

**Township of Franklin
Township Committee Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2021**

Call to Order:

Time: 7:30 PM

Mr. Doyle: Present

Mrs. Flaim: Present

Mr. Deegan: Present

Mayor Bruno: Present

Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Present

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 8, 2021. This meeting is being videotaped and will be on Channel 9.

First Public Portion:

Motion to Open: Deegan

Second: Petsch-Wilson

Mr. Harry Kennedy, 1578 Fries Mill Road, asked about O-2-21. The tax abatements were incorrectly adopted as a Resolution by the 2016 Township Committee. Mr. Lyons said that they were voted on by resolution and our ordinance requires an ordinance be adopted. The prior approval is still in effect. Mr. Kennedy said that all abatements must be done before permits are issued.

Rene Pistilli Leopardi, E. Grant Avenue, said that the resolution was done on December 28, 2020. Ms. Leopardi said Ms. Vassallo and Ms. Brent were on the tax abatement committee and approved it.

Ms. Leah Vassallo spoke about tax abatement and Mr. Doyle paying taxes after an OPRA was filed. Mr. Lyons said that it is an affirmative action is required by the Township. Mr. Hegarty never sent a tax bill to Mr. Doyle. Ms. Vassallo said that she doesn't remember the third abatement coming before the Committee.

Mr. Jason Brandt, 688 Rosemont Avenue, asked about the third business on tax abatement. It is a tattoo parlor. Mr. Brandt asked about recouping taxes. Mr. Lyons said he is not going to speculate on whether or not there will be taxes to recoup.

Motion to Close: Deegan

Second: Petsch-Wilson

All in Favor: Unanimous

Motion to Approve Correspondence and Reports

Motion: Deegan

Second: Petsch-Wilson

All in Favor: Unanimous

Motion to Approve Minutes January 12, 2021

Motion: Deegan

Second: Petsch-Wilson

Roll Call:

All In Favor: Unanimous

Motion to Approve Licenses: Food Handling

Motion: Deegan

Second: Petsch-Wilson

Roll Call:

All in Favor: Unanimous

Motion to Approve Raffle License: Oasis Animal Sanctuary

Motion: Deegan

Second: Petsch-Wilson

Roll Call:

All In Favor: Unanimous

Motion R-28-21 Authorizing the Township of Franklin to Place a Lien Against Certain Properties for the Cost of Property Maintenance Performed by Township Employees Pursuant to Franklin Township Ordinance 295-3 and 295-4

Motion: Deegan

Second: Petsch-Wilson

Roll Call:

Mr. Doyle: Yes

Mrs. Flaim: Yes

Mr. Deegan: Yes

Mayor Bruno: Yes

All in Favor: Unanimous

Motion to Close Closed Session and Reopen Regular Meeting:

Motion: Deegan

Second: Petsch-Wilson

All in Favor: Unanimous

Motion R-30-21 Amending R-18-21 Appointing Township Boards, Commissions and Task Forces

Motion: Petsch-Wilson

Second: Deegan

Roll Call:

Mr. Doyle: Yes

Mrs. Flaim: Yes

Mr. Deegan: Yes

Mayor Bruno: Yes

Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Yes

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion: Deegan

Second: Petsch-Wilson

Time: 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Freijomil, Municipal Clerk