

**Township of Franklin
Township Committee Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2019**

Call to Order:

Time: 7:30 PM

Ms. Vassallo: Absent

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.

Healthcare presentation on self-insurance. Ms. Vassallo said estimates were received from our insurance broker for a full year. The savings would not be as substantial since it would not be for a full year. Mr. D'Orazio said the exit from HIF could not begin until July 2019. Claims experience figures were not received until recently. Paperwork was distributed to the Committee with the costs and savings. Mr. D'Orazio said it is a viable option but that maybe it should be monitored and a recommendation could be made in September for next year. A dividend check of \$86,000 was not taken into account when the original figures were given. Mr. Deegan asked about the surplus. Mr. D'Orazio said the surplus is \$140,000 and it is to offset a rate increase. Mrs. Flaim asked if this surplus could be used to reduce the employees contribution. Mr. D'Orazio said it could be. Ms. Vassallo asked after three years, what do you think the refund amount would be? Mr. D'Orazio said it is hard to say because there could be an unexpected early birth for instance. Assured Partners will monitor this fund and recommend in September 2019. Mrs. Brent reiterated that the Committee is interested in saving premiums to the taxpayer but also helping the employees to have lower premiums per pay. Ms. Maxwell said there was a large gap in coverage reports from December 2018 to now but going forward the Township will be tracked closely for claims experience. The Township should budget at the maximum projected rate and if it comes in lower, the Township will get that premium.

K-9 Officers were introduced and along with their dogs. A video was shown of each officer during K-9 school.

Finance: No questions on the bill list.

Engineers Report: The Piney Hollow application was resubmitted with the changes that were recommended. Dutch Mill Road?

Community Center: Mr. Yusko made note of some changes to the electronics program. Mr. Deegan said he saw that Mr. Yusko got in touch with the oil vendor. The vendor will be coming monthly.

Public Works: Mr. Bosco said a drain on Dutch Mill Road will be installed which will alleviate the flooding. There is an issue on North Blue Bell Road that will be taken care of shortly that just came to light. East Avenue has another drainage issue. Sunnyhill Avenue will be repaved in sections once the paving plants are open again. Mr. Deegan asked for Williamstown Road by Behl Road to have potholes repaired.

Police Department: Chief Zimmer thanked the businesses and residents for their donations to the K-9's and Unity Tour.

Administrator: Mrs. Brent thanked Chief Zimmer for his work on getting the three K-9's here. She also thanked Mike Marsh for getting the K-9 building. She thanked Tiffany Schemeley for getting the treats for the new K-9's. Mrs Brent read a text from a resident on hiring Leiha Caselli and Jen Metzger and their excellent work on the senior lunch program. The County Engineer reported to Mrs. Brent that the overlay program will begin shortly near Malaga Road.

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 February 26, 2019
 Motion: Petsch-Wilson Second: Flaim
 All in Favor:

Motion R-47-19 Authorizing the Tax Collector and Chief Financial Officer to Refund Tax Sale Certificate Foreclosure Fees

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-48-19 Appointing Evan Duerr and Margaret Duerr to the Environmental Commission in Accordance with The Township Code

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-49-19 Amending Municipal Alliance ByLaws

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-50-19 Authorizing a Closed Executive Meeting for the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin

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

Motion to Introduce Ordinance O-4-19 Amending Chapter 253, Land Development, of the Code of the Township of Franklin

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 Introduce Ordinance O-5-19 Authorizing the Sale of Certain Property Owned by the Township and Not Required for Public Purposes

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

Roll Call:

Ms. Vassallo:

Mrs. Flaim: Yes

Mr. Bruno: Yes

Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Yes

Mayor Deegan: Yes

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion: Petsch-Wilson

Time: 10:15 PM

Second: Flaim

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Freijomil, Municipal Clerk