

MINUTES  
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE/BOARD OF HEALTH  
WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING  
THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2023  
7:30 PM

**Franklin Township School, 226 Quakertown Road, Pittstown, NJ 08867**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Philip Koury at 7:30 pm. Mayor Philip Koury read the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA) Statement and lead the flag salute.

Roll Call: Mayor Philip Koury (present) Deputy Mayor Michael Homulak (present)  
Sebastian Donaruma (absent) Craig Repmann (present) Deanna Seiple (present)

Also present: Igor Bykov, Attorney (Lavery, Selvaggi, Ambromitis & Cohen)  
Christine Burke, Municipal Clerk

**Comments from the Public on Agenda Items Only:**

No one from the public spoke regarding Agenda Items.

**Proclamations & Presentations:** None.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion to approve the May 25, 2023, minutes Township Committee Work-Session/Regular Meeting:

Homulak Second: Repmann

Roll call: Donaruma (Absent) Homulak (Aye) Koury (Aye) Repmann (Aye) Seiple (Abstain)

**Payment of Bills:**

Motion to approve the Bills List: Homulak Second: Repmann

Roll call: Donaruma (Absent) Homulak (Aye) Koury (Aye) Repmann (Aye) Seiple (Aye)

Upon questioning by Mayor Koury, the Township Clerk confirmed that he had also signed a replacement check for a payment that was approved at a previous meeting.

**Ordinances:**

1. Introduction & First Reading of Ordinance 2023-03: Ordinance of the Township of Franklin, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, Creating Chapter 192 entitled "Fire Police" to establish a mechanism by which a fire department may provide for the appointment of certain members of the department for limited police duties at fires and fire drills.
  - a. Public Hearing and Final Adoption scheduled for July 13, 2023.

Motion to introduce: Homulak Second: Repmann

Roll call: Donaruma (Absent) Homulak (Aye) Koury (Aye) Repmann (Aye) Seiple (Aye)

Mayor Koury read an explanatory statement provided by the Township Attorney.

Committeeman Homulak provided further explanation that the ordinance was common in fire service, that it would allow for additional training in traffic control which would assist any responding police officer in the event of an accident, and that it allows for additional fire personnel classification. He expressed his appreciation for the Township Attorney's assistance in the creation of the ordinance.

**Resolutions:**

1. Resolution 2023-38: ABC License Renewal – RIMA ENTERPRISE LLC (Clinton Wine & Spirits Inc)

Motion to adopt: Repmann Second: Seiple

Roll call: Donaruma (Absent) Homulak (Aye) Koury (Aye) Repmann (Aye) Seiple (Aye)

2. Resolution 2023-39: Tax Refund – Overpayment.

Motion to adopt: Homulak Second: Repmann

Roll call: Donaruma (Absent) Homulak (Aye) Koury (Aye) Repmann (Aye) Seiple (Aye)

3. Resolution 2023-40: Bid Award – CIOCCA FMFL INC. d/b/a CIOCCA FORD LINCOLN OF FLEMINGTON - 2023 Ford F250 (or equivalent) for the Department of Public Works.

Motion to adopt: Seiple Second: Repmann

Roll call: Donaruma (Absent) Homulak (Aye) Koury (Aye) Repmann (Aye) Seiple (Aye)

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:**

1. Proposal for Professional Services: River Road Drainage Improvement Project.

Mayor Koury indicated that he wished to hold off on discussing this topic until the Department of Public Works (DPW) Supervisor had an opportunity to review and discuss it, citing budget concerns.

2. Discussion Item: Summer Meeting Schedule.

The Township Committee briefly discussed altering the Township Committee/Board of Health Meeting Schedule for the summer months of June, July, and August. They agreed to hold only the first meetings of each month, cancelling the second meetings. Upon Committeewoman Seiple's request for clarification, Mayor Koury explained that they would hold only the July 13<sup>th</sup> and August 10<sup>th</sup> meetings during the summer months. The June 22<sup>nd</sup>, July 27<sup>th</sup> and August 24<sup>th</sup> Township Committee meetings will be cancelled.

Motion to approve the summer meeting schedule: Repmann

Second: Homulak

All in favor. Motion carried.

**Committee Member Reports:**

Committeeman Homulak provided a brief update on the status of the New Municipal Building Renovations Bid, citing that ten bid packages had been sent to interested bidders and that the bid award was anticipated to take place at the first meeting in July. The Township Attorney advised that the pre-bid walkthrough would be taking place on Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM.

Committeewoman Seiple reported on the status of the upcoming "Hunterdon Games" and encouraged participation.

Committeeman Repmann reported that the Clinton Elks would be hosting a "music-fest" on the upcoming Saturday and explained that the event would support those with special needs.

**Comments from the Public:**

No members of the public came forward to speak.

**Executive Session:** None.

**Action by the Committee:** None.

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn: Repmann    Second: Seiple                    All in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Prepared by Christine Burke, Township Clerk

  
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Adopted: 07/13/2023