MINUTES FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2016 7:30 P.M.

The Franklin Township Committee held the regular meeting at **7:30 P.M., Thursday, January 28, 2016** at the Municipal Building. This meeting has been properly noticed in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Mayor Susan Soloway called the meeting to order and called for the flag salute.

Roll Call:

Joseph Darocha PRESENT

Craig Repmann PRESENT

Timothy Wintermute PRESENT

Kathryn Blew ABSENT

Susan Soloway PRESENT

Also present:

Katrina L. Campbell, Municipal Attorney

C. Richard Roseberry, Municipal Engineer

Some present in the public: Bruce Studier, John Nielowodski, Officer Dominick Zeveney and other Members of the Franklin Township Police Department, Christopher Vallat (QFC)

Comments from the public on agenda items: None

Consent Agenda

All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Township Committee and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

Motion to Adopt all items listed under the Consent Agenda.

Moved Darocha Second Wintermute

a. Approval of Bills for Payment

Current Fund Expenditures	\$	13,883.36	
Current Fund Expenditures	\$2,5	\$2,551,429.76	
Fair Housing	\$	3,437.47	
Capital Improvement Fund	\$	4,609.96	
Grant Fund	\$	248.99	
General Trust	\$	2,075.00	

TOTAL \$2,575,684.54

- b. Approval of minutes- January 7, 2016 Reorganization, Regular & Executive Session
- c. Adoption of Resolution 2016 15 Transfer
- d. Adoption of Resolution 2016 16 Redemption of Tax Title Lien

e. Adoption of Resolution 2016 – 17 Additional Signatory Payroll Checks.

Roll Call Vote: Darocha AYE Repmann AYE Wintermute AYE Blew ABSENT Soloway AYE

Motion carried.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

Motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance 2016 – 01 An Ordinance of the Township of Franklin Authorizing the Lease for Agricultural Purposes of Certain Property Owned by the Township (Block 25 Lots 1.03 & 1.04) and Not Required for Public Purposes.

Moved Wintermute

Second Repmann

All present in favor. Motion carried.

Comments from the public: None

Motion to close the public hearing on Ordinance 2016 - 01.

Moved Wintermute

Second Repmann

All present in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to Adopt Ordinance 2016 – 01.

Moved Wintermute

Second Repmann

Comments/Discussion by the Committee: None

Roll Call Vote: Darocha AYE Repmann AYE Wintermute AYE Blew ABSENT Soloway AYE

Motion carried.

Motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance 2016 02 An Ordinance of the Township of Franklin Authorizing the Lease for Hunting Purposes of Certain Property Owned by the Township (Block 35 Lot 26.01) and Not Required for Public Purposes.

Moved Repmann

Second Wintermute

All present in favor. Motion carried.

Comments from the public: None

Motion to close the public hearing on Ordinance 2016 - 02.

Moved Repmann

Second Wintermute

All present in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to Adopt Ordinance 2016 - 02.

Moved Repmann

Second Wintermute

Roll Call Vote: Darocha AYE Repmann AYE Wintermute AYE Blew ABSENT Soloway AYE

Motion carried.

Motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance 2016 – 03 An Ordinance of the Township of Franklin Authorizing the Lease for Hunting Purposes of Certain Property Owned by the Township (Block 5 Lots 2 & 3) and Not Required for Public Purposes.

Moved Repmann

Second Darocha

All present in favor. Motion carried.

Comments from the public: None

Motion to close the public hearing on Ordinance 2016 – 03.

Moved Repmann

Second Wintermute

All present in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to Adopt Ordinance 2016 – 03.

Moved Repmann

Second Wintermute

Comment/Discussion by the Committee: None

Roll Call Vote: Darocha AYE

Repmann AYE Wintermute AYE Blew ABSENT Soloway AYE

Motion carried.

Motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance 2016 - 04 An Ordinance of the Township of Franklin, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey Amending and Supplementing the Township Code to Create a Chapter 268 "Residential Maintenance" Including a New Section to Establish Standards for the Registration and Maintenance of Vacant and Abandoned Residential Properties in Foreclosure by Creditors.

Moved Repmann

Second Darocha

All present in favor. Motion carried.

Comments from the public: None

Motion to close the public hearing on Ordinance 2016 - 04.

Moved Repmann

Second Wintermute

All present in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to Adopt Ordinance 2016 – 04.

Moved Wintermute

Second Repmann

Roll Call Vote: Darocha AYE Repmann AYE Wintermute AYE Blew ABSENT Soloway AYE

Motion carried.

Department Head/Subcommittee Reports

Finance, Administration, Insurance, HR/Benefits: Blew & Soloway

Motion to authorize the Mayor and/or Deputy Mayor to sign the Contract Between Vital Communications, Inc. and the Township of Franklin.

Moved Wintermute

Second Repmann

Roll Call Vote: Darocha AYE Repmann AYE Wintermute AYE Blew ABSENT Soloway AYE

Motion carried.

