Township of Franklin
Township Committee Work Session Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2019

Call to Order:
Time: 7:00 PM
Ms. Vassallo: Present           Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Present
Mrs. Flaim: Present             Mr. Deegan: Present
Mr. Bruno: 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.

Mayor Deegan questioned LaCasa Frattelo catering bill for $2,800. The company has already been paid. Mayor Deegan questioned Constellation Energy bills and to see if they are really saving the Township monies. Mr. Bruno said Constellation is a second source provider. Ms. Vassallo said that it may save more by just using Atlantic City Electric. Mr. Bruno said the savings are up front but after a while there are little savings.

Mr. Deegan asked the Administrator about the Pinelands Ordinance on the agenda. Mrs. Brent said Pinelands compels the Townships to enact this ordinance. Mrs. Brent said it is boiler plate. She doesn’t like when they force it but it is something that has to be done.

Mayor Deegan asked if anyone has looked like the ROSI properties. Mrs. Flaim said she and Ms. Vassallo have spoke about it recently. They don’t like restricting the properties for use in the future. Ms. Vassallo said that the Environmental Commission would like all the land restricted but it is hard to undo a deed restricted property. Ms. Vassallo said it is not beneficial to the Township in most cases. All Township property allows hunting except for Piney Hollow Preserve. Mr. Travaglione said all public property is allowed to be hunted with a letter from the property owner, which means the Mayor and Committee.

Mayor Deegan asked about the handbook updates and personnel contracts. Ms. Vassallo said she hasn’t met with Mr. Bruno yet but they will be able to get together soon.

Ms. Vassallo said the self insured health care costs have changed a lot from her initial discussion with Mr. D’Orazio. Ms. Vassallo said the dividends and surplus should be able to returned to the Township. Mayor Deegan said $40,000 was already deducted from the last bill. If there is a catastrophic loss, it gets deducted from the dividend. Ms. Vassallo said the surplus/dividend offsets any rate increase.

Mr. Bosco said Little League parking lot was grated. Ms. Vassallo asked about the parking lot design being changed to slow the traffic at the complex. Mr. Bruno said Reutter school has a couple of poles that were pulled out for the solar and may be able to be used at the complex for traffic. Ms. Flaim wants to look at the plans and a traffic safety engineer should look at it. Mr. Bosco said a lot of residents are complaining about Sunnyhill Avenue. Mr. Bosco said he would like to get a spec together for this street with Rapid Response. The Township takes care of all the prep and then the asphalt company does the rest.

Public Portion:
Motion to Open: Flaim
Second: Petsch-Wilson

Motion To Close: Petsch-Wilson
Second: Flaim

Motion to Adjourn: Petsch-Wilson
Time: 7:30 PM
Second: Flaim

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Freijomil
Municipal Clerk