

**Township of Franklin
Township Committee Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2019**

Call to Order:

Time: 7:34 PM

Ms. Vassallo: Present

Mrs. Flaim: Present

Mr. Bruno: Present

Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Present

Mr. Deegan: Present

Salute to the Flag:

The Mayor led the Salute to the Flag.

Open Public Meetings Act Statement:

Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting was forwarded to the official Township newspapers, posted on the bulletin board and Township Website on January 3, 2019. This meeting is being videotaped and will be on Channel 9.

Finance: No questions on the bill list.

Engineers Report: Mrs. Brent said she spoke to Mr. Winkowski and he will be coming to the first meeting in February since that is when the stormwater ordinances will be discussed.

Public Works: Mr. Bosco said there was a snow/ice event this week. He discussed the cost of salt that is bought through the County. The equipment is holding up well. The leaves are now all picked up throughout the Township. Mr. Bosco encouraged the residents to recycle.

Police Department: Chief Zimmer said the K-9 fundraiser is January 26 at Kavanagh's. The new vehicles are in the lot and will be marked up soon. A third dog was received from another police department. It is a black lab and will be used for drug tracking. The handler is Gallo and the dogs name has not been decided yet. Chief Zimmer said he is a passive dog. The K-9 training regarding marijuana was discussed. Two of the dogs are not trained to detect marijuana but the new lab was already trained. Mayor Deegan asked if the kennels are complete. Chief Zimmer said about 99%.

Administrator: Mrs. Brent said litigation is wrapping up regarding the Iona Lake Dam. The COAH litigation has a meeting scheduled. The senior lunch program is going very well and Leiha Caselli is handling the program and the seniors are very happy.

First Public Portion:

Motion to Open: Petsch-Wilson Second: Flaim

No one came forward.

Motion To Close: Petsch-Wilson Second: Flaim

Motion to Approve Correspondence and Reports

Motion: Petsch-Wilson Second: Flaim

All in Favor: Unanimous

Motion to Approve Bills

Motion: Petsch-Wilson Second: Flaim

Roll Call:

Ms. Vassallo: yes

Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: yes

Mrs. Flaim: yes

Mayor Deegan: yes

Mr. Bruno: yes

Motion to Approve Minutes January 22, 2019

Motion: Petsch-Wilson Second: Flaim

All in Favor:

Motion to Approve the License Renewals for the Year 2019

Motion: Petsch-Wilson Second: Flaim

All in Favor: Unanimous

Motion to Approve Raffle and Bingo Applications

Motion: Petsch-Wilson Second: Flaim
 All in Favor: Unanimous

Motion R-25-19 Authorizing the Mayor To Sign the Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland Counties Municipal Joint Insurance Fund Safety Contract

Motion: Petsch-Wilson Second: Flaim
 Roll Call:
 Ms. Vassallo: Yes Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Yes
 Mrs. Flaim: Yes Mayor Deegan: Yes
 Mr. Bruno: Yes

Motion R-26-19 Authorizing the Tax Collector and Chief Financial Officer to Transfer Overpayment of Taxes from 2018 to 2019

Motion: Petsch-Wilson Second: Flaim
 Roll Call:
 Ms. Vassallo: Yes Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Yes
 Mrs. Flaim: Yes Mayor Deegan: Yes
 Mr. Bruno: Yes

Motion R-27-19 Authorizing a Closed Executive Session of the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin-Personnel

Motion: Petsch-Wilson Second: Flaim
 Roll Call:
 Ms. Vassallo: Yes Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Yes
 Mrs. Flaim: Yes Mayor Deegan: Yes
 Mr. Bruno: Yes

Public Portion:

Motion to Open: Petsch-Wilson Second: Flaim

Mr. Al Smith, 4019 Hancock Avenue, asked if anything has been decided regarding his services. Mr. Smith said he had to take his trash out to the end of the street. Mrs. Brent said the Committee is working on the easement and wishes his services to continue.

Mr. Joe Petsch, Stanton Avenue, said that the solicitor should be able to research the contract in regard to the salt building. He said he didn't think there was any surcharge for salt price and the maintenance of the building. The County is using the DPW space for the salt storage.

Motion To Close: Petsch-Wilson Second: Flaim

Committee Reports:

Mrs. Flaim encourage everyone to come out to the K-9 event.

Ms. Vassallo said that she has requests to write a letter to the County regarding the curve on West Blvd. The Administrator will write the letter on behalf of the Mayor and Committee. Negotiations are ongoing for the AFSCME and police contracts.

Mr. Bruno: No report.

Mrs. Petsch-Wilson said the historic commission is exploring ideas on the Township's 200th Anniversary. She congratulated the Delsea sports teams on their winning ways.

Mayor Deegan thanked the DPW and Police department for their work and professionalism. He also thanked the County EMS and said they are doing a great job.

Motion for Closed Session: Petsch-Wilson Second: Flaim
 All in Favor: Unanimous

Motion to Adjourn to Closed Session:

Motion: Petsch-Wilson Second: Flaim
 All in Favor: Unanimous

Motion to Close Closed Session and Reopen Regular Meeting:

Motion: Petsch-Wilson Second: Flaim
 All in Favor: Unanimous

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion: Petsch-Wilson

Time: 9:30 PM

Second: Flaim

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Freijomil, Municipal Clerk