

MINUTES
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
YEAR END MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2023
10:00 AM

(Location Changed to Online Application: Zoom - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89817464362>)

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Philip Koury at 10:02 am. 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 (present) Craig Repmann (present) Deanna Seiple (present)

Also present: Igor Bykov, Attorney (Lavery, Selvaggi, Abromitis & Cohen)
Christine Burke, Municipal Clerk
Frederick Roll, Department of Public Works (DPW) Supervisor
Alexa Tarby, Newly Elected Committee Member (2024-2026)

Comments from the Public on Agenda Items Only:

No one from the public spoke regarding Agenda Items.

Proclamations & Presentations:

1. Commendation – Roger Soltys – In Recognition of Over 30 Years of Service to Franklin Township.

Mayor Koury advised that he had visited with Linda Soltys, wife of Roger Soltys, and provided the commendation award to her. He further advised that Mrs. Soltys had expressed her heartfelt appreciation.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the December 14, 2023, minutes Township Committee Work-Session/Regular

Meeting & Executive Session: Donaruma Second: Homulak

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

Payment of Bills:

Motion to approve the Bills List: Repmann Second: Seiple

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

Mayor Koury explained that he would stop by the Municipal Building to sign all necessary paperwork.

Ordinances: None.

Resolutions: None.

Board of Health: None.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Committee Member Reports:

Each member of the Township Committee wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Comments from the Public:

Alexa Tarby, Newly Elected Committee Member (2024-2026), wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Upon questioning by Mayor Koury, Frederick Roll, Department of Public Works (DPW) Supervisor, advised those present of the flooding status of township roadways resulting from the ongoing rainfall event. Mayor Koury requested that information be forwarded to the Township Clerk to be posted on the Township's website.

Frank Tota, 16 Upper Kingtown Road, wished everyone a Happy New Year and expressed his appreciation for Mayor Koury.

Executive Session:

Mayor Koury and the Township Attorney explained the need to enter Executive Session, that action could be taken, and that all attendees of the meeting could wait in the online Zoom application's Waiting Room except for the Committee, the Township Clerk, and the Township Attorney. Newly elected Committee-member, Alexa Tarby, was also invited to observe.

Committeeman Repmann exited the meeting at 10:09 am.

Upon confirmation of the absence of all but the required attendees, the Township Clerk stopped audio/video recording of the meeting.

Motion to enter executive session: Homulak Second: Donaruma
All in favor. Motion carried.

Committee entered Executive Session at 10:09 am.

Topics discussed:

1. Attorney-Client Privilege – Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) Fees

Committee exited Executive Session at 10:44 am.

Motion to exit executive session and resume regular meeting: Donaruma Second: Homulak
All in favor. Motion carried.

The Township Clerk readmitted one member of the public that was waiting in the online Zoom application's Waiting Room.

The Township Attorney explained the topics discussed in Executive Session, that no action would be taken, and that minutes would become available once the need for confidentiality was no longer required.

Action by the Committee: None.

Mayor Koury wished everyone a Happy New Year and expressed his appreciation for the cooperative efforts between the Township Committee, professionals, and staff.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn: Donaruma Second: Homulak All in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.

Prepared by Christine Burke, Township Clerk



Adopted: 01/04/2024