MINUTES FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2016 7:30 P.M.

The Franklin Township Committee held a regular meeting at 7:30 P.M., Thursday, February 25, 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 led the flag salute.

Roll Call:

Joseph Darocha PRESENT

Craig Repmann PRESENT

Timothy Wintermute PRESENT

Kathryn Blew PRESENT

Susan Soloway PRESENT

Also present: Richard Wenner, Municipal Attorney

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 Blew

Second Darocha

a. Approval of Bills for Payment

Current Fund Expenditures	\$	1,835.62
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Fair Housing	\$	220.34
Driveway Trust	\$	277.50
Grant Fund	\$	466.86
Land Use Board Escrow	\$	8,649.93
Open Space	\$	267.50
Recreation Commission	\$	1,643.32
General Trust	\$	585.00

TOTAL

\$1,690,860.37

Moved Blew

Second Darocha

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

Motion carried.

Guest: Richard Dodds, former Mayor in Kingwood Township and currently a Committee Member was a guest of the Township this evening. Mr. Dodds also serves on the County Planning Board and briefly described what they do in the area of development, planning, GIS mapping, encouraging us to take advantage of GIS services. Mr. Dodds is liaison to Franklin, Kingwood and Frenchtown. In the near future the County Freeholders will also visit the township to make a presentation on planning for the future.

Department Head/Subcommittee Reports

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

Lt. Tim Snyder presented the activity in his January report. He also discussed his looking into some used police vehicles and leasing same. SUV is good for a different type of terrain so Lt. Snyder prefers regular police cars. He prepared a spreadsheet showing the different vehicles, department costs, his proposed budget which would include a 6th officer (at a cost of just over \$26,000) which would provide more flexibility in utilizing staffing, provide more supervision. It would also allow other officers to use up their accrued time. \$17,000 would be budgeted for overtime with a 6th officer; \$30,000 if no 6th officer. Committee Member Darocha asked Lt. Snyder to provide him with an overtime breakdown for all the officers.

Matt Papenfuhs, Deputy Chief EMS, discussed replacing an ambulance. They hope to sit down with the Committee to discuss this in a week or so.

Department of Public Works: Repmann & Wintermute

Committee Member Repmann reported on having spoken with Alan Dilly on some issues: replacement of a DPW dump truck at about \$90,000. April 1st is the deadline for placing an order. Also discussed the budget for salt......\$45,000 under for 2016. Diane Laudenbach, CFO, was asked to discuss Bond Anticipation Notes (BANs) for the purpose of borrowing.

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

The Committee discussed the possibility of an Eagle Scout Project to landscape the front of the Municipal Building. The Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Sunday, March 20.

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

Mayor Soloway commented on Sustainable Aquaculture, currently before the Land Use Board for a fish farm, donating 20 acres for open space purposes. She reported she will be attending a COAH meeting for Mayors to get an update. The Land Use Board will be working on reviewing the Master Plan.

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

The Mayor provided the Committee with a schedule of deferred charges and payments the township needs to make. The Committee discussed paying down debt for 2016 budgeting purposes. The Committee will also look into purchasing a copier for the upstairs offices.

The Committee also discussed the current building department inspectors cross-training for the individual who recent left and dividing the annual salary to compensate each.

Comments from the public:

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to adopt a resolution to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing matters pertaining to personnel.

Moved Wintermute

Second Blew

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

Motion carried.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Motion to return to open session.

Moved Darocha

Second Blew

All in favor. Motion carried.

The Committee returned to open session after discussing personnel matters regarding the possible hiring of an additional police officer and circumstances surrounding same. No action was taken.

The Committee briefly discussed the Open Space Tax and the old train station in Pittstown and the State DEP ownership of the land.

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Moved Darocha

Second Blew

All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ursulav Stryker, RMC

Municipal Clerk

(The Municipal Clerk was not present at this meeting. Minutes prepared from tape recording and notes of Catherine Innella, Deputy Clerk.)

DATE OF ADOPTION: 6-23-16