

**Township of Franklin  
Township Committee Meeting Minutes  
February 14, 2023**

**Call to Order:**

Time: 7:00 PM

Mr. Doyle: Present

Mr. Marsh: Present

Mrs. Flaim: Present

Mayor Bruno: Present

Mr. Keen: Present

**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.

**First Public Portion:**

Motion to Open: Flaim                      Second: Doyle

No one came forward.

Motion to Close: Flaim                      Second: Keen

All in Favor: Unanimous

Motion to Approve Correspondence and Reports

Motion: Flaim                      Second: Doyle

All in Favor: Unanimous

Motion to Approve Minutes January 24, 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 Licenses for 2023

Motion: Flaim                      Second: Doyle

All In Favor: Unanimous

Motion to Approve Raffle Licenses

Motion: Flaim                      Second: Doyle

All In Favor: Unanimous

**Motion R-49-23 Authorizing the Tax Collector to Grant Tax Exemption for a Totally Disabled Veteran**

Motion: Flaim                      Second: Doyle

Roll Call:

Mr. Doyle: Yes

Mr. Marsh: Yes

Mrs. Flaim: Yes

Mayor Bruno: Yes

Mr. Keen: Yes

**Motion R-50-23 Appointing Patricia Robinson to a Position on the Franklin Township Library Board of Trustees**

Motion: Flaim                      Second: Doyle

Roll Call:

Mr. Doyle: Yes

Mr. Marsh: Yes

Mrs. Flaim: Yes

Mayor Bruno: Yes

Mr. Keen: Yes

**Motion R-51-23 Approving the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse DMHAS Youth Leadership Grant**

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

**Motion R-52-23 Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland Counties Municipal Joint Insurance Fund Safety Contract**

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

**Motion R-53-23 Authorizing the CFO to Refund the Following Escrow Fees and Close the Following Escrow Account**

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

**Motion R-54-23 Awarding Contract to T. W. Sheehan and Associates and Steven Bartelt, for Appraisal Services for Farmland Preservation Projects in the Total Amount of \$6,950.00**

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

**Motion R-55-23 Authorizing the CFO to Refund the Following Escrow Fees and Close the Following Escrow Account**

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

**Motion R-56-23 Authorizing the CFO to Refund the Following Escrow Fees and Close the Following Escrow Account**

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

**Motion R-57-23 Appointing Sean D. Weston as a Class III School Resource Officer for the Township of Franklin Police Department**

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

**Motion R-58-23 Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Employment Agreement Between the Township of Franklin and School Resource Officer Sean D. Weston**

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

**Motion R-59-23 Authorizing the CFO to Refund the Following Escrow Fees and Close the Following Escrow Account**

Motion: Flaim                                Second: Doyle



**Motion R-R-67-23 Awarding Professional Service Contract to Monmouth Telecom For Internet Services**

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

**Introduction of the Following Ordinances: Public Hearing will be on March 14, 2023**

**Motion O-5-23 Amending Chapter 253, Land Development, and Chapter 335 Stormwater Control Within and Outside Pineland Zones of the Code of the Township of Franklin**

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

**Public Portion:**

Motion to Open: Flaim   Second: Doyle

Dave Marshall, New Road, talked about his involvement in the Township.

Leah Vassallo, 560 Delsea Drive, spoke about the Rone properties. Mr. Lyons said it was a corrective deed due to notice in 1999 done incorrectly.

Harry Kennedy, 1578 Fries Mill Road, spoke about the Rone resolution passed in December.

Chris Sayers, 148 Malaga Lake Blvd. spoke about redevelopment zone and other possible development.

Mr. Doyle explained to him that the plan is the Gloucester county sewer service plan. Its a county plan.

It also is used to determine where commercial septics are permitted in towns that don't have sewer service . There is no county septic plan . This developer was referencing getting a septic permit which is depicted on their conceptual plan.

Barbara Halpern, Harding Hwy, spoke about plan review and redevelopment.

Kevin Kelton, Nicholas Drive, would like EDC dissolved.

Barbara Halpern asked about "radical agenda"

Nancy Kennedy, 711 St. George St, spoke about EDC and also about a rental at the Community Center

Chris Sayers, spoke about his Community Center rental.

Sara Harrison spoke about the Unity Commission using the Community Center. Mrs. Flaim said they are a sanctioned Township group.

Motion To Close: Flaim   Second: Doyle

**Committee Reports:**

**Mr. Marsh spoke about the upcoming Golf Tournament.**

**Mrs. Flaim spoke about the book sale at the library. She also said the Communication Committee is working on getting event screens on the TV's in the Community Center.**

**Mr. Keen said he also attended the Communications meeting. He thanked Mr. Morris for his work. Mr. Keen said the annual Environmental report is complete.**

**Mr. Doyle said DPW has been catching up on projects. He also said more farms are being conserved and thanked the Agriculture Commission.**

**Mayor Bruno said he attended the Senior Citizens meeting. He congratulated Delsea Wrestling for winning Group 3 States.**

**Adjournment:**

Motion: Flaim   Second: Doyle  
 Time: 7:55 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Freijomil  
 Municipal Clerk