

Twp. Comm. Work Session
Thursday, December 13, 2018

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

The Franklin Township Committee held a work session at 7:30 P.M., Thursday, December 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 Vote: Joseph Darocha PRESENT Philip Koury ABSENT Susan Soloway PRESENT

Diane Burgess PRESENT Craig Repmann PRESENT

Also present: Katrina L. Campbell, Municipal Attorney

Some others present: Cameron Keng (CFO), Lt. Timothy Snyder, Chip Paillex

Comments from the public on agenda items only: Chip Paillex addressed the America's Grow-A-Row resolution on the agenda for possible adoption tonight. He commented on the trees that have been recently y taken down and this was to provide shade on the crops to encourage growth. Process started this week and the stumps will also be taken out. Committee Members Darocha and Soloway commented on calls received from residents concerned about the removal of the trees so quickly. Chip said some of the trees were also partially rotted. They are trying to get as much sunlight as they can which will increase the yield on the Franklin Township side of the property. Deputy Mayor Burgess asked Mr. Paillex if he would be interested in showcasing his farm through Rural Awareness for a possible tour and perhaps put some information in our newsletter to highlight the farm. Mr. Paillex was totally agreeable to this and said he is also planning a media event once the farm is preserved. The farm serves the Flemington Food Bank, Lambertville, and states of Virginia, West Virginia, Connecticut, Maryland, New York City, Pennsylvania. All the food is donated and there is no selling of product since they do not want to compete with other farmers in the area. They also had 9,000 volunteers last year.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve October 25, 2018 Regular Meeting and Executive Session.

Moved Darocha Second Soloway

AYES: Darocha, Soloway, Repmann NAYS: None
ABSENT: Koury ABSTAIN: Burgess

Motion carried.

Motion to approve November 8, 2018 Work Session/Regular Meeting.

Moved Burgess Second Darocha

AYES: Burgess, Soloway, Repmann
ABSENT: Koury

NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: Darocha

Motion carried.

Payment of Bills

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

Moved Burgess	Second Darocha
Current Fund Expenditures 7 – 01	\$ 6,850.00
Current Fund Expenditures 8 – 01	\$1,751,289.42
Land Use Board Escrow L - 05	\$ 1,733.53
Driveway Trust D - 68	\$ 305.00
Affordable Housing	\$ 1,525.25
 TOTAL	 \$1,761,703.20

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

Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinance 2018 – 16

An Ordinance to Amend, Revise, and Supplement Ordinances of the Township of Franklin Regarding Chapter 88 Entitled "Salaries and Compensation" for Certain Employees and Officials of the Township.

Motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance 2018 – 16.

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

This ordinance adjusts the maximum salaries in order to comply with recent resolutions establishing certain municipal salaries.

Comments from the public: None

Motion to close the public hearing on Ordinance 2018 – 16.

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

Motion to Adopt Ordinance 2018 – 16.

Moved Burgess Second Soloway

Award of Agricultural and Hunting Leases

Bids were noticed for three agricultural leases and two hunting leases for municipal properties. The township received two bids for hunting only. No bids were received from the farmers. The township will need to go out to bid again for the agricultural leases. One hunting bid was non-conforming but was corrected.

Bids received:

Block 4 Lot 3.01 Hunting Lease	Russ Lindabery Your the Best Hunt Club Annual Rent \$1,200 Total Rent \$3,600
Block 4 Lot 3.01 Hunting Lease	Norman C. Peterson, Jr. Apple Mountain Sportsmen Annual Rent \$1,000 Total Rent \$3,000
Block 35 Lot 26.01 Hunting Lease	Russ Lindabery You're the Best Hunt Club Annual Rent \$560 Total Rent \$1,680
Block 35 Lot 26.01 Hunting Lease	Norman C. Peterson, Jr. Apple Mountain Sportsmen Annual Rent \$800 Total Rent \$2,400

Billy Pandos from the attorney's office recommended the following award:

Apple Mountain Sportsmen for Block 35 Lot 26.01 for a total rent of \$2,400

You're the Best Hunt Club for Block 4 Lot 3.01 for a total rent of \$3,600

The award is being made through Ordinance 2018 – 21 which will be introduced on first reading at this meeting.

Motion to authorizing re-bidding for agricultural purposes certain municipal property.

Moved Soloway

Second Darocha

All present in favor. Motion carried.

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Motion to **Table Ordinance 2018 – 20** An Ordinance of the Township of Franklin, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey Authorizing the Lease for Agricultural Purposes of Certain Property Owned by the Township and Not Required for Public Purposes.

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

Motion to **Introduce for First Reading Ordinance 2018 – 21** An Ordinance of the Township of Franklin, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey Authorizing the Lease for Hunting Purposes of Certain Property Owned by the Township and Not Required for Public Purposes. Public hearing will be scheduled for a meeting to be held on Thursday, December 27, 2018.

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

Staff/Administration Reports

Lt. Tim Snyder reported on monthly activities in the Police Department which included motor vehicle warnings, summonses, accidents, one burglary in the township with appliances being stolen. Interviews for police officer candidates have been conducted and Lt. Snyder made his recommendation for hiring two of the candidates for possible swearing in at the December 27 meeting in order for them to start as soon as possible.

Deputy Mayor Burgess asked the Lieutenant if there were incidents at the WalMart Plaza and he responded that Detective Bollaro handled an investigation with vacuum cleaners being stolen.

Cameron Keng, CFO, reported on the status of on-going negotiations for better rates for the police vehicles. He is also working on a draft of the 2019 municipal budget. Primary increases will be in new police department equipment required by the State and County.. He is also working on the new dog licensing software with Edmunds in order to be ready for 2019. Cam is applying for a watershed trail grant and will be following up on the status. If we do get the grant, we will need to contact the State for their approval to use the funds for taking care of the trail improvements.

The Municipal Clerk reported on hoping to get the Codebook fully updated by sending General Code all ordinances adopted through December, 2018. She has been speaking to Cam about funds for this project.

Motion to authorize advertising for candidates for the Municipal Clerk/Registrar position.

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

Board of Health – No need for a meeting.

Old Business

