Township of Franklin  
Township Committee Work Session Meeting Minutes  
June 25, 2019

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

Farmland and Verizon off the agenda

Bill List: Sterling trash truck payment was questioned. It was a truck accident between two trash trucks. Mayor Deegan asked about the Greenways payment. Mrs. Brent thought it was because his lien was paid but she will look into it. Ms. Vassallo thought it was the Court Master for COAH. Ms. Vassallo looked at the bill and it was the COAH. Mayor Deegan asked about the Constellation energy bill. Mayor Deegan said there is a $1300.00 balance that keeps being brought forward. Mayor Deegan asked about the Starr Contracting bill and questioned why it was paid out of Diesel Fuel. Ms. Coleman said it was a mistake.

Budget: Ms. Coleman said this budget has a .5 levy percent decrease. Ms. Vassallo asked is these accounts could be adjusted but some changes require a second public hearing. 5% on levy, 1% on the budget, 10% on line item. The Township will be on State review. Mayor Deegan asked about the housing fees. Ms. Coleman said it is Community Champions. Right now, Ms. Vassallo said the fees are being used. It is in litigation right now (not with the Township) and it could be struck down. Ms. Vassallo said she doesn’t think the surplus should be spent down in case the Shared Services or Community Champions is no longer anticipated. Mayor Deegan asked about the dates of the Public Hearing. Mr. Frenia said it has to be at least 28 days from introduction. Ms. Coleman said the surplus is $700,000. The anticipated at the end of this year will be about 2 million according to Ms. Coleman. Ms. Petsch-Wilson asked if there would be money in the senior lunch program to be anticipated? The money collected is negligible. Mayor Deegan asked about the capital projects and the conversion rate. Mr. Frenia said 5%.  

Winzinger: Mr. Armano said that Winzinger’s attorney contacted him about a tax sale and that it has been in default since 2012. This one particular property is needed to get to their property. They want to pay the Township for the lien. It is approximately $44,000 for the certificate. The property will then be back on the tax rolls. Ms. Vassallo asked if the Township could sell it for more. Mr. Armano said it has been in default since 2012 and default before that.

Public Portion:
Motion to Open: Petsch-Wilson  
Second: Flaim  
Mr. Morris asked about the poll workers payments. They will be signed tonight. Mrs. Halpern asked about the ROSI list. Mr. Deegan said he would be willing to put certain properties that Ms. Halpern put on the list. Ms. Halpern asked about the property near Lake House and Ms. Vassallo said it was done last year. Mr. Armano said once it is on the ROSI list it is difficult to get it off the list. The land must be assessable to the public. If it is landlocked, the public could make an issue of it being assessable. Ms. Vassallo asked if there would be a zoning change and would there be a requirement of 200’ to property owners. Ms. Vassallo has concerns about putting properties on the ROSI list. Ms. Halpern said properties in the Pinelands can’t be improved. Ms. McCarthy said that the list doesn’t have a lot of properties on it and this needs to be resolved and off the Township roster. She suggested getting a list preserved and sell off the rest. Mr. Armano said there is always liability. Ms. Halpern would like the cellular communications land near Piney Hollow Park. It is under two acres. Mayor Deegan said the committee will take it under consideration.

Motion to Adjourn: Petsch-Wilson  
Second: Flaim  
Time: 7:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Freijomil Municipal Clerk