

**MINUTES  
 FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
 REGULAR MEETING  
 THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2016  
 7:30 P.M.**

The Franklin Township Committee held a regular meeting at **7:30 P.M., Thursday, March 24, 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:    Katrina L. Campbell, 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 Darocha   Second Repmann

Approval of bills for payment.

Current Fund Expenditures	\$1,656.22
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Bond & Escrow Account	\$2,000.00
Grant Fund	\$2,731.16
Land Use Board Escrow	\$1,378.58
General Trust	\$780.00
 TOTAL	 \$213,995.69

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

Motion carried.

### **Department Head/Subcommittee Reports**

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

No report.

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

Lt. Snyder and the Township Committee discussed the possible purchase of two used police vehicles at a cost of about \$35,000. There would be a 2 year warranty. A new vehicle would cost the township \$39,800. The Committee would like some further information on the condition of the used vehicles.

The Township Committee gave approval to pursue the used vehicles pending a check on their mechanics. Committee Member Darocha will coordinate with Lt. Snyder.

The Committee discussed possible funding to the EMS. Matt Papenfuhs commented on issues with their ambulances. Their 1997 vehicle has transmission problems and was purchased used from Flemington-Raritan squad. He also said the QVEMS Chief didn't seem to be interested in merging emergency services when he spoke with him last Fall. Matt said he was willing to try again.

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

There was discussion about possible funding in the budget for a vehicle purchase for the DPW. Committee Member Repmann said there's potential for a \$195,000 balance in the general fund balance projected for 2016 and there is a \$130,000 capital improvement fund. Because of the lag time in delivery we may not need the funds until 2017.

Deputy Mayor Blew asked if paperwork for FEMA was completed and was informed George Reichert has taken care of this.

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

No report.

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

Committee Member Repmann reported on the Recreation Committee getting involved this year with the Easter Egg Hunt which was held this past Sunday. He's also looking into getting more involvement with a Community Day which has not been held in the township for several years.

There was some discussion about the Hampton Inn maybe acquiring a liquor license and the Municipal Attorney has been looking into the process. She addressed the bidding process, adoption of an ordinance, fees, etc. The Mayor and Committee Member Repmann will approach the Hampton Inn to see what their interest may be in acquiring a liquor license.



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**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved Darocha

Second Repmann

All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ursula V. Stryker, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

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

**DATE OF ADOPTION:** 6-23-16