

**Township of Franklin
Township Committee Meeting Minutes
April 27, 2021**

Call to Order:

Time: 7:30 PM

Mr. Doyle: Present

Mrs. Flaim: Present

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 to Open Public Hearing on 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: Yes

Mr. Deegan: Yes

Mayor Bruno: Yes

Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Yes

Motion: Petsch-Wilson

Second: Deegan

Mr. Harry Kennedy, asked about the police ordinance. Mayor Bruno said labor counsel looked at it and suggested changes. The liaisons met with the Chief about it.

Motion to Close Public Hearing on O-5-21

Motion: Petsch-Wilson

Second: Deegan

All in Favor: Unanimous

Motion to Adopt 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: No

Mr. Deegan: Yes

Mayor Bruno: Yes

Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Yes

Motion to Open Public Hearing on 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: Yes

Mr. Deegan: Yes

Mayor Bruno: Yes

Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Yes

Mr. Morris, Oak Avenue, asked the Committee to table this ordinance. Mr. Lyons said that retail and delivery be restricted. The other classes are allowed.

Mr. Kennedy spoke about the cannabis ordinance. He stated it is allowed to be grown but not sold here in Franklin. He suggested Planning/Zoning view it.

Ms. Tina DeSilvio asked if the Committee looked at other municipalities. Ms. DeSilvio said that medical marijuana helped her daughter with seizures. Mr. Doyle said that he has been to states with marijuana and said that the edibles look like gummy bears. Mr. Lyons said this ordinance is only for recreational marijuana use.

Ms. Beverly Merritt asked for the ordinance be tabled. She would like ratables be brought to the Township. Mr. Doyle made the point that the facilities would be guarded. Ms. Flaim asked about proximity to schools. Mr. Lyons said schools, churches, preschools can be regulated. In order to sell retail, the person/company would have to be in town or in an adjacent town.

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion: Deegan

Time: PM

Second: Petsch-Wilson

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Freijomil, Municipal Clerk