Township of Franklin
Township Committee Work Session Meeting Minutes
July 23, 2019

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

Bill List: Ms. Vassallo asked about the volunteers policy.

Resolutions: No questions.

Nuisance Ordinance: Mrs. Brent said there was an issue with residents that are released from Maryville. They are stopping to ask to use phones of local residents. The Chief and Administrator reviewed one from Egg Harbor. She will meet with Mr. Armano in August about it along with Det. Gonzalez. Ms. Vassallo was concerned that people wouldn’t be targeted. Ms. Brent also suggested that the Chief and Administrator put together a tutorial about codes for the new officers.

Community Center Rental Agreement: Ms. Brent recalled a slip and fall at the Community Center during a baby shower. There is a rider policy that would be required for rentals to insure the Township does not have liability. The Mayor said that it is offered by the JIF and would cost approximately $100.00. Ms. Brent said she wanted to make sure that it wouldn’t make people shy away from renting. Mrs. Freijomil is check to see what the policy limits are and if groups are covered.

Property Maintenance: Ms. Brent said the Committee is working to get properties cleaned up in Franklin. Mayor Deegan said that Washington Township sent a RFP for companies to bid on cleaning up abandoned properties. He said he would like a program where a company can be called when a property is in disarray. He said there could be charges for a dumpster, per hour manpower, cutting grass, etc. Ms. Vassallo questioned if it would be a yearly list. He said yes.

Farmland Preservation: Ms. Vassallo said she ran into someone this weekend who questioned farmland preservation and the uses in certain areas. She suggested an evaluation for commercial properties and solar panels as an approved use. She said solar panels are taxable also. Neither one would be a burden on the Township. She will look at them and propose changes. Ms. Coleman said Elmer just did a solar project. Mayor Deegan said Millville went with Dakota property and is receiving large revenues from it.

Mr. Deegan asked Mr. Gemenden to have the DPW workers push the cans back to the property edge so they are not in the street. The movie in the park is tomorrow night. He asked that the facility be cleaned up and trash dumped. He also asked what the status of the construction vehicle is and he was told that one was received. Mr. Gemenden said right now cold patch is being used because of a part not being available. Cold patch is also more expensive. There was discussion about trash pickups and stops being missed. Mr. Deegan said he sent the webmaster and Ms. Freijomil information from the DEP for public service announcements. Mrs. Petsch-Wilson asked for the camera crew to film some events that are upcoming. There was an issue with the camera.

Public Portion:
Motion to Open: Petsch-Wilson Second: Flaim
Mr. Morris asked if there is a resolution on the agenda for extension on the taxes due for the quarter. Ms. Vassallo said it automatically extends because there is a 25 day requirement after they are sent out. The estimated tax bill will give a due date.

Motion to Adjourn: Petsch-Wilson Second: Flaim
Time: 7:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Freijomil Municipal Clerk