

Twp. Comm. Regular Mtg.
Thursday, August 25, 2016

**MINUTES
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 2016
7:30 P.M.**

The Franklin Township Committee held a regular meeting at **7:30 P.M., Thursday, August 25, 2016** at the Municipal Building. This meeting has been properly noticed in accordance with the Open Public Meeting 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 ABSENT Susan Soloway PRESENT

Also present: Katrina L. Campbell, Municipal Attorney

Some present in the public: Lt. Tim Snyder; Diane Laudenbach, CFO; Rob Vollers; Alan Dilley, Supervisor DPW; John Roblin & Barbara Bezpa

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	\$733.97
Current Fund Expenditures	\$3,739,265.83
Fair Housing	\$3,031.75
Capital Improvement Fund	\$18,288.89
Driveway Trust	\$2,696.50
Grant Fund	\$657.39
Land Use Board Escrow	\$2,959.09
Open Space	\$5,685.00
Recreation Commission	\$10,700.37
General Trust	\$437.50

TOTAL \$3,784,456.29

- b. Approval of minutes – August 11, 2016 Special & Executive Session, July 28, 2016 Regular & Executive Session, June 23, 2016 Regular & Executive Session, April 14, 2016 Work Session & Executive Session, January 28, 2016 Executive Session
- c. **Adoption of Resolution 2016 – 55** Tax Collector for Refund of Overpayment Block 37 Lot 5

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

Motion carried.

Department Head/Subcommittee Reports

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

Motion to **Adopt Resolution 2016 – 50** Compliance with IRS/BAN \$213,000.00.

Moved Darocha Second Fania

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

Motion carried.

Discussion- salaries: 2016 salaries for non-contract personnel will be held until next month. The Mayor is reviewing job descriptions.

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

Lt. Tim Snyder provided the Township Committee with his monthly report and presented same citing investigations, motor vehicle summonses, arrests, radio calls, etc. He also reported that Ptl. Richards and Detective Bollaro followed up on a lead given to them which resulted in recovery of an ATV stolen last year. Lt. Snyder also met with Franklin Township School officials and discussed upcoming safety drills. There is a tentative date set for an evacuation drill – final arrangements need to be made with the fire department and the County also plans to participate. There was also an active shooter drill conducted in the department. All officers have signed off on their personal equipment sheets. Some officers need to be issued winter coats. Lt. Snyder was also reminded of the court contract being re-negotiated and a meeting will be set up with the subcommittee to discuss same.

Lt. Snyder also reported to the Township Committee that the Franklin Township School has recently installed cameras in and outside the building. Cameras work live time in the police vehicles and also on the desktop. The Police Department is not expected to monitor the cameras but can view live feeds if necessary during any incident. They are not recording anything on the cameras; this is being done by the school.

Motion to [Adopt Resolution 2016 – 52](#) Declare Police Dodge Durango as Surplus and Authorize Notice for Bids.

Moved Fania Second Repmann

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

Motion carried.

Motion to [Adopt Resolution 2016 – 54](#) Click It Or Ticket, \$3,000.00

Moved Darocha Second Fania

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

Motion carried.

Discussion - No parking on township roads: Parking on Quaker Hill and Woodland Roads has been a problem but the issues concerning this may have been addressed and it was suggested the Township Committee look at this again next month. There was some discussion about having an ordinance restricting parking during the snow season in order to enable plowing. Some other municipalities have ordinances restricting overnight parking on any street. Currently there are several ordinances restricting parking on certain roads.

Discussion - Towing Ordinance: The Municipal Attorney drafted an amendment to the township's current Towing Ordinance for the Township Committee to review. An application fee is required and rates are established by the State. The draft also covers recently enacted legislation. It also allows for tow operators to be used on a rotating basis.

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

Motion to authorize the Mayor and/or Deputy Mayor to sign the Employment Agreement Between the Township of Franklin and Alan Dilley.

Moved Repmann Second Fania

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

Motion carried.

Discussion – Spring Hill Road Drainage: John and Barbara Bezpa, residents, Spring Hill Road, brought an issue to the Township Committee regarding poor drainage and the flooding that occurs on their property. This has been a problem for over 15 years during heavy rainstorms. Mrs. Bezpa provided photos of the situation on her property after last Sunday's rainstorm. Any remediation is beyond the expertise of the Department of Public Works and will need input from the Municipal Engineer.

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The Township Committee hereby authorizes Alan Dilley to set up a meeting with the engineer to review the situation. The Bezpas would also like to attend the site walk. Alan will notify the Township Committee of the date in order that anyone may attend if they wish to.

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

Motion to authorize payment in the amount of \$1,750.00 to R. Michael Schaible for Appraisal Report of The Foster Farm, Block 28 Lot 24.

Moved Repmann

Second Fania

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

Motion carried.

Faust Family: The Faust family recently suffered the loss of their home in a fire. Building permits for a replacement of the home will soon be submitted to the municipality. Since the Fausts have exceeded their insurance policy limit, they are requesting a waiver of all municipal permitting fees for the project.

Motion to waive all municipal fees associated with building permits for the rebuilding of the Faust home which was destroyed in a fire, property in the township known as Block 25 Lot 3.03, 297 Pittstown Road.

Moved Fania

Second Darocha

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

Motion carried.

Construction Records Clearance Certificate (CRC): The Municipal Attorney provided the Township with a draft ordinance for the CRC. The formal application to submit for this certification will be submitted to the township shortly. This ordinance will be placed on the September 8 agenda for first reading and introduction.

Discussion Block 31 Lot 37: The Township Committee is in receipt of a request for a waiver of interest and penalties (total amount due as of July 31, 2016 \$59,715.10) on a tax lien against this property and also requesting a re-assessment to reduce the value of the property to conform to an adjacent parcel. The Municipal Attorney has provided an analysis to the Township Committee and after discussing same, it was suggested that the resident see Mary Mastro, Tax Assessor, and provide her with any information on the property: topography, wetlands, woodland, access, etc., in order for her to consider the values.

Discussion – Fees: The Township Committee will discuss any fee changes at next month's meeting. The Fire Marshall will also be present at the September 8th meeting to discuss some QFC fee changes in several ordinances being recommended for amendment.

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

Motion to **Adopt Resolution 2016 – 51** Employment of Summer Counselors.

Moved Repmann

Second Fania

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

Motion carried.

Mayor Soloway reminded everyone of Shop Rite's **Bagging for Hunger** scheduled for Wednesday, September 21, 2016 between the hours of 10 A.M. and Noon. She hopes to see more Committee Members participate this year.

Committee Member Repmann reported on Joanne Hyland's thank you for seeing that the counselors were paid on time this year. The summer recreation program went very well.

There is no need for a Board of Health meeting this evening.

Comments from the public: None

Comments from the Committee, non-agenda items and any other business: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to adopt a resolution for the Township Committee to enter executive session at 8:30 p.m. for discussion of matters pertaining to personnel and COAH co- litigation.

Moved Fania

Second Repmann

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

Motion carried.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Motion to return to open session at 9:34 P.M. for adjournment.

Moved Repmann

Second Darocha

All present in favor. Motion carried.

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 9:35 P.M.

Moved Fania

Second Repmann

All present in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Ursula V. Stryker, RMC
Municipal Clerk

DATE OF ADOPTION: _____

9-22-2016