MINUTES FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE **REGULAR MEETING**

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2018 7:30 P.M.

The Franklin Township Committee held a regular meeting at 7:30 P.M., Thursday, February 22, 2018 at the Municipal Building. This meeting has been properly noticed in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Mayor Craig Repmann called the meeting to order and led the flag salute

Roll Call:

Joseph Darocha PRESENT

Philip Koury PRESENT

Susan Soloway ABSENT

Diane Burgess ABSENT

Craig Repmann PRESENT

Also present: Katrina L. Campbell, Municipal Attorney

Some present in the pubic: Marti Campanelli, Ron and Nancy Mathews, Joanne Hyland Alex Rogovin, Mary Patkochis, Lt. Tim Snyder, Cameron Keng, Alan Dilley arrived 8:15 p.m.

Comments from the public on Agenda Items: Alex Rogovin, resident 6 Quaker Hill Drive, addressed the Committee and said he wanted to get on the agenda seeking help from the Township Committee with the group home situation and get the Committee actively involved. The situation has changed since the group home may be relocating in April. Other residents made comments on the group home and wanted to be sure this situation doesn't happen again in another neighborhood. The Committee and the Municipal Attorney commented on the role of the township in regard to the group home. The township has little control since they are considered a single family home and under the jurisdiction of the Division of Children and Families. The Municipal Attorney has written to the Division on several occasions to make them aware of the problem s in the township. Short of that, this is all the township can do.

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 Darocha

Second Koury

a. Approval of Bills for Payment

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Current Fund Expenditures 8-01\$ 9,134.98Land Use Board Escrow\$10,496.55General Trust\$ 67.99

TOTAL \$19,699.52

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

Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE 2018 - 02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND, REVISE AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 182, "FEES," AND CHAPTER 193, "FIRE PREVENTION,"

OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN TO REVISE FEES FOR FIRE PREVENTION

Motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance 2018 – 02.

Moved Koury Second Darocha All present in favor. Motion carried.

Comments from the public: None

Motion to close the public hearing on Ordinance 2018 – 02.

Moved Darocha Second Koury All present in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to Adopt Ordinance 2018 - 02.

Moved Darocha Second Koury

Comments/Discussion by the Township Committee: This ordinance revises certain fees as required by the Division of Fire Safety.

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

Motion carried.

Department Head/Subcommittee Reports

Administration, HR/Benefits; Koury/Darocha

Committee Member Koury said he spoke with Catherine Innella about getting information on trails. There is a report from work being done some years ago.

Group Home:

Marti Campanelli commented on the recent accident involving a resident of the group home and asked if the township got any feedback from the State agency on this issue. Other residents present made comments and believed the group home has a management problem. The Municipal Attorney reported on having spoken to someone in Trenton but has heard nothing further. Again it was reported that the township is not the licensing agency and we can only report to the Division of Children and Families. The police will continue to follow up on calls, document incidents and notify the proper agencies. The Municipal Attorney also commented on the tax reduction allowed for the adjourning properties.

Marti Campanelli also commented on Planet Civic and the voting for residents' input on changing the name of the township. She did not feel the voting should be extended and is opposed to a name change.

Planet Civic: The Municipal Attorney said it is a full Committee decision on whether or not voting on Planet Civic should be extended beyond the end of February. She thought there might be some confusion with a resolution authorizing a subcommittee to spend a limited amount of money in an emergency situation. Committee Member Koury commented on Javier Guardo's (Planet Civic) comments to the newspapers and his providing a flyer to be distributed through the Franklin Township School. He also said there is no resolution giving the subcommittee the authority to make any decisions about extending the voting. He said there was no discussion about a flyer going out through the school and he felt it was a very misleading flyer. Committee Member Darocha also believed the full Committee should have approved anything in regards to this issue. The Municipal Attorney recommended having this conversation when the subcommittee is here so they can discuss the powers of a subcommittee.

Committee Member Koury asked the Mayor if he would open up the comments from the public again to hear public comment. Marti Campanelli reported the current vote on the township name change is approximately 111 No and 59 Yes. Barbara Hewitt also commented on the cost that would be associated with changing the name. The voting was being extended to allow the senior citizens to vote at their March meeting since the February meeting was cancelled due to illness. The IT subcommittee would provide their laptops since many seniors do not have a computer. Committee Member Darocha didn't think we would get to a "yes" vote by extending the voting period and allowing senior citizens to vote.

