

**Township of Franklin  
Township Committee Meeting Minutes  
March 26, 2019**

**Call to Order:**

Time: 7:30 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.

Community Center: The compressor is broke at the Community Center and will be fixed.

Public Works: Mrs. Brent said there was an accident with a trash truck. No one was hurt.

Police Department: Chief Zimmer said the K-9's are on the street already and Officer Gallo has been taking his dog through the schools. There are no issues at the schools. There are distracted drivers patrols ongoing.

Administrator: Mrs. Brent said she attended the school board meeting last night and discussed shared services that are ongoing. She also reported the PERC decisions and the flex clerks are recognized as union members. Tiffany Schemley is being promoted to Deputy Clerk and has shown great initiative.

**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 recused Community Oil      Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: yes recused on Franklin Alarm

Mrs. Flaim: yes      Mayor Deegan: yes

Mr. Bruno: yes

Motion to Approve Minutes March 12, 2019

Motion: Petsch-Wilson      Second: Flaim

All in Favor: Unanimous

Motion to Approve Licenses: 2019

Motion: Petsch-Wilson      Second: Flaim

All in Favor: Unanimous

**Motion R-54-19 Authorizing the Use of Forest Grove Park by the Franklin Girl's Field Hockey League**

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-55-19 Authorizing a Closed Executive Session – Personnel, Negotiations, Litigation**

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-56-19 Designating the Appointment of Tiffany Schemley to Deputy Municipal Clerk and Confirming Said Appointment**

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-57-19 Awarding A Government Obligation Contract for Twenty-Five (25) In-Car Cameras with Accessories Between Fleetwood Finance Leasing LLC and 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 R-58-19 to Remove Mr. David Deegan from the Finance Committee**

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

**Motion to Introduce O-6-19 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and To Establish a Cap Bank**

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

**Public Portion:**

Motion to Open: Petsch-Wilson   Second: Flaim

Mr. Charles Bosco read a prepared statement regarding charges filed against him.

Mr. John Armano advised the committee to not comment to the public.

Robert Williams Delsea Drive, asked who the conflict solicitors are. Mr. Deegan said that Armano and Platt and Riso and Capehart. He asked why Platt and Riso were replaced. He wanted to know what cases they are working on. Mrs. Brent answered that they were working on COAH and the Newfield Police Case. Mr. Williams asked what party Platt and Riso is affiliated with. Mr. Bruno said I think Democrat.

Mr. Petsch, Stanton Avenue, said that Mr. Deegan’s son works in the fire marshal office and has been for many years. Other people in the audience were mayor and on the committee when his son was employed by the Township. Mr. Deegan’s son has been employed by the Township for over 25 years. Mr. Deegan said he had no involvement with the hiring of his son. Mayor Deegan said he had no problem stepping down from the finance department. Mr. Petsch said that the fire marshal’s office is self-sustaining as the construction office is.

Motion To Close: Petsch-Wilson   Second: Flaim

**Committee Reports:**

Mrs. Flaim No report

Mr. Bruno: No report

Ms. Vassallo: No report

Mrs. Petsch-Wilson said the historical center is holding a round table discussion on Thursday April 4. There will be a spring concert and Little league is opening on Saturday April 6.

Mayor Deegan attended Environmental commission meeting. Little league is opening on April 6. The library is having a book sale and yard sale. The shredding event will be May 4 from 9-12.

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 R-58-19 Suspending Charles Bosco with Pay Pending Investigation**

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 Adjourn:**

Motion: Petsch-Wilson    Second: Flaim  
Time: 9:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Freijomil, Municipal Clerk