Township of Franklin
Township Committee Work Session Meeting Minutes
May 28, 2019

Call to Order:
Time: 7:00 PM
Ms. Vassallo: Absent - arrived at 7:02 PM
Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Present
Mrs. Flaim: Present
Mr. Deegan: Present
Mr. Bruno: Present
Mrs. Brent: Absent – Arrived at 7:02 PM

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.

Bill List: Ms. Vassallo asked about the Quench bill and Land Conservancy bill for $4,000. The land conservancy bill was for open space and recreation plan. Ms. Vassallo also asked about the Visual Computer Solutions bill. Mrs. Freijomil said it was for the time clock.

Resolutions and Ordinances: Mayor Deegan said the ROSI list is being updated tonight. The Senior Advisory Commission will have a public hearing. The Community Cat ordinance is also being introduced. Ms. Vassallo asked where the Cat ordinance came from. Mayor Deegan said that it was from People for Animals and it is a model ordinance. They would capture the cats, spay/neuter them, and return them to their location. Ms. Vassallo would like the ordinance to spell out People for Animals authority more clearly. Mayor Deegan said he will get more information and have the woman from the program at the next meeting.

Township Owned land sale: Ms. Brent said there were a couple residents interested in buying land. Mayor Deegan said there is a woman named Cait who moved in recently and wants to buy the adjacent property to her home. Mayor Deegan said the Fazzios bought property near Malaga Lake and wants to purchase blocks of land near property he already owns. If he buys the lots, he also would like to vacate some streets and make the large land into four larger lots. Ms. Vassallo asked if this area was residential. Mayor Deegan said yes. Mayor Deegan said this is just something to think about at this time.

Budget: Mrs. Brent said the budget is a pressing item. Mrs. Petsch-Wilson said she is waiting on information on the budget from the CFO. She asked for a special meeting to introduce the budget. Mrs. Flaim will not be available but everyone else is available for a meeting on June 7 at 6 PM. Mrs. Brent asked if Mr. Bruno and Mrs. Petsch-Wilson need a meeting with the CFO. They said yes. Mrs. Petsch-Wilson will email Mrs. Brent about a time. Ms. Vassallo asked for the Land Conservancy bill be tabled. Mrs. Brent said the Township would like to put tighter controls on the peddler’s ordinance for the safety of the community. Mayor Deegan said it concerns him and the people should have to reapply and only have a shorter time of soliciting. The cost of the solicitation was discussed.

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

Mr. Wegner spoke about his role in farmland presentation. He has helped the Township save about 20 farms. Mr. Wegner discussed his background. Mr. Wegner discussed the benefits of preserving farms and how it saves the Township money. Mr. Wegner said the farm he has been working on (Corwonski) is about 82 acres.

Mrs. Barbara Halpern asked about the ROSI resolution. She said they found out last month that the properties the Township Committee wants to add. She said the Environmental Commission have some more lots they would like to be added that are unbuildable. Ms. Halpern asked for it to be tabled and set up a meeting with the Mayor or Committee. The Committee agreed. She has been working with the Engineer with regard to Piney Hollow cleanup. There has been an issue with Stormwater. Ms. Suzanne McCarthy addressed the Land Conservancy bill and said in 2003 the list was made. This bill is for an update and she thinks it is solicitation.

Kevin Nesco, publish a newspaper since February of 2018. They are trying to expand coverage.

Motion to Adjourn: Petsch-Wilson Second: Bruno
Time: 7:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Freijomil Municipal Clerk