

MINUTES
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2017
7:30 P.M.

The Franklin Township Committee held a regular meeting at **7:30 P.M., Thursday, March 23, 2017** at the Municipal Building. This meeting has been properly noticed in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Deputy Mayor Joseph Darocha called the meeting to order and led the flag salute.

Roll Call: Diane Burgess ABSENT Craig Repmann PRESENT

Susan Soloway PRESENT Joseph Darocha PRESENT Kathryn Blew ABSENT

The Township Committee congratulated the Franklin Township 7th/8th grade girls North Hunterdon Basketball League on their recent winning the 2016-2017 basketball season championship. Committee Member Susan Soloway read a congratulatory resolution into the record before presentation to the team.

Motion to **Adopt Resolution 2017 – 29** to be amended with additional names of the coaches.

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

Comments from the public on agenda items only: 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 Soloway

Approval of Bills for Payment

Current Fund Expenditures	\$ 294.90
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Fair Housing	\$ 536.50
Driveway Trust	\$ 384.00

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Grant Fund	\$1,139.89
Recreation Commission	\$1,650.00
General Trust	\$ 195.00
Dog Regulation Account	\$ 205.80
 Total	 \$90,583.41

Approval of minutes – March 9, 2017 Work Session and Executive Session

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

Motion carried.

Department Head/SubCommittee Reports

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

Lt. Timothy Snyder addressed the Township Committee and informed them that the yearlong probation period for Ptl. Kevin Richards ends April 1, 2017. He recommends that Ptl. Richards be taken off probation and elevated to Step 2 as per the police contract. Formal action will need to be taken on this matter.

Lt. Snyder also requested that costs for communications services and billing methods be reviewed so correct departments are being charged. Catherine Innella offered to speak to the Comcast account executive to amend their billing.

Lt. Snyder updated the Committee on the 1033 Grant and he said the township is now set up to begin requesting military surplus items.

Lt. Snyder also reported that the background checks for ACO services are all clear.

About 15 applications have been received by the Police Department for the Class II position and 6 are being brought back for interviews. Lt. Snyder will bring 3 names to the Township Committee. The Police Department will be conducting interviews on April 7 and 8.

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

Committee Member Soloway reported on the budget progress. The auditors were informed to keep departments flat with the exception of the budgets received from the Police Department and the DPW. We will also try not to use surplus. The DPW has requested funding the Capital Budget for road repairs.....approximately \$225,000.00. Upgrades to the building are also being considered for the budget; server, wiring. The Committee would like to introduce the budget at the next meeting.

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Motion to authorize the Mayor and/or Deputy Mayor to sign the City Connections, LLC Website Services Agreement for year 2017.

Moved Repmann

Second Soloway

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

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Motion to **Adopt Resolution 2017 – 31** Cancelling Tax Sale Certificate 11-4, Block 30, Lot 2.01.

Moved Soloway

Second Repmann

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

Discussion: Forms of Government will be tabled to another meeting. (Repmann)

Discussion: Farm Animal Registration will be tabled to another meeting. (Soloway)

Additional items for:

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

Motion to **Adopt Resolution 2017 – 30** Distracted Driving Crackdown.

Moved Soloway

Second Darocha

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

Discussion: QFC snow plowing agreement to be tabled to another meeting.

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

Committee Member Craig Repmann read Alan Dilley's monthly report into the record – a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

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

No report.

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

The Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for April 9 at 10 a.m. at the Elks.

BOARD OF HEALTH – No need for a meeting this evening.

Comments from the public: Tyler Carey, President QFC, commented on the snow plowing at the fire company. He said it's important that if there's an emergency the vehicles need to get out of the station and he thought the fire company should be one of the main priorities of the DPW for plowing. He commented on only hours of notification by the township that the lot would not be a priority for plowing. The QFC would like to make plans and asked that the township let them know if they should make their own arrangements for plowing so they could do it at the beginning of the year. The Committee did say that there was a plan in place should there be an emergency for the QFC vehicles to get to a resident.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to adopt a resolution to enter executive session for discussion of matters pertaining to two (2) personnel matters.

Moved Repmann

Second Soloway

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

Motion carried.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Motion to return to open session.

Moved Repmann

Second Soloway

All present in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to authorize the release the checks to the Municipal Court provided they do not exceed the amount of \$17,000.00.

Moved Repmann

Second Soloway

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

Motion carried.

Motion to authorize Kevin Richards be elevated to Step 2 of the agreement between the Township of Franklin and the Franklin Township Police Department PBA Local No. 188. This is based on the recommendation of Lt. Timothy Snyder.

Moved Soloway

Second Repmann

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

Motion carried.

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Moved Soloway

Second Repmann

All present in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Ursula V. Stryker, RMC
Municipal Clerk

(The Municipal Clerk was not in attendance at this meeting. Deputy Clerk Catherine Innella attended and minutes were transcribed from her notes and the tape recording.)

DATE OF ADOPTION: 4-13-17