

**Township of Franklin
Township Committee Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2020**

Call to Order:

Time: 7:30 PM

Mrs. Flaim: Absent
Mr. Deegan: Present
Mr. Doyle: Present

Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Present
Mayor Bruno: 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 2, 2020. This meeting is being videotaped and will be on Channel 9.

Finance: No Questions on the bill list.

DPW: Mr. Snodgrass said recycling is being checked and residents are being instructed on how to recycle.

Chief Zimmer said Officer Locilento and Tully found a car with a lot of drugs in it and made the arrest. Mr. Zimmer has been working with CME on the intersections in town.

Administrator Mr. Salvatore said he spends most of his time on the Financial issues that were left from 2019.

First Public Portion:

Motion to Open: Petsch-Wilson Second: Deegan

Matthew Moss, 915 Morningside Drive, asked for a resolution on 2nd amendment rights. Mayor Bruno said it is on the agenda tonight.

Motion to Open: Petsch-Wilson Second: Deegan
All in Favor: Unanimous

Motion to Approve Correspondence and Reports
Motion: Petsch-Wilson Second: Deegan
All in Favor: Unanimous

Motion to Approve Minutes January 27, 2020
Motion: Petsch-Wilson Second: Deegan

Roll Call:
Mr. Deegan: Yes Mrs. Flaim: Absent
Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Yes Mayor Bruno: Yes
Mr. Doyle: Yes

Motion to Approve Solicitors Permit: Vivint Solar
Motion to Open: Petsch-Wilson Second: Deegan
All in Favor: Unanimous

Motion R-43-20 Shared Services Agreement Between the Gloucester County Improvement Authority and the Municipality of Franklin Township Regarding Usage of Certain Stage Units

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

Motion R-44-20 Authorizing the Tax Collector and Chief Financial Officer to Grant Tax Exemption for a Totally Disabled Veteran

Motion: Petsch-Wilson Second: Deegan
Roll Call:

Mr. Deegan: Yes
 Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Yes
 Mr. Doyle: Yes

Mrs. Flaim: Absent
 Mayor Bruno: Yes

Motion R-45-20 Emergency Temporary Budget Resolution

Motion: Petsch-Wilson Second: Deegan

Roll Call:

Mr. Deegan: Yes Mrs. Flaim: Absent
 Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Yes Mayor Bruno: Yes
 Mr. Doyle: Yes

Motion R-46-20 Appointing John Salvatore As Township of Franklin Purchasing Agent

Motion: Petsch-Wilson Second: Deegan

Roll Call:

Mr. Deegan: Yes Mrs. Flaim: Absent
 Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Yes Mayor Bruno: Yes
 Mr. Doyle: Yes

Motion R-47-20 Authorizing an Increase in the Bid Threshold for the Township of Franklin

Motion: Petsch-Wilson Second: Deegan

Roll Call:

Mr. Deegan: Yes Mrs. Flaim: Absent
 Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Yes Mayor Bruno: Yes
 Mr. Doyle: Yes

Motion R-48-20 Declaring Franklin Township a Second Amendment Township

Motion: Petsch-Wilson Second: Deegan

Roll Call:

Mr. Deegan: Yes Mrs. Flaim: Absent
 Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Yes Mayor Bruno: Yes
 Mr. Doyle: Yes

Motion R-49-19 Authorizing a Closed Executive Meeting for the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin- Personnel and Litigation

Motion: Petsch-Wilson Second: Deegan

Roll Call:

Mr. Deegan: Yes Mrs. Flaim: Absent
 Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Yes Mayor Bruno: Yes
 Mr. Doyle: Yes

Motion R-50-20 Authorizing the Township of Franklin Planning Board to Undertake A Preliminary Investigation to Determine Whether the Properties Known as Lots 58, 63, 68.24, 69, 110, and 115 of Block 1401, Lots 24 and 25 of Block 1402, and Lot 1 of Block 1902 as Depicted on the Franklin Township Tax Maps, Qualify as a Non Condemnation Area in Need of Redevelopment

Motion: Petsch-Wilson Second: Deegan

Roll Call:

Mr. Deegan: Yes Mrs. Flaim: Absent
 Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Yes Mayor Bruno: Yes
 Mr. Doyle: Yes

Motion R-51-20 Authorizing Professional Planning Services for Redevelopment Area Investigation in an Amount Not to Exceed \$6,500

Motion: Flaim Second: Petsch-Wilson

Roll Call:

Mr. Deegan: Yes Mrs. Flaim: Yes
 Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Yes Mayor Bruno: Yes
 Mr. Doyle: Yes

Public Portion:

Motion to Open: Petsch-Wilson Second: Deegan

Mrs. Rene Leopardi asked if all the bills for 2019 were paid. Mr. Salvatore said no. The bills from December are paid in January. Ms. Leopardi asked what the financial issues are at this time. The CFO left in the middle of December and a part time CFO is in place. The year is being closed out. Mr.

Deegan said when a person leaves without notice, it takes time to catch up. Ms. Leopardi asked if the CDD is finding places to clean up. The CDD is cleaning up the corridor. Mr. Doyle said there is a list and she is working with the zoning officer. Mayor Bruno said she will clean up any properties that there are complaints about. Ms. Leopardi asked how the recycling is being checked. Mr. Doyle said they are trying to educate the residents. Ms. Leopardi asked how the Chief feels about the second amendment. He said he agrees with all of the constitution.

Mark Cudd, thanked the Committee for adopting the resolution.

Motion To Close: Petsch-Wilson

Second: Deegan

Committee Reports:

Mr. Doyle said he is working with DPW to educate the public about recycling. He is also working with the DPW on scheduling and the parks.

Mr. Deegan said Channel 9 is being moved to Town Hall from Delsea HS. The Senior Advisory Commission is holding a Sweet Hearts dance this Saturday. He said all towns in the County are struggling with the recycling. It costs to recycle but recycling is mandatory. Tax bills had information about recycling along with the website and social media.

Mrs. Petsch-Wilson said she attended the historical meeting. They are working on the 200th Anniversary of the Township.

Mayor Bruno thanked the police department for their work. There was an incident where an SUV crashed and had marijuana in the trunk.

Motion to go into Closed Session: Petsch-Wilson

Second: Deegan

Motion to Adjourn to Closed Session:

Motion: Petsch-Wilson

Second: Deegan

All in Favor: Unanimous

Motion to Close Closed Session and Reopen Regular Meeting:

Motion: Petsch-Wilson

Second: Deegan

All in Favor: Unanimous

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion: Petsch-Wilson

Second: Deegan

Time: 9:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Freijomil, Municipal Clerk