Township of Franklin  
Township Committee Meeting Minutes  
June 25, 2019

Call to Order:
Time: 7:40 PM
Ms. Vassallo: Present
Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Present
Mrs. Flaim: Present
Mayor Deegan: Present
Mr. Bruno: Absent

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 bills.

Community Center: Mayor Deegan reported there have been problems with the air conditioner at the Community Center which are being resolved. Ms. Brent will follow up.

Public Works: Mrs. Brent reported that there were a few calls about the bulk pick up for July. It will be the second week in July.

Police Department: Ms. Zimmer said the cameras were installed in the cars and working well. The police department did a DUI traffic stop in Buena using a grant. Youth Week started on Monday. Graduation is Friday at 4:30 PM.

Administrator: Ms. Brent said the new Tax Collector started today. The AFSCME negotiations are almost finished. She attended the local school board last night and extended the invitation to work on shared services with the Committee soon. The notice for an employee was issued and the employee wanted a public hearing. It is her recommendation to put the matter on hold tonight.

First Public Portion:
Motion to Open: Petsch-Wilson
Second: Flaim

No one came forward.

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

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

Motion to Approve Bill List
Roll Call:
Ms. Vassallo: Yes
Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Yes
Mrs. Flaim: Yes
Mayor Deegan: Yes
Mr. Bruno: Absent

Motion to Approve Minutes June 11, 2019
Motion: Petsch-Wilson
Second: Flaim
All in Favor: Unanimous

Motion to Approve Raffle: Malaga Feast of the Assumption
Motion: Petsch-Wilson
Second: Flaim
Roll Call:
Ms. Vassallo: Recuse
Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Yes
Mrs. Flaim: Yes
Mayor Deegan: Yes

Motion R-96-19 Granting Renewal of Liquor Licenses with the Township of Franklin for 2019-2020
Motion: Petsch-Wilson  Second: Flaim
Roll Call:
Ms. Vassallo: Yes  Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Yes
Mrs. Flaim: Yes  Mayor Deegan: Yes
Mr. Bruno: Absent

Motion R-97-19 Authorizing a Closed Executive Meeting for the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin-Personnel, Litigation, Negotiations
Motion: Petsch-Wilson  Second: Flaim
Roll Call:
Ms. Vassallo: Yes  Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Yes
Mrs. Flaim: Yes  Mayor Deegan: Yes
Mr. Bruno: Absent

Motion R-98-19 Approval To Submit A Grant Application And Execute A Grant Contract With The NJ Department Of Transportation For The Pennsylvania Avenue Resurfacing
Motion: Petsch-Wilson  Second: Flaim
Roll Call:
Ms. Vassallo: Yes  Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Yes
Mrs. Flaim: Yes  Mayor Deegan: Yes
Mr. Bruno: Absent

Motion R-99-19 Approval To Submit A Grant Application And Execute A Grant Contract With The NJ Department Of Transportation For Dutch Mill Road Improvements Phase V
Motion: Petsch-Wilson  Second: Flaim
Roll Call:
Ms. Vassallo: Yes  Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Yes
Mrs. Flaim: Yes  Mayor Deegan: Yes
Mr. Bruno: Absent

Motion R-100-19 Appointing Kathleen Andress as Certified Tax Collector
Motion: Petsch-Wilson  Second: Flaim
Roll Call:
Ms. Vassallo: Yes  Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Yes
Mrs. Flaim: Yes  Mayor Deegan: Yes
Mr. Bruno: Absent

Motion R-101-19 Temporary Emergency Budget
Motion: Petsch-Wilson  Second: Flaim
Roll Call:
Ms. Vassallo: Yes  Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Yes
Mrs. Flaim: Yes  Mayor Deegan: Yes
Mr. Bruno: Absent

Motion R-102-19 Introduction of 2019 Township of Franklin Budget
Motion: Petsch-Wilson  Second: Flaim
Roll Call:
Ms. Vassallo: Yes  Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Yes
Mrs. Flaim: Yes  Mayor Deegan: Yes
Mr. Bruno: Absent

Public Portion:
Motion to Open: Petsch-Wilson  Second: Flaim
Mr. Morris, Oak Avenue, asked about Senior Lunch program contract. Ms. Brent said it is not back yet but within days it will be signed.

Fred Plaskett, 532 Little Mill Road, asked if double salaries are still being paid for positions. Ms. Vassallo said it can’t be discussed. Ms. Brent said that the Township must follow certain policies. Ms. Brent said that anyone can OPRA the handbook.

Motion To Close: Petsch-Wilson  Second: Flaim

Committee Reports:
Mrs. Flaim wished everyone a great 4th of July. She thanked the police for hosting Youth Week. She encouraged everyone to recycle smartly.

Mr. Bruno: Absent

Ms. Vassallo said she spent the day negotiating the AFSCME contract. She feels it will be resolved shortly. She also spent time discussing the budget with the CFO and Auditor. There should be no or little tax increase.

Mrs. Petsch-Wilson said she attended a meeting with OMNI recycling and said it was enlightening. She asked for a video or some information to be put on Channel 9. She said she, along with Mr. Bruno have been working to finish up the budget. She also congratulated the graduates of all the local schools.

Mayor Deegan expressed condolences to Mrs. Flaim for the loss of her father in law. He attended the Library Board meeting, Municipal Alliance and the Mayor’s Dinner at White Oaks Country Club. He also said he met with OMNI and the prospect of recycling look dim. China and India were the largest buyers and have tightened their restrictions on what they will accept. The recycling company is charging as much as the incinerator is charging to take the recycling. Mayor Deegan said education is the key. He also has stopped at the Police Youth Camp. He encourage the residents to be careful over the 4th of July holiday.

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

Motion to Adjourn to Closed Session:
Motion: Petsch-Wilson Second: Flaim
All in Favor: Unanimous

Motion to Close Closed Session and Reopen Regular Meeting:
Motion: Petsch-Wilson Second: Flaim
All in Favor: Unanimous

Motion to Adjourn:
Motion: Petsch-Wilson Second: Flaim
Time: 9:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Freijomil, Municipal Clerk