

**Township of Franklin
Township Committee Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2020**

Call to Order:

Time: 7:30 PM

Mrs. Flaim: Present
Mr. Deegan: Present

Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Present
Mayor 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 2, 2020. This meeting is being videotaped and will be on Channel 9.

Motion R-28-20 Appointing Timothy Doyle To Fill the Vacant Position on the Franklin Township Committee

Motion: Flaim Second: Petsch-Wilson

Roll Call:

Mr. Deegan: Yes Mrs. Flaim: Yes
Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Yes Mayor Bruno: Yes

Mr. Doyle was sworn in by Mr. Armano surrounded by his wife and children.

Librarian Deb Riether gave a presentation on expansion of the library. The grant application is due by April 6th. Mrs. Flaim asked how the Historical Center would be accessible. The center will be part of the library and they will work together to make sure they are open as necessary. Mr. Deegan said that with all the programs at the library, they need more space to have these programs. Mrs. Riether said the entrance will be replaced. Mrs. Petsch-Wilson asked if the space is large enough. Mrs. Riether said yes. Mrs. Flaim asked if the library will be closed during construction. Mrs. Riether said no. The Township Committee recommended they start the application process.

Finance: No Questions on the bill list.

Community Center reported that all is running smoothly. DPW is keeping the compost center cleaned and hauling trash away.

DPW reported that leaf collection is almost done. The Christmas trees will be picked up the last week in January. Mr. Deegan said that when the guys are out on the trash truck, they need to make a list and call it in if people have their leaves out.

Chief Zimmer welcomed Mr. Doyle and Mr. Salvatore. K-9 graduation is this Thursday, Jan. 16. Mayor Bruno asked about the flashing stop signs. Mr. Zimmer said they are waiting on the Engineer's recommendation.

Administrator Mr. Salvatore said that he received a request from the Municipal Court Clerk to add the Newfield court into the Franklin Joint Court. There was an ad for a part time fire marshal assistant. There were interviews and Mr. Baldosaro recommended three. There will be interviews with the personnel committee.

Economic Development Director Nancy Brent explained about redevelopment zones. She will provide recommendations to the EDC. She will review COAH also. She is also addressing housing complaints. She is working on a welcome basket for new residents.

First Public Portion:

Motion to Open: Flaim Second: Petsch-Wilson

Mr. Hegarty congratulated the members of the committee on their re-election and positions. Mr. Hegarty is planning the 2019 Tax Sale on April 20. He will also meet with seniors to explain the rebate process.

Motion to Open: Flaim Second: Petsch-Wilson
All in Favor: Unanimous

Motion to Open Public Hearing on O-2-20 Amending and Adopting Personnel Policies, Chapter 92, Article 92-7 of the Code of the Township of Franklin Entitled, “General Policies and Procedures”

Motion: Flaim Second: Petsch-Wilson

Roll Call:

Mr. Deegan: Yes

Mrs. Flaim: Yes

Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Yes

Mayor Bruno: Yes

Mr. Doyle: Yes

Motion to Close Public Hearing on O-2-20

Motion: Flaim Second: Petsch-Wilson

All in Favor: Unanimous

Motion to Adopt O-3-20 Amending and Adopting Personnel Policies, Chapter 92, Article 92-7 of the Code of the Township of Franklin Entitled, “General Policies and Procedures”

Motion: Flaim Second: Petsch-Wilson

Roll Call:

Mr. Deegan: Yes

Mrs. Flaim: Yes

Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Yes

Mayor Bruno: Yes

Mr. Doyle: Yes

Public Portion:

Motion to Open: Flaim Second: Petsch-Wilson

Mr. Bill Smith, 86 Woodland Avenue said a property on Woodland Avenue has been sold and it is a health hazard. Weeds are growing tall. Mr. Armano said to refer the issue to the code officer.

Mr. Richard Phillips, said that the Report a Concern is not working. Mr. Deegan said they are working with the web company and it is actively being worked on. He wanted to know if he could get a replacement trash. He wanted to know if he could buy one and the Mayor said no. Mr. Phillips asked the status of the Iona Lake Dam. Mr. Deegan said the governor signed a letter granting funding for the Iona Lake Dam.

Mr. Fred Plaskett, 532 Little Mill Road, asked about the \$250 rebate. Mr. Hegarty said it is a state program. Mr. Hegarty said there are numerous programs that seniors qualify for and he can call the office to get information.

Mrs. Pat Grundlock, Delsea Drive asked about the property next to her that has trucks going in and out all day long. Mr. Deegan said there was no Mercury on the property. Mr. Hegarty will get the owner information to her.

Motion To Close: Flaim Second: Petsch-Wilson

Committee Reports:

Mr. Doyle thanked everyone for appointing him.

Mrs. Flaim said that the library is having many programs. She thanked the library board for their presentation.

Mr. Bruno announced that the next meeting is going to be January 27th. He thanked everyone for nominating him as Mayor.

Mrs. Petsch-Wilson congratulated Cpl. Piper on his retirement. She said the calendar turned out great and thanked Carol Coulbourn and Deanna Tyciak. She welcomed Mr. Doyle and Mr. Salvatore.

Mr. Deegan attended Recreation meeting along with the Senior Citizen club. They are having a Sweet Hearts dance at Star Cross. He congratulated Mr. Doyle and Mr. Salvatore.

Motion Amending R-14-20 to change meeting date to January 27, 2020

Motion: Flaim Second: Petsch-Wilson

Roll Call:

Mr. Deegan: Yes

Mrs. Flaim: Yes

Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Yes

Mayor Bruno: Yes

Mr. Doyle: Yes

Motion to go into Closed Session: Petsch-Wilson Second: Flaim

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: 9:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Freijomil, Municipal Clerk