

**Township of Franklin
Township Committee Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2023**

Call to Order:

Time: 7:00 PM

Mr. Doyle: Present Mr. Marsh: Present
Mrs. Flaim: Present Mayor Bruno: Present
Mr. Keen: Present Arrived at 7:05 PM

Salute to the Flag:

The Township Clerk 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 November 3, 2022. This meeting is being videotaped and will be on Channel 9.

Motion to R-159-23 Appointing Matthew DeCesari to the Position of Chief of Police in the Franklin Township Police Department

Motion: Flaim Second: Doyle
Roll Call:
Mr. Doyle: Yes Mr. Marsh: Yes
Mrs. Flaim: Yes Mayor Bruno: Yes
Mr. Keen: Absent

Chief DeCesari was sworn in by Senator Testa surrounded by his family.

Motion to Open Public Hearing on O-9-23 Ordinance By The Franklin Township Committee Amending The Township Of Franklin Code Of Ordinances To Chapter 226, Sections 1-18; To Adopt A New Chapter 226, Sections 101 To 1001.6; To Adopt Flood Hazard Maps; To Designate A Floodplain Administrator; And Providing For Severability And An Effective Date

Motion: Flaim Second: Doyle
All in Favor: Unanimous

Motion to Close Public Hearing on O-9-23

Motion: Flaim Second: Doyle
All in Favor: Unanimous

Motion to Adopt O-9-23 Ordinance By The Franklin Township Committee Amending The Township Of Franklin Code Of Ordinances To Chapter 226, Sections 1-18; To Adopt A New Chapter 226, Sections 101 To 1001.6; To Adopt Flood Hazard Maps; To Designate A Floodplain Administrator; And Providing For Severability And An Effective Date

Motion: Flaim Second: Doyle
Roll Call:
Mr. Doyle: Yes Mr. Marsh: Yes
Mrs. Flaim: Yes Mayor Bruno: Yes
Mr. Keen: Yes

First Public Portion:

Motion: Flaim Second: Doyle

David Marshall, New Road, asked about line items in the budget. Ms. Sarlo answered his questions about line items and the budget. Mr. Finley also answered his questions about the budget.

Harry Kennedy, 1578 Fries Mill Road, spoke about O-11 Tree Removal Ordinance.

Barbara Halpern, Harding Hwy, asked about the Redevelopment Agreement with Stanker and Galletto. She also spoke about the tree ordinance and it being required for stormwater. She spoke about the Lacey Rae Drive repairs and the DEP approved plan.

Nancy Kennedy, St. George St., asked about the Public Defender, police clerk, and salaries. She also discussed the budget and tax increases. She also discussed her OPRA lawsuit.

Motion to Close: Flaim Second: Doyle
All in Favor: Unanimous

Motion to Approve Correspondence and Reports

Motion: Flaim Second: Doyle

All in Favor: Unanimous

Motion to Approve Minutes June 13, 2023

Motion: Flaim Second: Doyle

All In Favor: Unanimous

Motion to Approve Bill List

Motion: Flaim Second: Doyle

Roll Call:

Mr. Doyle: Yes Mr. Marsh: Yes

Mrs. Flaim: Yes Mayor Bruno: Yes

Mr. Keen: Yes

Motion to Approve Farm Stand Permit

Motion: Flaim Second: Doyle

All in Favor: Unanimous

Motion to Approve Raffle Licenses

Motion: Flaim Second: Doyle

All in Favor: Unanimous

Motion R-150-23 Read Budget by Title

Motion: Marsh Second: Doyle

Roll Call:

Mr. Doyle: Yes Mr. Marsh: Yes

Mrs. Flaim: Yes Mayor Bruno: Yes

Mr. Keen: Yes

Motion to Open Public Hearing on R-151-23 2023 Franklin Township Budget

Motion: Marsh Second: Doyle

Mr. Brandt asked about the proceeds of the Meredith Farms sale and where money would be allocated.

Barbara Halpern, asked what the Environmental Budget is. It is \$550. She also asked about the maximum amount that is allowed to be borrowed. Ms. Sarlo explained that it is a percent. She discussed electric vehicles.

