-39: Authorize ABC License Renewal – RIMA ENTERPRISE, LLC D/B/A Clinton Wine & Spirits, Inc. – License No. 1010-44-002-011.

Motion to adopt: Donaruma Second: Burgess

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

Staff Administrative Reports:

Police: Captain Snyder explained that police related activities had been quiet with only minor incidents occurring at Walmart. He further explained that enforcement grant activities would take place at the beginning of July and continue until the third week of September.

CFO: The CFO updated the Committee on the status of a Walmart grant in the amount of \$2,500.00.

Administrative: The Township Clerk reported on the status of the Township's efforts to apply for Sustainable Jersey Re-Certification and indicated that the application had been submitted. She also reported on the status of the new website and indicated that the new website should go live the following week. Upon questioning by Deputy Mayor Burgess, the Clerk and CFO explained that the Township owns the URL and the vendor hosts the website.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

1. Status of In REM Foreclosure Properties.

The Township Attorney explained the status of In REM Foreclosure proceedings begun by the Township. She indicated that the Township was preparing to take title of the affected properties and that she would provide the Committee with information on the properties in the next 30 days.

Committee Member Reports:

Deputy Mayor Diane Burgess reported on phone call meetings between the County and Mayors of Hunterdon and indicated that it was uncertain if such calls would continue. She further reported that the County Library had begun curbside pick-up and was preparing for re-opening. Deputy Mayor Burgess went on to explain that the County would no longer report on the COVID-19 status of individual municipalities.

Committeeman Sebastian Donaruma reported on speeding concerns in the Township.

Board of Health:

Motion to recess the Work-Session/Regular Meeting of the Township Committee in order to convene a Board of Health Meeting: Donaruma Second: Burgess All in favor. Motion carried.

The Work-Session/Regular Meeting of the Township Committee was called to recess at 8:01 pm to convene a Board of Health Meeting.

The Regular Meeting of the Township Committee was reconvened at 8:29 pm.

Committee Member Reports: (Continued)

Mayor Philip Koury reported that the Land Use Board had cancelled the June 24th meeting. He went on to report on meetings held with the mayors of Sussex, Warren, and Hunterdon Counties, indicating that they are now held every other week. Mayor Koury expressed concerns regarding delays in re-opening. He went on to indicate that Community Day was still scheduled in September and that restrictions regarding outdoor activities were being relaxed. The outdoor movie night scheduled in July at the Elks was proceeding as planned.

Upon recommendation by the Township Attorney, the Committee discussed a summer meeting schedule. Mayor Koury indicated that he had already spoken with the Township Clerk regarding the topic. Upon further discussion it was determined that both meetings would be kept as previously scheduled for both July and August, but all meetings would be held remotely through the Zoom application. Meetings may be cancelled as determined by the Committee.

Comments from the Public:

No one from the public came forward to speak.

Executive Session: None.

Action by the Committee: None.

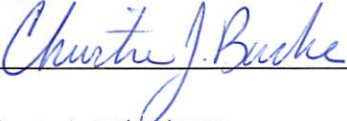
Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Burgess Second: Donaruma

All in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Prepared by Christine Burke, Township Clerk



Adopted: 07/09/2020