Motion to authorize the Mayor and/or Deputy Mayor to sign the Municipal Planner Contracts.

Moved Wintermute

Second Darocha

Roll Call Vote: Darocha AYE Repmann AYE Wintermute AYE Blew ABSENT Soloway AYE

Motion carried.

AlphaDog Webmaster: The Mayor reported on the possibility of changing our website to link it to Facebook and any social media outlets. We've been contacted by another vendor, AlphaDog. Pricing is about the same as current webmaster. May want to get another quote and discuss this issue further. Committee Member Repmann offered to look further into this and suggested possible internal management of a Facebook page.

Public Safety (PD, Fire, EMS, OEM, Court, Health): Wintermute & Darocha

Officer Zeveney reported on 91-10 having a problem with miss-firing cylinders and repairs done in the amount of \$550.00 and vehicle is back on the road. Police Department personnel also looking into the possibility of leasing additional vehicles. If leasing we need to deal with Ford or Chevrolet only. Officer Zeveney also complimented the DPW for doing a fantastic job during the recent 30 inch snowstorm. He is also still working on the spreadsheet on pricing for the police vehicles as requested by the Township Committee. He thought it would be ready in about 2 weeks and he would like to drive down to South Jersey to view the vehicles and see what we would be getting.

Motion to authorize the Mayor and/or Deputy Mayor to sign the revised negotiated PBA Contract effective January 2, 2015 and terminating December 31, 2018.

Moved Wintermute

Second Repmann

Roll Call Vote: Darocha AYE Repmann AYE Wintermute AYE Blew ABSENT Soloway AYE

Motion carried.

Land Use (Land Use Board, Open Space, Planning, Zoning, Construction, Environmental): Soloway
 & Darocha

The Mayor reported that she and Committee Darocha attended the recent Land Use Board meeting and they are working on their proposed budget. They will soon also be looking for approval to appoint two more members.

Motion to Authorize the Municipal Attorney, Mayor and/or Deputy Mayor to sign the Green Acres Agreement and Adopt Enabling Resolution.

Moved Darocha

Second Wintermute

Roll Call Vote: Darocha AYE Repmann AYE Wintermute AYE Blew ABSENT Soloway AYE

Motion carried.

Department of Public Works: Repmann & Wintermute

Committee Member Repmann met with Alan Dilley and commented on the great job the department did during the recent major snowstorm. Also, the snow removal contract with the QFC has been signed and received. Alan Dilley commented on budgeting for vehicles. The Mayor reported that the Franklin Township School Superintendent called her to let her know that the snow plow firm hired for the school wasn't able to get there to plow. They also ran out of gas for the snow blower. Unfortunately the DPW was too busy with the roads to assist them. Committee Member Wintermute spoke with the Superintendent to discuss having an alternative plan should this situation occur again.

Community, Business, School, Recreation, Seniors: Repmann & Blew

Committee Member Repmann reported on the results of some recent Board of Recreation basketball games.

BOARD OF HEALTH, Figler, Block 43 Lot 30, Septic System Waiver

The scheduled meeting of the Board of Health is being carried to the next meeting, February 11, since the applicant is not in attendance. While the engineer for the applicant is present, he cannot bind the applicant to any agreements or conditions of approval.

Motion to carry the application of Michael Figler, Block 43 Lot 30 Septic System Waiver to the Board of Health meeting on February 11, 2016.

Moved Repmann

Second Wintermute

All present in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Soloway reported having met with Mayor Richard Dodds, Kingwood Township, to discuss a possible shared service agreement for construction office service. Applications are being reviewed at this time and interviews are set up for tomorrow.

Comments from the public: Matt Papenfuhs, QFC EMS, commented on assistance provided by the DPW during the snowstorm. Tom Campbell asked about the farming and hunting leases. Officer Craig Santoro said he will be available to formally sign the police contract with the Mayor next week.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to adopt a resolution to enter executive session for discussion of matters pertaining to personnel, litigation, contract negotiations, possible land acquisition and matters of attorney-client privilege.

Moved Repmann

Second Wintermute

Roll Call Vote: Darocha AYE Repmann AYE Wintermute AYE Blew ABSENT Soloway AYE

Motion carried.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Motion to return to open session at 9:40 P.M.

Moved Repmann

Second Wintermute

All present in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to appoint two individuals discussed in executive session to serve as Acting Lieutenant and Acting Sergeant with swearing in scheduled for February 11, 2016.

Moved Wintermute

Second Darocha

Roll Call Vote: Darocha AYE Repmann AYE Wintermute AYE Blew ABSENT Soloway AYE

Motion carried.

Motion to authorize an expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$750.00 for lettering of a police vehicle.

Moved Wintermute

Second Repmann

Roll Call Vote: Darocha AYE Repmann AYE Wintermute AYE Blew ABSENT Soloway AYE

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Moved Darocha

Second Repmann

All present In favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ursulav. Stryker
Ursula V. Stryker, RMC
Municipal Clerk

DATE OF ADOPTION: 428-16