

**Township of Franklin  
Township Committee Meeting Minutes  
January 8, 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.

Community Center: Mr. Yusko stated that there has been a lot of activity at the Compost Center. Christmas Trees are being dropped off at the Center. Mrs. Petsch-Wilson asked about the doors at the Community Center. Mr. Yusko said it is being looked at by Bosco building. Mayor Deegan said the librarians couldn't get the doors locked but Mr. Deegan came up and showed the librarians how to get it shut.

Public Works: Mr. Bosco reported that leaves are being collected. Bulk trash is being picked up this week.

Police Department: Chief Zimmer said that Nancy Romeo lost her husband this weekend and to keep her in their prayers. There will be a K-9 benefit the end of January at Kavanagh's. Vehicles are due in from Ford shortly. The new hires are on track and doing a good job.

Administrator: Mrs. Brent thanked Ms. Vassallo for thinking of Nutra-serve for the lunch program. She said that the seniors are enjoying the lunch program and that is in part due to Jen Metzger and Leiha Caselli. She reported that Mr. Bruno and Mayor Deegan met with the staff at the Admin building.

**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-Abstain Community Oil      Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: yes

Mrs. Flaim: yes      Mr. Deegan: yes

Mr. Bruno: yes

Motion to Approve Minutes December 27, 2018 and January 1, 2019

Motion: Petsch-Wilson      Second: Flaim

All in Favor: Unanimous except Mr. Bruno abstained

Motion to Approve the License Renewals for the Year 2019

Motion: Petsch-Wilson      Second: Flaim

All in Favor: Unanimous

**Motion R-23-19 Authorizing the Tax Collector and Chief Financial Officer to Grant Tax Exemption for a Totally Disabled Veteran**



Joe Petsch, 2370 Stanton Avenue, said he also was not reappointed at certain times. He does not harbor bad feelings.

Fred Plaska, Little Mill Road, asked about dilapidated properties. Mr. Deegan said he drove Rt. 47 and Rt. 40 with Mr. Trampe. Mr. Trampe is in the process of sending letters to get them cleaned up. Mr. Plaska asked about the Newfield police department lawsuit.

Mr. Kevin Kelton, 286 Nicholas Drive, supported the extensive research that the Environmental Commission did to preserve land in Franklin.

Sara Johnson, 744 Strawberry Avenue, said her background is in Biology. She supports what the Environmental group is promoting.

Motion To Close: Petsch-Wilson                      Second: Flaim

**Committee Reports:**

Mrs. Flaim: She is looking forward to January 30 and supporting the K-9 fundraiser. She thanked Mrs. McCarthy for her extensive research and will help her make an informed decision. She would have liked to see the information on the televisions so the public could interact.

Ms. Vassallo: She thanked the entire Environmental Commission for their research and the Committee will look at all the properties to make a good decisions. Once a property goes in to ROSI, it cannot be changed. She thanked Leiha Caselli, Jen Metzger, and Nancy Brent for their work on the lunch program.

Mr. Bruno: Nothing at this time.

Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: She also thanked the Environmental Commission for their research. She stopped at the lunch program and thought it was working out well. She congratulated Alex Fragoso on the birth of his new boy. The railroad station is open Jan. 12 and sign ups are upcoming for recreation.

Mayor Deegan: He apologized for Channel 9 being down for a time this week. He extended condolences to Nancy Romeo on the loss of her husband. He said he identified 12 locations on the Rt. 40 and 47 corridor that needs to be cleaned up. He thanked the Environmental Commission for their recommendations.

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    Second: Flaim  
Time: 10:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Freijomil, Municipal Clerk