MINUTES
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2016
7:30 P.M.

The Franklin Township Committee held a regular meeting at **7:30 P.M., Thursday, June 23, 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 James Fania PRESENT

Craig Repmann 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 Repmann Second Fania

a. Approval of Bills for Payment

Current Fund Expenditures	$253,699.24
Fair Housing	$1,541.75
Bond & Escrow Account	$1,125.00
Capital Improvement Fund	$161.25
Driveway Trust	$1,773.75
Grant Fund	$3,365.00
General Trust	$520.00
TOTAL	$262,185.99

b. **Approval of Minutes:** February 11, 2016 work session & executive session, February 25, 2016 regular & executive session, March 10, 2016 work session & executive session, March 24, 2016 regular & executive session, May 12, 2016 work session & executive session, May 26, 2016 regular meeting & executive session

c. Adoption of **Resolutions 2016 – 38** Liquor License Renewal Clinton Wine & Spirits, **2016- 39** Liquor License Renewal Quakertown Recreation Club, and **2016 – 40** Liquor License Renewal Clinton Lodge Elks.
d. Adoption of **Resolution 2016 – 41** Refund Taxes Paid in Error, Block 16 Lot 51
e. Adoption of **Resolutions 2016 – 43** & **2016 – 44** Cancel Capital Improvement Balances

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

Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Ordinance 2016 – 08

An Ordinance by Franklin Township Banning the Use of Hydraulic Fracturing in the Municipality and Amending and Supplementing the "Code of the Township of Franklin, New Jersey" in Connection Therewith

Motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance 2016 – 08.

Moved Repmann Second Fania All in favor. Motion carried.

Comments from the public: None

Motion to close the public hearing on Ordinance 2016 – 08.

Moved Fania Second Repmann All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to Adopt Ordinance 2016 – 08.

Moved Repmann Second Darocha

Comments/Discussion by the Committee: The Mayor commented on having looked into this ordinance and on other municipalities adopting the same and hopes it sends a message to our State legislators that we don't want this in our State.

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

Motion carried.

Department Head & Subcommittee Reports

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

Discussion: Payroll issues – It appears there was a clerical error that resulted in the wrong payroll date printed on the checks. It was suggested that the payroll company be contacted and maybe if this occurs in the future they can run another corrected batch.

Discussion: County Records Storage – Our insurance company has permission from the County to tour the facility for liability purposes.

- **Public Safety (PD, Fire, EMS, OEM, Court, Health): Darocha & Fania**

Lt. Timothy Snyder reported on police activities. Committee Member Darocha recommended that Lt. Snyder provide a written report when an officer performs outstanding service in order to make a public commendation.

Diane Laudenbach, CFO, advised the Committee that the auditors have determined that a Chapter 159 Resolution will be needed for a dedication by rider of e-ticket. Diane will have a resolution for the July meeting.

Discussion: Intent to remain in shared service agreement for the Municipal Court – The Township Committee discussed this request for a letter of intent to remain in this shared service so that negotiations for a new agreement may begin.

Motion to authorize a letter of intent be sent to East Amwell Township advising them of Franklin Township's intent to remain in a shared service agreement for the Municipal Court. This will be for negotiations purposes only at this time.

Moved Darocha Second Repmann All in favor. Motion carried.

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

Discussion: Proposal for Mason Dump Truck Ford F550 – The township intends to purchase this vehicle and Diane Laudenbach advised that a capital ordinance will be needed. There was some discussion about taking delivery of the vehicle in 2017 if it was ordered in the late fall. Diane advised the Committee that the funds to pay for the vehicle would still come from 2016 encumbered funds. The Committee seems to have a different understanding of funds from discussions with Heidi Wohlleb, auditor. There was further discussion regarding financing, bonding, leasing. There was discussion about funding the capital improvement fund, spending and replenishing. There were ordinances for road improvements over the years and after the money was spent insufficient money was put back into the capital fund so we're still trying to catch up. Fund transfers were also discussed.

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

Discussion: 1046 Croton Road – This property is in foreclosure and a letter has been sent to the appropriate party by both the Zoning Officer and the Municipal Attorney re the poor condition of the property. Committee Member Darocha will contact the concerned resident who inquired about this.

Motion to authorize the Mayor and/or Deputy Mayor to sign the confirmation letter and ROW Inquiry from the SADC regarding Notice of Application for Farmland Preservation, Bercaw Farm, Block 44 Lots 4 & 6 – Franklin Township and Block 12, Lots 5 & 9 – Raritan Township.

Moved Blew Second Darocha

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

Motion carried.

Motion to **Adopt Resolution 2016 – 37** COAH Gap Resolution.

Moved Blew Second Darocha

The Mayor explained the purpose of this resolution. In the first round in 1999 Franklin Township put in affordable housing units. COAH was then disbanded and there was nothing done during a period of time. Now there is talk about going back and retroactively telling Franklin Township that they need to put in more affordable housing because we didn't comply even though there was nothing to comply with. Therefore, we are sending this resolution to the legislators.

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

Motion carried.

RECESS IN ORDER TO CONVENE BOARD OF HEALTH

Motion to recess the Township Committee meeting at 8:00 P.M. in order to convene the Board of Health.

Moved Fania Second Blew All in favor. Motion carried.

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING

Motion to return to the regular meeting.

Moved Fania Second Repmann All in favor. Motion carried.

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

Information regarding the Recreation Committee's Summer Program will be posted on the website.

Comments from the public: Caroline Armstrong, Coach and Four resident, addressed the Committee on the residents of that roadway being unhappy with the condition of the road. She also commented on the assessments for the homes at Coach and Four and the tax collars generated.

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, contract negotiations, litigation, possible land acquisition and matters of attorney-client privilege.

Moved Repmann Second Fania

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

Motion carried.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Motion to return to open session.

Moved Darocha Second Fania All in favor. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Moved Darocha Second Fania All 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 prepared from tape recording and notes taken by Catherine Innella, Deputy Clerk.)

DATE OF ADOPTION: 8-25-16