Township of Franklin
Township Committee Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2020

Call to Order:
Time: 7:30 PM

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

Chief Zimmer and Matthew McCloskey’s mom spoke about the compassion award. The award was given to Allison Schempp for her exemplary service to the residents of the Township.

Finance:
No Questions on the bill list.

Motion R-62-20 Promoting Stephen Casamassima to the Rank of Corporal
Motion: Flaim Second: Deegan
Roll Call:
Mr. Deegan: Yes
Mrs. Flaim: Yes
Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Absent
Mayor Bruno: Yes
Mr. Doyle: Yes

Motion R-63-20 Reappointing Nathaniel Tabler as a Class II Special Officer for the Township of Franklin Police Department
Motion: Flaim Second: Deegan
Roll Call:
Mr. Deegan: Yes
Mrs. Flaim: Yes
Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Absent
Mayor Bruno: Yes
Mr. Doyle: Yes

Motion R-64-20 Reappointing Frank Paulson as a Class II Special Officer for the Township of Franklin Police Department
Motion: Flaim Second: Deegan
Roll Call:
Mr. Deegan: Yes
Mrs. Flaim: Yes
Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Absent
Mayor Bruno: Yes
Mr. Doyle: Yes

Police Department: Chief Zimmer thanked the Committee for promoting Corp. Casamassima. There will be a fund raiser at Muncie’s on May 2.

First Public Portion:
Motion to Open: Flaim Second: Deegan
Rene Pistilli-Leopardi asked about the budget transfer resolution and the emergency temporary resolutions. Mr. Salvatore explained that some bills are still coming in. Mr. Salvatore explained the 2020 temporary budget procedures.

Motion to Open: Flaim Second: Deegan
All in Favor: Unanimous

Motion to Approve Correspondence and Reports
Motion: Flaim Second: Deegan
All in Favor: Unanimous

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

Motion to Approve Minutes February 25, 2020
Motion: Flaim  Second: Deegan
Roll Call:
Mr. Deegan: Recuse  Mrs. Flaim: Yes
Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Absent  Mayor Bruno: Yes
Mr. Doyle: Yes

Motion to Approve Food Handling License: Produce Plus
Motion: Flaim  Second: Deegan
All in Favor: Unanimous

Motion to Approve Raffles: Newfield Terrace Community Action
Motion: Flaim  Second: Deegan
All in Favor: Unanimous

Motion R-60-20 Appointing Matthew DeCesari as the Emergency Management Coordinator for the Township of Franklin
Motion: Flaim  Second: Deegan
Roll Call:
Mr. Deegan: Yes  Mrs. Flaim: Yes
Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Absent  Mayor Bruno: Yes
Mr. Doyle: Yes

Motion R-61-20 Appointing Officers to Serve in the Emergency Management Office for the Township of Franklin
Motion: Flaim  Second: Deegan
Roll Call:
Mr. Deegan: Yes  Mrs. Flaim: Yes
Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Absent  Mayor Bruno: Yes
Mr. Doyle: Yes

Motion R-65-20 Emergency Temporary Budget Resolution
Motion: Flaim  Second: Deegan
Roll Call:
Mr. Deegan: Yes  Mrs. Flaim: Yes
Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Absent  Mayor Bruno: Yes
Mr. Doyle: Yes

Motion R-66-20 Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Franklin To Transfer Certain Funds from and To Specific Accounts in the 2019 Budget of the Township of Franklin
Motion: Flaim  Second: Deegan
Roll Call:
Mr. Deegan: Yes  Mrs. Flaim: Yes
Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Absent  Mayor Bruno: Yes
Mr. Doyle: Yes

Motion R-67-19 Authorizing a Closed Executive Meeting for the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin- Personnel and Litigation
Motion: Flaim  Second: Deegan
Roll Call:
Mr. Deegan: Yes  Mrs. Flaim: Yes
Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Absent  Mayor Bruno: Yes
Mr. Doyle: Yes

Motion to Introduce on O-4-20 Amending Chapter 143-6 Alcoholic Beverage of the Franklin Township Code
Motion: Flaim  Second: Deegan
Roll Call:
Mr. Deegan: Yes  Mrs. Flaim: Yes
Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Absent  Mayor Bruno: Yes
Mr. Doyle: Yes
Motion to Introduce on O-5-20 Releasing, Extinguishing and Vacating the Rights of the Public in a Portion of Paper Streets

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

Motion to Introduce on O-6-20 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

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

Public Portion:  
Motion to Open: Flaim  
Second: Deegan

Rene Pistilli Leopardi 2782 E. Grant Avenue, thinks that Mr. Yusko should get a Saturday off but it still should be covered. Mr. Deegan said that after speaking with Mr. Yusko, the traffic was heavy on Friday. She thinks a part time person should be hired. Ms. Leopardi said that she feels there should be a fee for Landlord Tenant Registration. She thinks it would help people to maintain their properties and the properties not become unsafe. She asked about the recycling problem. Mayor Bruno said it is getting better but it is a work in process. Some cans are being flagged and not picked up because it was not acceptable. Mrs. Leopardi brought up the CDD contract and who Mrs. Brent answers to at this time.

Motion To Close: Flaim  
Second: Deegan

Committee Reports:

Mr. Doyle said he is helping to plan out the maintenance of the parks. He is working to get Malaga Lake Park cleaned up for the memorial.

Mr. Deegan said he attended the EDC meeting. He attended the Recreation meeting and is working on plans for the Memorial Day parade. He also attended the Senior Advisory Committee meeting and a representative from Nutri-Serve was in attendance. Nutri-Serve will work with the seniors to make some changes.

Mrs. Flaim congratulated Mary Petsch-Wilson on the birth of her baby girl. Mrs. Flaim has been looking at the Fleet Maintenance options for buying police cars.

Mayor Bruno attended the senior lunch and celebrated the 100th Birthday of Mrs. Della’Ringa. Mayor Bruno attended the Mayor’s dinner along with Mrs. Flaim.

Motion to go into Closed Session: Flaim  
Second: Deegan

Motion to Adjourn to Closed Session:  
Motion: Flaim  
Second: Deegan  
All in Favor: Unanimous

Motion to Close Closed Session and Reopen Regular Meeting:  
Motion: Flaim  
Second: Deegan  
All in Favor: Unanimous

Motion R-68-19 Amending R-15-20 Board and Commissions

Motion: Deegan  
Second: Doyle  
Roll Call:  
Mr. Deegan: Yes  
Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Absent  
Mr. Doyle: Yes  
Mrs. Flaim: Absent  
Mayor Bruno: Yes
Motion to Adjourn:
Motion: Deegan  Second: Doyle
Time: 9:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Freijomil, Municipal Clerk