

**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 public: 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 problems 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



**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 adjoining 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.





Twp. Comm. Regular Mtg.  
Thursday, February 22, 2018

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**

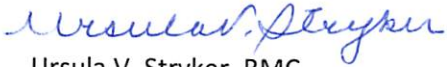
Motion to adjourn AT 9:10 p.m..

Moved Darocha

Second Koury

All present in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Ursula V. Stryker, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

**DATE OF ADOPTION:** 3-8-18