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MINUTES FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2018 7:30 P.M.

The Franklin Township Committee held a regular meeting at **7:30 P.M., Thursday, October 25, 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

Diane Burgess ABSENT Craig Repmann PRESENT

Also present: Katrina L. Campbell, Municipal Attorney

Adam Wisniewski, as Municipal Engineer

Some others present: Bryce and Sarah McWhorter, Gary Strouse – resident and Board of Health applicant, Kurt Hoffman, P.E. for Board of Health

Comments from the public on agenda items only: At this time the Mayor recognized Bryce and Sarah McWhorter, residents 21 Landsdown Road. They addressed the issue of vehicles, many trucks, speeding on Landsdown Road and had video to present to the Committee. The speed limit on Landsdown Road is 25MPH. Mr. McWhorter said he has been in to speak with Officer Bollaro and has gotten assistance with monitoring on the roadway by the officers. The McWhorter's are seeking a long-term solution to the speeding problem. Adam Wisniewski commented on possible traffic calming measurers such as speed bumps. Additional signage for strict enforcement, truck restriction, local delivery only was also discussed. The Municipal Attorney recommended that the Committee authorize Maser Consulting to look into options and report back on it. Committee Member Darocha said he will request a report on violations issued for speeding on this road.

Motion to authorize Maser Consulting to investigate some traffic calming measures which may be taken to curb speeding vehicles on Landsdown Road.

Moved Darocha Second Soloway

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

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes of October 11, 2018 work session & executive session.

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

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PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

Moved Darocha	Second Soloway	
Current Fund Expenditures 8-01	\$1,693,910.94	
Reserve for Affordable Housing COAH	\$	4,455.15
Current Fund Expenditures 8-01	\$	150.00
TOTAL	\$1,698,516.09	

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

Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

RESOLUTIONS

Motion to Adopt Resolution 2018 – 67 Authorizing Change in Claimant Signature Requirement.

Moved Darocha

Second Soloway

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

Motion carried.

Motion to Adopt Resolution 2018 – 68 Cancel Tax Overpayment to Surplus.

Moved Soloway

Second Repmann

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

Motion carried.

Motion to Adopt Resolution 2018 – 69 Refund Homestead Credit.

Moved Darocha

Second Soloway

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

Motion carried.

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Ordinances

None for introduction.

Old Business

Since Deputy Mayor Burgess is not present, the Committee will hold off on discussing the Organizational Chart.

New Business

Salaries: The Committee discussed the salary resolution for the administrative staff. The Municipal Attorney reported that the CFO contacted her about the ordinance establishing maximums and some salaries being over the limit. The ordinance will need to be amended if this is so.

The Municipal Attorney recommended adopting a resolution conditioned upon checking the maximum salaries for accuracy. If the ordinance is not accurate we can't fund the salaries until the ordinance is adopted.

Motion to Adopt Resolution 2018 – 70 to authorize a 2% salary increase for 2018 retroactive to January 1, 2018 conditioned upon review of the ordinance establishing maximum salaries and ability to fund increases.

Moved Soloway Second Repmann

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

Motion carried.

Paid Sick Leave Act: The Paid Sick Leave Law goes into effect on October 29, 2018 and the municipality is required to have a policy in place. Cam has provided a draft copy.

Motion to Adopt the Paid Sick Leave Policy pending approval of the Municipal Attorney.

Moved Soloway Second Darocha

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

Motion carried.

The Municipal Attorney advised the Committee that there are 2 contractual matters for discussion in executive session.

Committee Member Darocha reported on a police vehicle being involved in an accident which is still under investigation. Lt. Snyder is looking into a replacement vehicle.

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Committee Member Soloway recommended the Police Department check their body cameras for possible defects in light of the problem with the New York City body camera batteries.

Committee member Soloway also reported on last night's Land Use Board meeting. They are working on the Master Plan and a subcommittee has been formed and they will be meeting with the school board and other committees and community members for their input.

The Municipal Attorney reported that Judge Miller signed Franklin Township's judgement of compliance with conditions which offers protection to the township. She and Darlene Green, Planner, are working on paperwork needed to complete this.

The Land Use Board also approved the ECHO housing request at last night's meeting.

RECESS FOR BOARD OF HEALTH

Motion to recess the Township Committee meeting at 8:00 P.M. in order to convene the Board of Health.

Moved Soloway

Second Darocha

All present in favor. Motion carried.

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING

Motion to return to the regular meeting at 8:15 P.M.

Moved Soloway

Second Darocha

All present in favor. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to adopt a resolution to enter executive session at 8:15 P.M. for discussion matters pertaining to two contractual matters.

Moved Darocha

Second Soloway

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

Motion carried.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Motion to return to open session at 9:00 P.M. for adjournment.

Moved Soloway

Second Darocha

All present in favor. Motion carried.

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 9:00 P.M.

Moved Soloway

Second Darocha

All present in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ursulav Stryker, RMC

Municipal Clerk

DATE OF ADOPTION: 12-13-18