Chris Sayers, Malaga Lake Drive, asked about bond ratings. Ms. Sarlo said it will be Standard and Poors or Moody.

Motion to Close Public Hearing on R-151-23

Motion: Marsh Second: Doyle

Motion to R-151A-23 Amending Budget Based on DCA Recommendations

Motion: Flaim Second: Doyle

Roll Call:

Mr. Doyle: Yes Mr. Marsh: Yes

Mrs. Flaim: Yes Mayor Bruno: Yes

Mr. Keen: Yes

Motion to R-151B-23 Adopting 2023 Franklin Township Budget with DCA Recommendations

Motion: Marsh Second: Doyle

Roll Call:

Mr. Doyle: Yes Mr. Marsh: Yes

Mrs. Flaim: No Mayor Bruno: Yes

Mr. Keen: Yes

Mrs. Flaim said she opposed the tax increase and the amount of surplus.

Motion to R-152-23 Authorizing Refund for Construction Fees

Motion: Marsh Second: Doyle

Roll Call:

Mr. Doyle: Yes Mr. Marsh: Yes

Mrs. Flaim: Yes Mayor Bruno: Yes

Mr. Keen: Yes

Motion to R-153-23 Authorizing Refund for Construction Fees

Motion: Flaim Second: Doyle

Roll Call:

Mr. Doyle: Yes Mr. Marsh: Yes

Mrs. Flaim: Yes Mayor Bruno: Yes
Mr. Keen: Yes

Motion to R-154-23 Authorizing Refund for Construction Fees

Motion: Flaim Second: Doyle
Roll Call:
Mr. Doyle: Yes Mr. Marsh: Yes
Mrs. Flaim: Yes Mayor Bruno: Yes
Mr. Keen: Yes

Motion to R-155-23 Appointing a Public Defender for the Township of Franklin Joint Municipal Court for the Year 2023 Pursuant to Local Public Contracts Law

Motion: Flaim Second: Doyle
Roll Call:
Mr. Doyle: Yes Mr. Marsh: Yes
Mrs. Flaim: Yes Mayor Bruno: Yes
Mr. Keen: Yes

Motion to R-156-23 Amending Agreement with Sourcewell for Enterprise Fleet Management Regarding Existing Police Fleet

Motion: Flaim Second: Doyle
Roll Call:
Mr. Doyle: Yes Mr. Marsh: Yes
Mrs. Flaim: Yes Mayor Bruno: Yes
Mr. Keen: Yes

Motion to R-157-23 Designating the Appointment of Christina Mulford as Deputy Registrar and Jennifer Cerino as Alternate Registrar and Confirming Said Appointments

Motion: Flaim Second: Doyle
Roll Call:
Mr. Doyle: Yes Mr. Marsh: Yes
Mrs. Flaim: Yes Mayor Bruno: Yes
Mr. Keen: Yes

Motion to R-158-23 Appointing Candace Delancey to Full Time Administrative Assistant Due to Retirement of Nancy Romeo

Motion: Flaim Second: Doyle
Roll Call:
Mr. Doyle: Yes Mr. Marsh: Yes
Mrs. Flaim: Yes Mayor Bruno: Yes
Mr. Keen: Yes

Motion to R-160-23 Authorizing the Administrator To Sign a Contract for Chief of Police with Matthew DeCesari

Motion: Flaim Second: Doyle
Roll Call:
Mr. Doyle: Yes Mr. Marsh: Yes
Mrs. Flaim: Yes Mayor Bruno: Yes
Mr. Keen: Yes

Motion to R-161-23 Authorizing a Refund for Construction

Motion: Flaim Second: Doyle
Roll Call:
Mr. Doyle: Yes Mr. Marsh: Yes
Mrs. Flaim: Yes Mayor Bruno: Yes
Mr. Keen: Yes

Motion to R-162-23 Authorizing the Execution of the Amended and Restated Redevelopment Agreement for Property Located on US Route 40 and Known as Block 6805 Lot 11 and Block 6805.01 Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4

Motion: Flaim Second: Doyle
Roll Call:
Mr. Doyle: Yes Mr. Marsh: Yes
Mrs. Flaim: Yes Mayor Bruno: Yes
Mr. Keen: Yes

