Township of Franklin
Township Committee Meeting Minutes
April 23, 2019

Call to Order:
Time: 7:30 PM
Ms. Vassallo: Present
Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Present
Mrs. Flaim: Absent
Mayor Deegan: Present
Mr. 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 3, 2019. This meeting is being videotaped and will be on Channel 9.

Finance: No questions on the bill list.

Engineer’s Report: Dutch Mill Road Phase 1 and 2 paperwork is now completed and Phase 3 has been completed. Wilshire Woods bids were received and Asphalt Paving is the apparent low bidder.

Community Center: The carpet at the Community Center was cleaned. The Easter party for the seniors was a big success. Mr. Yusko thanked Mrs. Freijomil and Mrs. Brent for their help during the medical emergency last week.

Public Works: Mrs. Brent said that Mr. Snodgrass has been handling the supervisory duties at DPW along with the crew leaders.

Police Department: Unity Tour is beginning shortly. The memorial is being cleaned up this Friday and the golf tournament is being held in May.

Administrator: Mrs. Brent said she visited the athletic fields today and they looked great. GCIT students came and cleaned up the cometary at Sheridan and Tuckahoe. Sara Thurston’s grandson welded hooks for donation. The Porchtown Road cleanup estimate was received. There was a BBQ for the seniors orchestrated by Leiha Caselli.

First Public Portion:
Motion to Open: Petsch-Wilson Second: Bruno
No one came forward.

Motion To Close: Petsch-Wilson Second: Bruno
All in Favor: Unanimous

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

Motion to Approve Bills
Motion: Petsch-Wilson Second: Bruno

Roll Call:
Ms. Vassallo: Yes
Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: yes recuse Franklin Alarm
Mrs. Flaim: yes
Mayor Deegan: yes
Mr. Bruno: yes

Motion to Approve Minutes April 9, 2019
Motion: Petsch-Wilson Second: Bruno
All in Favor: Unanimous

Motion to Approve Solicitor’s License: Revo Home Solutions
Motion: Petsch-Wilson Second: Bruno
All in Favor: Unanimous
Mr. Deegan said the Solicitor’s permit ordinance should be examined and a survey of other towns will be conducted.

**Motion R-66-19 Approving Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Fiscal Grant Cycle July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020**

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

**Motion R-67-19 Approving Renewal of Towing Licenses for 2019-2021**

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

**Motion R-68-19 Authorizing the Tax Collector and Chief Financial Officer to Refund Homestead Rebate**

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

**Motion R-69-19 Authorizing a Closed Executive Meeting**

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

**Motion R-70-19 Authorizing the Approval for CME Associates’ Fee Proposal as Affordable Housing Planner for the Year 2019**

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

**Motion R-71-19 Authorizing Committeewoman Heather Flaim to Form and Lead an Advisory Committee to Plan a Dog Park**

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

**Motion to Open Public Hearing on O-6-19 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and To Establish a Cap Bank**

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

**Motion to Close Public Hearing on O-6-19**

Motion: Petsch-Wilson  
Second: Bruno  
All in Favor: Unanimous

**Motion to Adopt O-6-19 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and To Establish a Cap Bank**

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

**Motion to Introduce on O-7-19 Establishing Senior Citizen Advisory Committee**

Motion: Petsch-Wilson  
Second: Bruno  
Roll Call:  
Ms. Vassallo: No  
Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Yes  
Mrs. Flaim: Absent  
Mayor Deegan: Yes  
Mr. Bruno: Yes

**Public Portion:**

Motion to Open: Petsch-Wilson  
Second: Bruno

Mr. Bill Morris, Oak Avenue, asked for an update on the senior lunch. Mrs. Brent said there will be a meeting next week with NutraServe and most likely will be signed next meeting. Mrs. Brent said that there is a plan for the summer when the school is closed. Mr. Morris asked if Revo Homes could be put on the website and there was discussion about how best to notify the public.

Mrs. Barbara Halpern, Harding Highway, asked for information on Affordable Housing. Mrs. Brent said that due to it being litigated, she is reluctant to discuss it.

Mrs. Rene Leopardi, 2787 E. Grant Avenue, asked about the budgetary line item for the senior lunch program. Mrs. Petsch-Wilson said she doesn’t have the set number yet for the program. Mrs. Leopardi asked about a contract with NutraServe and that they will use the Delsea facility. Ms. Vassallo said that there would be an agreement with NutraServe and Delsea for the summer hours. Mrs. Leopardi asked if any public contracts have been settled. The Committee said no. Mrs. Leopardi asked about back pay and salary increases and she also asked if there will be a tax increase. Mrs. Brent said there are no unanticipated tax increases. Mrs. Leopardi asked about the office hours of the Town hall. Mr. Deegan said the hours of the building is 8-4. Mrs. Leopardi explained when Mrs. Brent arrives at work. Ms. Vassallo said that the contract increases are anticipated. Mr. Deegan said he is not privy to the conversations because he is not on the Finance Committee. Mr. Deegan said that the Seniors asked if there would be a line item in the budget, and he told them preliminarily $48,000 may be appropriated for the meals. Mrs. Petsch-Wilson sent an email to the CFO and Administrator regarding the program and asking for a line item to be considered. Mrs. Petsch-Wilson said that the seniors would like tai chi, bingo, and other programs.

Motion To Close: Petsch-Wilson  
Second: Bruno

**Committee Reports:**

Mr. Bruno: No report

Ms. Vassallo: She encouraged anyone who has a question to email the committee.

Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: She along with the Mayor met with the seniors. She is trying to get the tai chi program started. She also thanked the children for cleaning up the cometary.

Mayor Deegan said that a resident wanted West Blvd to have a traffic study. The County will put more signage up and tack paving.

Motion for Closed Session: Petsch-Wilson  
Second: Bruno  
All in Favor: Unanimous

**Motion to Adjourn:**

Motion: Petsch-Wilson  
Second: Bruno  
Time: 8:05 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Freijomil, Municipal Clerk