

MINUTES
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 2017
7:30 P.M.

The Franklin Township Committee held a regular meeting at **7:30 P.M., Thursday, August 24, 2017** at the Municipal Building. This meeting has been properly noticed in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Mayor Kathryn Blew called the meeting to order and led the flag salute.

Roll Call: Diane Burgess PRESENT Craig Repmann PRESENT

Susan Soloway ARRIVED 8:00 p.m. Joseph Darocha PRESENT Kathryn Blew PRESENT

Also present: Katrina L. Campbell, Municipal Attorney

The Municipal Clerk was absent from this meeting.

Comments from the public: 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 Burgess

a. Approval of Bills for Payment

Current Fund Expenditures 6-01	\$ 6,500.00
Current Fund Expenditures 7-01	\$629,015.79
Bond & Escrow Account	\$ 5,800.00
Driveway Trust	\$ 790.00
Grant Fund	\$ 1,178.55
Land Use Board Escrow	\$ 210.00
Unemployment Account	\$ 230.12

Total \$643,724.46

b. Approval of minutes July 27, 2017 Regular Meeting & Executive Session

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- c. Adoption of **Resolution 2017 – 54** Tax Sale Redemption of Lienholder, Block 35 Lot 14
- d. Adoption of **Resolution 2017 – 55** Refund of Taxes Due to Totally Disabled Veteran Block 20 Lot 6.06
- e. Adoption **of Resolution 2017 – 59** Tax Sale Redemption of Lienholder, Block 28 Lot 9

Roll Call Vote: Burgess AYE Repmann AYE Soloway absent at vote Darocha AYE Blew AYE

Motion carried.

The Mayor called on Lt. Tim Snyder to make a presentation to Sgt. John Oliveira for excellent police work and investigation on his recent motor vehicle stop and finding a loaded and ready to fire weapon. Sgt. Oliveira was presented with a Citation Bar and Award.

Department Head/SubCommittee Reports

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

Motion to Adopt **Resolution 2017 – 57** \$162,500.00 Bond Anticipation Note Compliance with Provisions of the IRS Code.

Moved Darocha Second Burgess

Roll Call Vote: Burgess AYE Repmann AYE Soloway absent at vote Darocha AYE Blew AYE

Motion carried.

Motion to Adopt **Resolution 2017 – 58** Authorize Edmunds & Associates, Inc. for the tax collection software.

Moved Burgess Second Repmann

Committee Member Burgess updated the Committee on the various finance and tax programs being utilized by the township. The Tax Collector will switch from Vital to Edmunds which is currently being used by the CFO.

Roll Call Vote: Burgess AYE Repmann AYE Soloway absent at vote Darocha AYE Blew AYE

Motion carried.

The Township Committee acknowledged having been presented with the Determination and Award Certificate from the finance officer for the \$162,500.00 Bond Anticipation Note dated August 18, 2017, payable August 17, 2018.

Deputy Mayor Darocha afforded those present from the QFC EMS an opportunity to verbally give their report on operations which are running smoothly.

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

Discussion, recycling: Alan Dilley, DPW Supervisor, addressed the Township Committee on the issue of problems at the recycling center. The yard is currently open during regular operation hours of the DPW. Along with the first Saturday of each month. The township has received a complaint regarding debris blowing on to a neighbor's property. The center is experiencing problems with residents dumping non-recyclable items which is causing a problem with debris blowing out of the containers and on to neighboring properties. A yard attendant was utilized for a brief period and this did not deter residents from dumping unacceptable items. It was suggested that a letter be sent to all residents advising them of the materials which are acceptable at the DPW and giving notice that recycling services may need to be reduced if the problems continue with inappropriate dumping. Alan said there are several grants from which he can use funds for a mailing.

Locust Grove resident Liz Shaw commented on recycling and items blowing out of the containers.

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

Motion to Adopt **Resolution 2017 – 56** Acceptance of Performance Surety Bond in the amount of \$45,713,00 for grading and storm water management, Block 20 Lot 2.21.

Moved Repmann Second Burgess

Roll Call Vote: Burgess AYE Repmann AYE Soloway absent at vote Darocha AYE Blew AYE

Motion carried.

The hunting lease for Block 5 Lots 2 & 3 has expired and the township needs to go out to bid again.

Motion to authorize the township to notice requesting bids for hunting purposes on municipal property known as Block 5 Lots 2 & 3.

Moved Repmann Second Burgess

Roll Call Vote: Burgess AYE Repmann AYE Soloway absent at vote Darocha AYE Blew AYE

Motion carried.

The bids will be due at Noon on September 12 with possible award at the September 14 meeting. The Municipal Attorney will also have the Ordinance for Hunting Purposes prepared for first reading that night.

The Committee would like a list of all properties leased by the municipality and one will be prepared. The Municipal Clerk will be asked to follow up on the township's request for a farming/crop schedule for Block 4 Lot 3.01.

Committee Member Susan Soloway arrived at 8:00 P.M.

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

Motion to approve Raffle License Application #108 for the Franklin Township School PTA and waiving the municipal fees pending receipt of proper paperwork.

Moved Repmann

Second Burgess

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

Motion carried.

BOARD OF HEALTH – No need for a meeting.

Group Home: The Township Committee reported on a request received for them to arrange for another meeting about the group home. The Municipal Attorney advised the Committee to only facilitate a meeting and send a member of the subcommittee. It can also be posted on the township website so any members of the public may attend.

The Municipal Attorney updated everyone on the group home saying that the township has already contacted the Division of Children and Families, which is the licensing agent for the home, and we have been assisting them by providing information regarding the recent incident and all other incidents at the home. Police reports and townships documents have been provided to DCF in order to assist them in their investigation. They are also running an investigation into the recent incident and also other incidents and allegations made. The Police Department issued summonses and contacted the Prosecutor's Office regarding the supervision at the home. Other than that there is little the township can do.

Resident Barbara Hewitt made comments regarding meetings held by the township. She also commented on excessive noise late at night and being fearful for her children. The Municipal Attorney also advised that calls made to the Dispatcher by residents should be more polite and respectful than they have in the past since the comments are in the reports.

Liz Shaw, Locust Grove resident, commented on concern she has with the Land Use Board in that agendas and minutes are not being posted on the website. She knows many meetings have been cancelled and believes some applicants are using tactics to delay their public hearings.

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. Formal action may be taken upon return to open session.

Moved Soloway Second Darocha

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

Motion carried.

Mayor Blew left the meeting immediately after executive session.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Municipal Attorney announced that the minutes of executive session will be made available to the public at such time that the confidentiality no longer exists.

Motion to return to open session.

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

Motion to allow for Alan Dillely to have his accumulated sick time payout put into a Deferred Compensation Plan.

Moved Repmann Second Burgess

Roll Call Vote: Burgess AYE Repmann AYE Soloway AYE
Darocha ABSTAIN Blew not present at vote

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Moved Darocha Second Burgess All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ursula V. Stryker
Ursula V. Stryker, RMC

DATE OF ADOPTION: 9-14-17

The Municipal Clerk was not present at this meeting which was attended by the Deputy Clerk. Minutes transcribed from tape recording and hand written notes of the Deputy.