MINUTES
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
WORK SESSION
THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2016
7:30 P.M.

The Franklin Township Committee held a work session at **7:30 P.M., Thursday, March 10, 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: Kathryn Blew PRESENT Joseph Darocha PRESENT

Craig Repmann PRESENT Timothy Wintermute ABSENT Susan Soloway PRESENT

Also present: Katrina L. Campbell, Municipal Attorney

Comments from the Public on Agenda Items:

Consent Agenda Items for March 24, 2016 meeting:
The following items will be considered on the Consent Agenda Regular Meeting, Thursday, March 24, 2016. No action required on these items this evening.

a. Approval of Bills for Payment
b. Adoption of Minutes

DEPARTMENT HEAD AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

All those Department Heads submitting monthly reports will be included with these minutes.

- **Public Safety (PD, Fire, Ems, OEM, Court, Health) : Wintermute & Darocha**

Motion to Adopt Resolution 2016 – 23 Authorizing the Hiring of a Probationary Police Officer.

Moved Darocha Second Repmann

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

Motion carried.

Lt. Tim Snyder reported on monthly activities (arrests, summonses, accidents, investigations, etc.) in the Police Department. He also updated the Committee on the status of investigating recent burglaries. He will also be meeting with the senior citizens on April 13 and will address safety.

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

Motion to Introduce on First Reading Ordinance 2016 – 05 An Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank. Public Hearing to be scheduled for a meeting to convene at 7:30 P.M., Thursday, April 14, 2016.

Moved Blew Second Repmann

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

Motion carried.

Motion to Adopt Resolution 2016-24 Introduction of the 2016 Municipal Budget. Public hearing scheduled for a meeting to convene at 7:30 P.M., Thursday, April 24, 2016.

Moved Darocha Second Blew

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

Motion carried.

Motion to Adopt Resolution 2016 – 20 Resolution Creating an Escrow Account for the Payment of the Regional Special Master.

Moved Darocha Second Blew

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

Motion carried.

Motion to Adopt Resolution 2016 – 21 Resolution Creating an Escrow Account for the Payment of the Municipal Special Master.

Moved Darocha Second Blew

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

Motion carried.

Motion to Adopt Resolution 2016 – 22 Cancellation of Capital Improvement Authorization Balances.

Moved Repmann Second Blew

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

Motion carried.

Motion to Introduce on First Reading Ordinance 2016 – 06 An Ordinance of the Township of Franklin, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey Authorizing the Lease for Agricultural Purposes of Certain Property Owned by the Township and Not Required for Public Purposes. Public Hearing to be scheduled for a meeting to convene at 7:30 P.M., Thursday, April 14, 2016.

Moved Repmann Second Darocha

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

Motion carried.

Repair members of the Police subcommittee to indicate it is Chaired by Tim Wintermute with Joseph Darocha as Co-Chair.

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

Mayor Soloway reported she attended a class on Land Use.

Motion to Adopt Resolution 2016 – 25 Amending Salary Resolution 2015 – 71.1.

Moved Blew Second Repmann

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

Motion carried.

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

Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for March 20th at the Elks Club.

Mayor Soloway declared March as American Red Cross Month by Proclamation.

- **Department of Public Works: Repmann & Wintermute**

No report.

Comments from the public: None

Comments from the Township Committee, non-agenda items and any other business to come before the Committee: None

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 Darocha

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

Motion carried.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Motion to return to open session.

Moved Blew Second Repmann All present in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to authorize $1,500.00 to be put in an Attorney Trust Account for the joint defense of COAH litigation.

Moved Darocha Second Repmann

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

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Moved Repmann Second Darocha All present in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ursula V. Stryker

Ursula V. Stryker, RMC
Municipal Clerk

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

DATE OF ADOPTION: 6-23-16