Township of Franklin  
Township Committee Meeting Minutes  
January 1, 2019

Call to Order:
Time: 1:00 PM
Ms. Vassallo: Present  
Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Present  
Mrs. Flaim: Present  
Mr. Deegan: Present  
Mr. Bruno: Present

Salute to the Flag:
The Township Administrator 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 December 27, 2017. This meeting is being videotaped and will be on Channel 9.

Mrs. Freijomil announced the results of the November 6, 2018 General Election, electing Mr. John Bruno to a three-year term on the Township Committee.

Mrs. Freijomil called for the swearing in of Mr. Bruno to a three-year term on the Township Committee. Judge Joan Adams swore Mr. Bruno into office.

Mrs. Freijomil called for the nomination of a Mayor of the Township Committee for the year 2019.

Nomination for Mayor of Franklin Township: David Deegan
Motion: Petsch-Wilson  
Second: Flaim
Roll Call:
Ms. Vassallo: Yes  
Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Yes  
Mrs. Flaim: Yes  
Mayor Deegan: Yes  
Mr. Bruno: Yes
Mr. Deegan was sworn in by Judge Joan Adams.

Nomination for Deputy Mayor of Franklin Township: Mary Petsch-Wilson
Motion: Petsch-Wilson  
Second: Flaim
Roll Call:
Ms. Vassallo: Yes  
Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Yes  
Mrs. Flaim: Yes  
Mayor Deegan: Yes  
Mr. Bruno: Yes
Mrs. Mary Petsch-Wilson was sworn in by Judge Joan Adams.

Motion R-1-19 Designating the Appointments to Specific Administrative Positions and Confirming Said Appointments for the Year 2019 Commissions and Task Forces
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-2-19 Appointing Nancy Kennedy Brent as Acting Township Solicitor For the Year 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-3-19 Appointing CME Township Engineer For the Township of Franklin For the Year 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-4-18 Appointing Holman, Frenia, Allison, PC as Township Accountants/Auditors for the Township of Franklin for the Year 2019
Motion: Petsch-Wilson
Second: Flaim
Roll Call:
Ms. Vassallo: Yes
Mrs. Flaim: Yes
Mr. Bruno: Yes
Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Yes
Mayor Deegan: Yes

Motion R-5-18 Appointing Capehart Scatchard Special Counsel for Bond Services for 2019
Motion: Petsch-Wilson
Second: Flaim
Roll Call:
Ms. Vassallo: Yes
Mrs. Flaim: Yes
Mr. Bruno: Yes
Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Yes
Mayor Deegan: Yes

R-6-19 Appointing Assured Partners Insurance Broker for the Township of Franklin For the Year 2019, Pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law (NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq)
Motion: Petsch-Wilson
Second: Flaim
Roll Call:
Ms. Vassallo: Yes
Mrs. Flaim: Yes
Mr. Bruno: Yes
Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Yes
Mayor Deegan: Yes

Motion R-7-19 Appointing CME and Fralinger Engineers Township as Special Projects Engineer for 2019
Motion: Petsch-Wilson
Second: Flaim
Roll Call:
Ms. Vassallo: Yes
Mrs. Flaim: Yes
Mr. Bruno: Yes
Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Yes
Mayor Deegan: Yes

Motion R-8-19 Appointing Conflict Solicitors for 2019
Motion: Petsch-Wilson
Second: Flaim
Roll Call:
Ms. Vassallo: Yes
Mrs. Flaim: Yes
Mr. Bruno: Yes
Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Yes
Mayor Deegan: Yes

Motion R-9-18 Appointing John Armano Prosecutor for the Township of Franklin Municipal Court for the Year 2019, Pursuant to Local Public Contracts Laws (NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq.) and in accordance with public law 1996, c. 95, Section 14 (NJSA 2B 12-1, et al)
Motion: Petsch-Wilson
Second: Flaim
Roll Call:
Ms. Vassallo: Yes
Mrs. Flaim: Yes
Mr. Bruno: Yes
Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Yes
Mayor Deegan: Yes