Motion to extend the voting period on the question of changing the name of the Township.

Moved Darocha

Second Koury

Roll Call Vote: Darocha NAY Koury NAY Soloway ABSENT Burgess ABSENT Repmann NAY

Motion carried.

Barbara Hewitt also brought to the Township Committee's attention the incorrect road signs at Quaker Hill Drive and Woodland Road. Drive and Road are interchanged and signs need to be replaced.

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Discussion: COAH funds

Cameron Keng reported on all going well with the payroll company change. The new account will be established for a separate account for the COAH trust fund. Unity Bank has provided the signature cards. Cameron is also working with department heads on budget requests for 2018.

Public Safety (PD, Fire, EMS, OEM, Court, Health): Darocha/Koury

Nothing further at this time.

Department of Public Works: Burgess/Repmann

Mayor Repmann reported on the DPW activities which included items such as snow removal, cold patching, budget preparation, garage and equipment maintenance.

Since the COAH ordinances are scheduled for introduction at the March 8th meeting, Ms. Campbell recommended rescheduling the regular meeting from March 22nd to March 29th to allow adequate notice.

Motion to cancel the Thursday, March 22, 2018 meeting and reschedule it to Thursday, March 29, 2018.

Moved Koury

Second Darocha

All present in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to Introduce Ordinance 2018 - 03 An Ordinance to Provide for the Replacement of the 2005 Case 580SM Backhoe for the Township of Franklin in the County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey and Appropriating \$74,245.00 from the Capital Fund Balance. Public Hearing to be scheduled for a meeting to convene at 7:30 P.M., Thursday, March 29, 2018.

Moved Koury

Second Repmann

Committee Member Darocha would like to get more additional information on this request.

Roll Call Vote: Darocha ABSTAIN

Koury AYE

Soloway ABSENT

Burgess ABSENT

Repmann AYE

Motion carried.

Motion to introduce Ordinance 2018 – 04 An Ordinance to Provide for the Replacement of the 1986 Case 485 Tractor with 5' Wing Mower & 1996 Ford 6640 Tractor with Boom Arm Mower for the Township of Franklin in the County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey and Appropriating \$196,700.00 from the Capital Fund Balance. Public Hearing to be scheduled for a meeting to convene at 7:30 P.M., Thursday, March 29, 2018.

Moved Koury

Second Repmann

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Roll Call Vote: Darocha ABSTAIN Koury AYE Soloway ABSENT

Burgess ABSENT Repmann AYE

Motion carried.

Committee Member Darocha will stop by the Municipal Garage to see Alan Dilley and go over the township equipment and replacement schedule.

Land Use (Land Use Board, Open Space, Planning, Zoning, Construction, Environmental):
 Soloway/Darocha

Committee Member Darocha commented on a lively discussion at the Land Use Board meeting last week. There seems to be some opinion on the board that group homes would be good for the township because they may qualify for COAH. The Municipal Attorney reported that if residents are under the age of 18, the township would not get COAH credits. She also said the current COAH plan being worked on at this time does not provide for any group homes.

Community, Business, School, Recreation, Seniors: Soloway/Repmann

Mayor Repmann reported on basketball games scheduled for the next two weekends. The Easter Egg hunt is scheduled for March 25 at the Elks.

BOARD OF HEALTH – No applicants at this time.

Comments from the public: None

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to enter executive session at 8:35 P.M. for discussion of matters pertaining to personnel. No action is anticipated upon returning to open session.

Moved Koury Second Darocha

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

Motion carried.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Motion to return to open session at 8:50 P.M.

Moved Darocha Second Koury All present in favor. Motion carried.

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The Committee discussed the planned wiring for the Municipal Building and replacement of the server along with Aton's services. At this time it was recommended that the wiring be returned. There should also be an IT plan in place. It was suggested the township request proposals for IT services for replacing the server and completing the wiring of the Municipal Building.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn AT 9:10 p.m..

Moved Darocha

Second Koury

All present in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ursulav. Stryker, RMC

Municipal Clerk

DATE OF ADOPTION: 3-8-18