

Twp. Comm. Regular Mtg.  
Thursday, September 28, 2017

**MINUTES**  
**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2017**  
**7:30 P.M.**

The Franklin Township Committee held a regular meeting at **7:30 P.M., Thursday, September 28, 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 ABSENT      Craig Repmann PRESENT      Susan Soloway PRESENT  
Joseph Darocha PRESENT      Kathryn Blew PRESENT

Also present: Joseph Salvador for Municipal Attorney Katrina L. Campbell

Some present in the public: Debbie Nase, Liz Shaw

**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 Soloway

Second Darocha

a. Approval of Bills for Payment

Current Fund Expenditures 7-01	\$12,034.08
Bond & Escrow Account	\$ 62.50
Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 187.91
Driveway Trust	\$ 120.00
Dog Regulation Account	\$ 181.40
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,585.89</b>

b. Approval of minutes September 14, 2017 Work Session & Executive Session

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

Motion carried.

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

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

Motion to **Adopt Resolution 2017 – 66** Expressing Opposition to Legislative Proposals Regarding the Open Public Meetings Act and Open Public Records Act.

Moved Soloway

Second Repmann

The Municipal Clerk was asked to report on the proposed bill and those changes being made: amending definition of “public body”, changes to agenda and materials to be provided prior to a meeting, privacy issues, financial burden on municipalities.

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

Motion carried.

Motion to authorize advertising for receiving bids for Cell Tower at Municipal Building site.

Moved Darocha

Second Repmann

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

Motion carried.

**Discussion: 2018 Animal Control.** The Committee will take this discussion up next month. In the meantime, the Deputy Clerk is being requested to obtain 3 quotes.

**Discussion: IT expenditures.** Committee Member Soloway reported on bids coming in for this. Wiring will also be updated and the DPW can do the work for this.

**Discussion: Best Practices.** The Township Committee conducted a public discussion on the 2017 Best Practices Inventory as prepared by the CFO. This discussion is in compliance with regulations established by the State. The township does their best to comply in order not to lose State Aid. There were two “no” responses (#9 and #19) which the Committee would like the CFO to clarify.

**REMINDER:** Public hearing is scheduled for October 12, 2017 for Ordinance 2017 – 08 Lease for Hunting Purposes.

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

Motion to authorize the Mayor and/or Deputy Mayor to sign the Engagement Letter for labor counsel services.

Moved Soloway

Second Darocha

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

Motion carried.

Deputy Mayor Darocha reported on an incident to which Lt. Snyder responded. The patient became violent and bit Lt. Snyder on the upper arm. With police and Quakertown Fire emergency assistance, Lt. Snyder was transported to the Hunterdon Medical Center for treatment. A workers' compensation report was filed and follow-up treatment is necessary.

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

Committee Member Repmann reported on DPW activities which included roadside activities, vehicle repair and maintenance, drainage improvements on Old Franklin School Road, 19 catch basins installed. Beginning on October 3<sup>rd</sup> paving will begin on Old Franklin School Road in accordance with Capital Ordinance 2017 – 06.

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

**Discussion: Storm water Management.** Municipal Engineer Rick Roseberry provided the Township Committee with an update on the work anticipated to meet the State's requirements in addition to a cost estimate of \$8,250.00. The municipal staff may be able to assist with some items in his scope of work.

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

Motion to **Adopt Resolution 2017 – 68** A Resolution Recognizing and Thanking the Community Organizations that Helped to Make Franklin Township's Clean Community Day a Success.

Moved Darocha

Second Repmann

All present in favor. Motion carried.

Committee Member Repmann reported on the event being a huge success with a lot of excellent feedback. Since the township may get corporate sponsorship for next year's event, it needs to be scheduled and will be held on Saturday September 22, 2018. The fishing derby may also be scheduled for this date and Officer Kevin Bollaro is looking into possible pond locations. Also considering other events such as a 5K run.

Motion to **Approve Raffle License Application #108** for Cub Scout Pack #108 pending receipt of required documents and waiving the municipal fee.

Moved Soloway

Second Darocha

Committee Member Repmann reported the Cub Scouts have received a donation of a wireless speaker valued at approximately \$600.00 which will be raffled off at the October 27, 2017 Trunk or Treat event.

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

Motion carried.

**BOARD OF HEALTH** – No need for a 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 to enter executive session at 8:00 P.M. for discussion of matters pertaining to personnel, litigation, contract negotiations, possible land acquisition, and matters of attorney-client privilege.

Moved Repmann

Second Soloway

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

Motion carried.

#### **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

Motion to return to open session at 8:10 P.M.

Moved Darocha

Second Soloway

All present in favor. Motion carried.

#### **ACTION BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**

Motion to schedule a special meeting of the Township Committee for executive session purposes for discussion of a personnel matter. Meeting to be held at 6:00 P.M., Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at the Municipal Building.

Moved Darocha

Second Soloway



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

Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 8:15 P.M.

Moved Darocha

Second Soloway

All present in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Ursula V. Stryker, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

**DATE OF ADOPTION:** 10-12-2017