Motion R-10-19 Appointing a Fund Commissioner for the Tri-County Joint Insurance Fund
Motion: Petsch-Wilson
Second: Flaim
Roll Call:
Ms. Vassallo: Yes
Mrs. Flaim: Yes
Mr. Bruno: Yes
Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Yes
Mayor Deegan: Yes

Motion R-11-19 Appointing Nancy Kennedy Brent as Public Agency Compliance Officer-Affirmative Action
Motion: Petsch-Wilson
Second: Flaim
Roll Call:
Ms. Vassallo: Yes
Mrs. Flaim: Yes
Mr. Bruno: Yes
Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Yes
Mayor Deegan: Yes

Motion R-12-19 Designating Official Depositories for 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-13-19 Authorizing the Official Depositories to Honor, Pay Any and All Drafts, Checks or Orders of the Township of Franklin Drawn and Countersigned by the Proper Officers of the Township
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-14-19 Setting Regular Meetings of the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin for the Year 2019, Authorizing and Direction the Clerk of the Township of Franklin to Post and File a Schedule of all Meetings as Required by the Open Public Meetings Act of 1985; Designating Certain Newspapers to Receive Notices of Meetings as Required Under the Open Public Meetings Act, and Designating the South Jersey Times and the Courier Post as the Official Newspapers
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-15-18 Appointing Township Boards, Commissions, and Task Forces
Motion: Petsch-Wilson
Second: Flaim
Roll Call:
Mrs. Flaim: Yes
Mr. Deegan: Yes
Mr. Flaim: Yes
Mayor Vassallo: Yes
Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Yes

Motion R-16-19 Fixing a Penalty to be Charged for Non-Payment of Taxes Assessed and Levied, and Dates for Payments
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-17-19 Adopting a Form Required to be Use for the Filing of Notices of Tort Claim against the Township of Franklin in Accordance with the Provisions of the New Jersey Tort Claims Acts
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-18-19 Establishing a Cash Management Plan
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-19-19 Authorizing the Tax Collector and Chief Financial Officer to Conduct an Electronic Tax Lien Sale
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-20-19 Authorizing the Tax Collector and Chief Financial Officer to Cancel Tax Overpayments or Delinquent Amounts Less than $10.00
Motion: Petsch-Wilson  Second: Flaim
Roll Call:
Ms. Vassallo: Yes  Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Yes
Mrs. Flaim: Yes  Mayor Deegan: Yes
Mr. Bruno: Yes

R-21-19 Appointing Assured Partners Risk Management Consultant Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland Counties Municipal Joint Insurance Fund for 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-22-19 Approving the Temporary Budget Appropriations for the Year 2019
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: Deegan  Second: Flaim
No one came forward.

Motion To Close: Petsch-Wilson  Second: Flaim

Mayor Deegan read a proclamation honoring Charles Pluta for his service to the residents of Franklin Township. Mr. Pluta thanked the residents and encouraged the residents to serve and come together as a community regardless of party.

Committee Reports:
Mrs. Flaim: She thanked the residents for coming out and welcomed Jake Bruno.

Ms. Vassallo: Happy New Year and congratulated the new Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

Mr. Bruno: Thanked the voters for their confidence. He looked forward to serving the residents of Franklin Township this year.

Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Thanked the residents for allowing her to serve. She looks forward to working hard as in the past to give the residents the best. She thanked her family for their support.

Mayor Deegan: Thanked the fellow committee members for allowing him to serve as Mayor. He thanked his wife and family for their support. He thanked Leah Vassallo for setting the bar high. Mr. Deegan thanked the Township employees for their commitment. He encouraged the employees to find a way to say “yes” instead of no. He said his number and email is available and he will return all calls and emails. He said he will be working on the 2019 budget. The Committee is committed to the Seniors and have their best interest at heart. He has requested the Senior Commission be reestablished. The youth of the Township is important also and the safety of the fields will be of greatest concern. He said the decisions to be made may be hard but he wants all the Committee members to do what is best for the residents.

Adjournment:
Motion: Petsch-Wilson  Second: Flaim
Time: 1:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Freijomil
Municipal Clerk