

Township Committee Regular Meeting
Thursday, July 12, 2018

**MINUTES
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, JULY 12, 2018
7:00 P.M**

The Franklin Township Committee held a regular meeting at 7:00 P.M., Thursday, July 12, 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 PRESENT

Diane Burgess PRESENT

Craig Repmann PRESENT

Also present: Katrina L. Campbell, Municipal Attorney
 C. Richard Roseberry, Municipal Engineer

Some others present in the public: Cameron Keng, Matt Papenfuhs, Roger Tosco, Erica Amon, James Witkowski, John Thonet, Lou Moreira, Jennifer Fischer, Mike Chabra, Lisa Wood

Comments from the Public on Agenda Items:

Roger Tosco, Whitebridge Road resident, addressed the Township Committee at this time regarding his wanting to erect a privacy fence for placement which would be in violation of the township's ordinance. He commented on a dispute he has been having with a neighbor. Several photos were provided to the Committee. He cannot meet the setback requirement for a six foot privacy fence which by code is 50 feet off the property line. He would like to erect the fence five feet from the property line. The Township Committee advised Mr. Tosco to apply to the Land Use Board and request a variance.

Mr. Tosco also commented on there being no provisions in the township's codes that require maintenance when weeds grow to a specific height. It was explained that the township's ordinance is for the safety, health and public welfare and not specific to aesthetics.

The Municipal Attorney recommended the Township Committee consult with the Zoning Officer and Land Use Board to see why there are different setbacks for different types of fences. The Township Committee can also explore addressing aesthetics as it relates to the code for brush, grass and weeds. It was also suggested that the Committee review the minutes of the meeting at which Chapter 131 was amended.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes of the June 14, 2018 Work Session and Executive Session.

Moved Koury Second Soloway

AYES: Darocha, Koury, Soloway, Repmann ABSTAIN: Burgess

Motion carried.

Payment of Bills

Motion to authorize payment of bills as presented on bill lists for June 28, 2018 and July 1, 2018.

Moved Koury Second Soloway

June 28, 2018 bills:

Current Fund Expenditures 8-01	\$ 49,349.43
Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 2,236.94
Fair Housing	\$ 214.50
TOTAL	\$51,800.87

July 12, 2018 bills:

Current Fund Expenditures	\$35,510.89
Grant Fund	\$ 578.00
General Trust	\$ 1,306.00
Capital Improve Fund	\$ 75,006.88
Dog Regulation Account	\$ 7.20
Land Use Board Escrow	\$ 1,550.00
Unemployment Account	\$ 201.36
COAH	\$ 565.50
Current Fund Expenditures	\$ 212.58
TOTAL	\$114,938.41

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

Motion carried.

Staff Administrative Reports

Cameron Keng, CFO, reported on completing bank reconciliations for the Tax Collector account. He has been working with the auditors this month on various items. He reported that the township has been reimbursed for farmland preservation appraisals done in 2014. The Municipal Court audit has been completed. Cam needs to discuss email service with the Committee.

Board of Health: No need for a meeting this evening.

Old Business: Committee Member Darocha reported a police vehicle will soon be put up for auction after several items are removed.

New Business: Deputy Mayor Burgess would like to discuss with the Environmental Commission the County's offer to partner with them for an Ident-a-Shred event in 2019. However, the Municipal Clerk should tentatively agree and advise the County.

Committee Member Reports: Mayor Repmann commented on performing a wedding ceremony at the Elks on Friday, July 6, 2018.

Comments from the public: None

Executive Session: No need for executive session this evening.

Adjournment

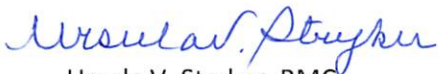
Motion to adjourn at 7:36 P.M. in order to convene a special joint meeting between the Township Committee and Land Use Board.

Moved Soloway

Second Darocha

All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Ursula V. Stryker, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Date of Adoption: 9-27-2018