

**Township of Franklin
Township Committee Work Session Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2019**

Call to Order:

Time: 7:00 PM

Ms. Vassallo: Absent

Mrs. Flaim: Present

Mr. Bruno: Present

Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Present

Mr. Deegan: 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 3, 2019.

Allocating land for the dog park: Malaga Lake Park is an area that is under utilized and a group of people are interested in using that land for a dog park. The group would fund raise for the dog park. Mayor Deegan said that he went to Clayton to look at their dog park and how it was laid out. Mrs. Flaim said that the Committee should look at Upper Township because they have it for residents only and when a fob is used it would regulate that the dog is up to date on shots and is licensed. The resident would pay a fee. Mr. Bosco said fresh water would probably have to be supplied and electric would be needed for a fob. Ms. Brent said the land would be used for the dog park but not given to them.

Ms. Coleman said she will do the final closeout on Thursday. Ms. Coleman said the first week in March would be agreeable for the budget meetings. Mr. Deegan said he wanted an RFP for maintenance on parks and grass cutting, HVAC, and Ms. Coleman said she wanted one for DPW supplies. Ms. Coleman said the IT will have to go out to bid because of the amount spent. Mr. Bosco asked that specs be put out separately for the fields.

Property tax relief for furloughed employees was discussed. The Townships are not allowed to charge interest for furloughed employees as long as they pay their first quarter taxes by the second quarter. Money has been allocated for Iona Lake Dam to be fixed by the State at no cost to the residents.

There were no questions on the bill list. Mr. Deegan asked about a console that DPW bought and installed. Mr. Bosco said it was for his pick-up truck. A question was asked about lighting for a skid steer loader and Mr. Bosco said it is in case they work at night. Mr. Deegan asked who approves and Ms. Brent said that she and the CFO approve. She said she feels that the department heads know their departments and trusts their judgment. Mr. Deegan asked about the River Mechanical service contract for the police department. Mr. Bosco said it was not signed and does not provide for a discount.

Mrs. Flaim wants to look at the ROSI list again. Mr. Deegan said each person will send a list to Mrs. Flaim. Mrs. Brent said Ms. Vassallo will be meeting with Greg Valesi about solar.

Mrs. Flaim said that the Secretary for Environmental resigned. They have suggested another person.

Mrs. Brent said she drafted a letter about the sanctuary state to Governor Murphy.

Mrs. Flaim asked about the gate at Unexpected Ave and where they are now. They were stolen according to Mr. Bosco. The gates for the Little League field were from Malaga Lake Park.

Public Portion:

Motion to Open: Flaim

Second: Petsch-Wilson

Mr. Smith said Elk Township had a rabid raccoon. He said there was one in his neighborhood. Mr. Deegan suggested Sara Thurston put the article on the website.

Motion To Close: Petsch-Wilson

Second: Flaim

Motion to Adjourn: Petsch-Wilson

Second: Flaim

Time: 7:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Freijomil Municipal Clerk