Township of Franklin  
Township Committee Meeting Minutes  
August 13, 2019

Call to Order:  
Time: 7:30 PM  
Ms. Vassallo: Present  
Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Present  
Mrs. Flaim: Present  
Mayor Deegan: Present  
Mr. Bruno: Present

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.

Proclamation Honoring Jimmy Ketcham for raising $2,000 for the K-9’s. Chief Zimmer spoke about Jimmy and thanked him and the family for his efforts. Mayor Deegan read the proclamation for Jimmy Ketcham.

Finance: The Holman Frenia bill will be held until the audit is received.

Community Center: A trailer was delivered to the Compost center for e-waste. The new contracted hauling out dumpsters is working out well. The refrigerator at the Community Center is working well now. The thermostat is now working also.

Public Works: Mr. Snodgrass said he is working on the hockey rink puddling. The grass cutting and patching is being done as usual.

Police Department: Mr. Zimmer said that National Night Out is tomorrow. He said there are a lot of events planned. A K-9 demo was held in Newfield last week.

Administrator: Mrs. Brent said she met with the Mayor with the senior citizens advisory committee. She said there was a visit from the County health inspector and passed it conditionally. Ms. Schemeley is supposed to chronicle the temperatures and passing grade was received yesterday. They planned some fun events for the seniors. Fire Camp is going on this week. Mayor Deegan recognized Tiffany Schemeley for making the events fun for the seniors.

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- Hold Holman Frenia  
Roll Call:  
Ms. Vassallo: Yes  
Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Yes  
Mrs. Flaim: Yes  
Mayor Deegan: Yes  
Mr. Bruno: Yes

Motion to Approve Minutes July 23, 2019  
Motion: Petsch-Wilson  
Second: Flaim  
All in Favor: Unanimous

Motion To Approve Raffle: Newfield Terrace Community Action  
Motion: Petsch-Wilson  
Second: Flaim  
All in Favor: Unanimous
Motion R-109-19 Emergency Temporary Budget Transfer
Motion: Petsch-Wilson  Second: Flaim
Roll Call:
Ms. Vassallo: Yes  Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Yes
Mrs. Flaim: Yes  Mayor Deegan: Yes
Mr. Bruno: Yes

Motion R-110-19 Authorizing the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin to Enter an Agreement to Provide Two School Resource Officers for the Delsea Regional School District for the 2019-2020 School Year
Motion: Petsch-Wilson  Second: Flaim
Roll Call:
Ms. Vassallo: Yes  Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Yes
Mrs. Flaim: Yes  Mayor Deegan: Yes
Mr. Bruno: Yes

Motion R-111-19 Authorizing a Closed Executive Meeting for the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin-Personnel, Litigation and Contracts
Motion: Petsch-Wilson  Second: Flaim
Roll Call:
Ms. Vassallo: Yes  Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Yes
Mrs. Flaim: Yes  Mayor Deegan: Yes
Mr. Bruno: Yes

Tabled R-112-19 Authorizing Annual Salary Increases for Unrepresented Employees
Motion: Petsch-Wilson  Second: Flaim
Roll Call:
Ms. Vassallo: Yes  Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Yes
Mrs. Flaim: Yes  Mayor Deegan: Yes
Mr. Bruno: Yes

Motion R-113-19 Authorizing the Township of Franklin Tax Collector to Prepare and Mail Estimated Tax Bills in Accordance with P.L. 1994 C.72 Rated to be Determined.
Motion: Petsch-Wilson  Second: Flaim
Roll Call:
Ms. Vassallo: Yes  Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Yes
Mrs. Flaim: Yes  Mayor Deegan: Yes
Mr. Bruno: Yes

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

Mrs. Rene Pistilli-Leopardi, 2787 E. Grant Avenue, asked if the police department applied to a grant for seat belts, speeding, cell phones etc. Mr. Zimmer said they applied for a checkpoint. Ms. Leopardi asked if the Township has passed their budget for 2019. Mayor Deegan said no. Ms. Leopardi said there was a trash truck at the Feast of St. Mary’s. Mrs. Brent said a member of the committee contacted the DPW director and he said it was done in the past and would be done again this year. Ms. Vassallo said she didn’t request it but it has always been there. Ms. Leopardi said the taxpayers paid for this and it is a nonprofit. Ms. Leopardi asked if there is an accounting of the senior lunches. Mayor Deegan said it is accounted for and deposited within 48 hours. Mayor Deegan said he will get the final numbers for Ms. Leopardi. Mayor Deegan said an employee transports the money to town hall. Ms. Leopardi asked if that was safe. She asked about the refrigerator and it being broken. Mayor Deegan said it was fixed and that is more reasonable than buying a new one. Ms. Leopardi said the seniors were concerned with the seniors taking the food home and getting sick. Ms. Leopardi said she learned that cameras were pulled and people were checked for taking pictures at the lunch.

Mr. Ralph Travaglione, Marshall Mill Road, said a trash truck was at the feast. He asked Mr. Snodgrass for a dumpster but Mr. Snodgrass said a trash truck would be easier. He feels it is a public service so it should have been provided.

Ms. Leiha Caselli, 597 Lake Road, addressed the Community Center concerns. The refrigerator passed the inspection. She said records are kept of the deposits. She was thanked for her work.

Motion To Close: Petsch-Wilson  Second: Flaim
Committee Reports:

Mrs. Flaim: She wished everyone a safe and happy National Night Out.

Mr. Bruno: He thanked the people working the senior lunch program and said the clerical staff at Town Hall does a great job.

Ms. Vassallo: No report.

Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: She wished everyone a successful National Night Out and thanked everyone for their work at the Fire Camp and reported the kids are enjoying it. She also reminded everyone of the VFW Funday.

Mayor Deegan: He reminded everyone to drive carefully and to be very careful. Kids are out of school.

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