

**Township of Franklin  
Township Committee Meeting Minutes  
March 23, 2021**

**Call to Order:**

Time: 7:30 PM

Mr. Doyle: Present

Mrs. Flaim: Absent

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.

**Motion R-54-21 Promotion of Andrew Myers to the Position of Sergeant**

Motion: Deegan

Second: Petsch-Wilson

Roll Call:

Mr. Doyle: Yes

Mrs. Flaim: Absent

Mr. Deegan: Yes

Mayor Bruno: Yes

Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Yes

**Motion to Open Public Hearing on O-4-21 Releasing Extinguishing and Vacating the Rights of the Public in a Portion of Paper Streets**

Motion: Petsch-Wilson

Second: Deegan

All in Favor: Unanimous

**No One came forward.****Motion to Close Public Hearing on O-4-21**

Motion: Petsch-Wilson

Second: Deegan

All in Favor: Unanimous

**Motion to Adopt O-4-21 Releasing Extinguishing and Vacating the Rights of the Public in a Portion of Paper Streets**

Motion: Deegan

Second: Petsch-Wilson

Roll Call:

Mr. Doyle: Yes

Mrs. Flaim: Absent

Mr. Deegan: Yes

Mayor Bruno: Yes

Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Yes

**First Public Portion:**

Motion to Open: Deegan

Second: Petsch-Wilson

No one came forward.

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 March 9, 2021

Motion: Deegan

Second: Petsch-Wilson

Roll Call:

All In Favor: Unanimous

Motion to Approve Bill List

Motion: Deegan

Second: Petsch-Wilson

Roll Call:

Mr. Deegan: Yes but Recuse on his Reimb.

Mr. Doyle: Yes

Mrs. Petsch Wilson: Yes

Mrs. Flaim: Yes

Mayor Bruno: Yes

Motion to Approve Licenses: Food Handling

Motion: Deegan

Second: Petsch-Wilson

Roll Call:

All in Favor: Unanimous

Motion to Approve Road Side Stand

Motion: Deegan Second: Petsch-Wilson

All in Favor: Unanimous

**Motion R-48-21 Authorizing the Tax Collector and Chief Financial Officer to Grant Tax Exemption to a Totally Disabled Veteran**

Motion: Deegan Second: Petsch-Wilson

Roll Call:

Mr. Doyle: Yes Mrs. Flaim: Absent

Mr. Deegan: Yes Mayor Bruno: Yes

Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Yes

**Motion R-49-21 Authorizing the Tax Collector and Chief Financial Officer to Refund Overpayment of Taxes**

Motion: Deegan Second: Petsch-Wilson

Roll Call:

Mr. Doyle: Yes Mrs. Flaim: Absent

Mr. Deegan: Yes Mayor Bruno: Yes

Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Yes

**Motion R-50-21 Releasing a Performance Bond for Property Known as Malaga Petroleum Being Block 5001 Lot 7**

Motion: Deegan Second: Petsch-Wilson

Roll Call:

Mr. Doyle: Yes Mrs. Flaim: Absent

Mr. Deegan: Yes Mayor Bruno: Yes

Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Yes

**Motion R-51-21 Authorizing the Opening of an Insurance Fund Bank Account**

Motion: Deegan Second: Petsch-Wilson

Roll Call:

Mr. Doyle: Yes Mrs. Flaim: Absent

Mr. Deegan: Yes Mayor Bruno: Yes

Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Yes

**Motion R-52-21 Amendment to PBA Agreement to Include a Human Law Enforcement Officer**

Motion: Deegan Second: Petsch-Wilson

Roll Call:

Mr. Doyle: Yes Mrs. Flaim: Absent

Mr. Deegan: Yes Mayor Bruno: Yes

Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Yes

**Motion R-53-21 Authorizing a Closed Executive Meeting for the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin**

Motion: Deegan Second: Petsch-Wilson

Roll Call:

Mr. Doyle: Yes Mrs. Flaim: Absent

Mr. Deegan: Yes Mayor Bruno: Yes

Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Yes

**Motion R-55-21 Authorizing an Emergency Temporary Resolution**

Motion: Deegan Second: Petsch-Wilson

Roll Call:

Mr. Doyle: Yes Mrs. Flaim: Absent

Mr. Deegan: Yes Mayor Bruno: Yes

Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Yes

**Motion R-56-21 Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Franklin to Transfer Certain Funds From and To Specific Accounts in the 2020 Budget of the Township of Franklin**

Motion: Deegan Second: Petsch-Wilson

Roll Call:

Mr. Doyle: Yes Mrs. Flaim: Absent

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

Mayor Bruno: Yes

**Motion R-57-21 Approving the Purchase of a Development Easement on Block 5702 Lots 17 and 81 David P. McAlister and Lynn M. McAlister Farm**

Motion: Deegan Second: Petsch-Wilson

Roll Call:

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

**Motion R-58-21 Authorizing Sale of Tax Liens at Public Auction Pursuant To N.J.S.A. 54:5-39**

Motion: Deegan Second: Petsch-Wilson

Roll Call:

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

**Introduction of the Following Ordinances: Mr. Lyons said Public Hearing is on April 27, 2021  
O-5-21 Amending and Replacing Chapter 98-49 of the Code of the Township of Franklin**

Motion: Deegan Second: Petsch-Wilson

Roll Call:

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

**O-6-21 Prohibiting the Operation of Classes 5 and 6 of Cannabis Businesses within its Geographical Boundaries and Amending Section of the Franklin Code**

Motion: Deegan Second: Petsch-Wilson

Roll Call:

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

**Reports:**

Mr. Deegan said that the Easter Egg hunt will be on Saturday at the Lake.

Mr. Doyle said that DPW has been cleaning up the Community Center.

No other Reports.

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

All in favor: Unanimous

Mrs. Merritt commented on the Township hiring practices.

Motion To Close Second Public Portion: Petsch-Wilson Second: Deegan

Motion: Deegan Second: Petsch-Wilson

All in Favor: Unanimous

**Motion to Adjourn to Closed Session:**

Motion: Deegan Second: Petsch-Wilson

All in Favor: Unanimous

Motion to Close Closed Session and Reopen Regular Meeting:

Motion: Deegan Second: Petsch-Wilson

All in Favor: Unanimous

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion: Deegan Second: Petsch-Wilson

Time: 8:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Freijomil, Municipal Clerk