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MINUTES FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE WORK SESSION THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2018 7:30 P.M.

The Franklin Township Committee held a work session at **7:30** P.M., Thursday, September 13, 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 ABSENT | Susan Soloway PRESENT |
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| | Diane Burgess ABSENT | Craig Repmann | PRESENT |

Also present: Billy Pandos, for Katrina L. Campbell, Municipal Attorney

Some others present: Lt. Timothy Snyder, Officer Steven Beam, Shea Dibley, Philip Fleming, Cameron Keng

Approval of Minutes: This matter will be carried to the September 27, 2018 meeting.

Payment of Bills

Motion to authorize payment of bills as presented by the Chief Finance Officer.

| Moved Soloway | Second Darocha |
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| Current Fund Expenditures 8-01 Grant Fund G-02 | \$416,652.11 \$ 9,279.75 |
| Capital Improvement Fund C-04 | \$ 20,275.46 |
| Land Use Board Escrow L-05 Open Space O-14 | \$ 980.00 \$ 1,700.00 |
| Current Fund Expenditures 8-01 | \$ 2,700.00 |
| Reserve for Affordable Housing | \$ 1,636.00 |
| TOTAL | \$453,223.32 |

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

Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDINANCE 2018 – 14

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE TOWNSHIP CODE TO CREATE A CHAPTER 247 "PROPERTY MAINTENANCE" INCLUDING A NEW SECTION TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS FOR MAINTENANCE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY

Motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance 2018 – 14.

| Moved | Darocha | Second Solowa | у | All present in favor. | Motion carried. |
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| Comme | Comments from the public: None | | | | |
| Motion to close the public hearing on Ordinance 2018 – 14. | | | | | |
| Moved | Darocha | Second Solowa | y | All present in favor. | Motion carried. |
| Motion to Adopt Ordinance 2018 – 14. | | | | | |
| Moved | Darocha | | Second Solowa | Ŷ | |
| Comme | nts/Discussion by the To | ownship Commit | tee: None | | |

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

Motion carried.

Comments from the public on agenda items only: Shea Dibley from the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) addressed the Township Committee on Resolution 2018-52 which he requested to recognize September, 2018 as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. Mr. Dibley spoke to the goals and vision of NAMI and reaching out to the communities and having a presence in the local schools. Mayor Repmann offered to bring information on the organization to the Franklin Township School.

Resolutions

Motion to Adopt Resolution 2018 – 52 A Resolution to Recognize National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month.

| Moved | Soloway |
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Second Darocha

All present in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to Adopt Resolution 2018 – 54 A Resolution of Franklin Township, Hunterdon County, New Jersey in Support of Historic Markers

Moved Darocha

Second Soloway

All present in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Fleming was present to accept the resolution and made some brief comments about the history of his home at 179 Old Clinton Road which was built by Joseph King in 1729. The site being commemorated is King's Mill and Mr. Fleming has taken proper steps to erect a historic sign at the location and he sought permission to do so. He commented on the beauty and historic qualities of Franklin Township and expressed being proud to be the steward of such a lovely home.

Motion to Adopt Resolution 2018 – 55 "Coach and Four Road Reclamation Project"

Moved Soloway

Second Darocha

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

Motion carried.

Motion to Adopt Resolution 2018 – 56 Award Contract to Morton Salt, Inc. to provide rock salt through the Cooperative Pricing System of Hunterdon County.

Moved Soloway

Second Darocha

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

Motion carried.

Committee Member Darocha had some questions about the township's obligation with this contract. This isn't with the Morris County Coop which became a problem in the past and led to litigation with the township having to purchase a quantity requested. This program is through the Hunterdon County Cooperative Pricing.

Motion to Adopt Resolution 2018 – 57 Release Performance Surety Bond, Steven A. Abrams, \$45,713.00 for property in Franklin Township known as Block 20 Lot 2,21

Moved Darocha

Second Soloway

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

Motion carried.

Ordinances: None for introduction

Staff Administrative Reports

Lt. Timothy Snyder presented Officer Steven Beam with an *Exceptional Duty Award* for his vehicle stop in which he discovered a loaded hand gun and marijuana.

Lt. Snyder had just returned from Back to School Night at the Franklin Township School and he brought Community Day to Dr. Davis's attention. He also addressed his monthly report which was provided to all Committee Members. The Lt. said he is moving away from Specials and will be requesting two new full time police officers for next year since two current police officers are planning to retire: Craig Santoro July 1, 2019 and John Oliveira August 1, 2019. Both will be using their accrued leave and will end their duties mid- January and mid-February. Another officer will also be on family leave. Lt. Snyder said he has received three or four random resumes already. The formal letters of retirement will be forwarded to the Municipal Attorney. Committee Member Darocha suggested Lt. Snyder sit down with the subcommittee to discuss these issues further.

Committee Member Darocha asked about marijuana enforcement and Lt. Snyder said they are keeping up with enforcement until the Attorney General sends out a directive.

Cameron Keng, CFO, reported on several matters: additional quantities of rock salt will be at the contracted price given by the County, he is working on reconciling driveway escrows and other accounts, advised the Committee of an upcoming tax refund; renewed Bond Anticipation Note which combined multiple bonds. He also advised the Committee of grant money which may be used to replace the current sweeper for the DPW. Another used one is anticipated being purchased from the County at a cost of \$4,000 should it be authorized. He has asked for those departments having an expiration of a contract coming up, that they send him an email saying they would like to start the discussion along with a proposal. He also offered to look at the financial implications of items requested in contract proposals since both the Police and DPW contracts expire at the end of this year. He will then advise the Committee accordingly.

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

Old Business

The Municipal Clerk prepared a resolution for Police Department and Department of Public Works surplus property. Once adopted, information for the bid notice will be prepared and finalized after consulting with both department heads for all the details needed.

Motion to Adopt Resolution 2018 – 53 Surplus Property.

Moved Darocha

Second Soloway

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

Motion carried.

Summit Manor Maintenance & Management Agreement: The Municipal Attorney forwarded the Hunterdon County renewal agreement to the Committee and indicated there are no changes. The agreement is for another ten (10) year period. Billy Pandos addressed this property which is jointly owned by the Township and the County with the County being responsible for maintenance and management.

Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Maintenance & Management Agreement Between the Township of Franklin and the County of Hunterdon for the Summit Manor Property effective September 4, 2018 for a ten (10) year period.

Moved Darocha

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Second Soloway

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

Motion carried.

Committee Member Reports: Committee Member Soloway reported on attending the seniors meeting and explaining the Rogers Pond project and the recycling depot closure. The Mayor reminded everyone of Community Day to be held at the Elks this Saturday, September 22 between the hours of 2:00 and 6:00 P.M. Many new and exciting features are being added. He also thanked Catherine Innella and Cam Keng for the seamless email integration. Committee Member Darocha asked if there was any update on the demolition of the former pool supply building on Pittstown Road. The Mayor said he learned from Mark Fornaciari, the Building Official, that the electric service was relocated from the building. Committee Member Darocha also reported on Quaker Valley Farms losing their appeal on the restoration of destroyed farmland preserved property.

Alan Dilley, DPW, Supervisor has requested the Committee authorize advertising for temporary, part-time snow plow help.

Motion to authorize advertising for temporary, part-time snow help for the 2018-2019 winter season at a rate of \$25.00 per hour. This will allow the DPW to maintain a pool of qualified snow plow help.

Moved Soloway

Second Darocha

All present in favor. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No need for executive session this evening.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:35 P.M.

Moved Darocha

Second Soloway

All present in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ursula V. Stryker, RMC

date of adoption: $9 \cdot 27 - 2018$