

**Township of Franklin  
Township Committee Meeting Minutes  
March 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.

Natalie Niziolek spoke about the Franklin Township library.

**First Public Portion:**

Motion to Open: Flaim            Second: Doyle

Nancy Kennedy 711 St. George St, said she is glad the redevelopment zone is on the agenda.

Chris Sayers, Malaga Lake Blvd. spoke about the redevelopment.

Jean Mangini, 12 Leonard Cake Rd, spoke about the redevelopment zone and the error on her title.

She would like to have a deed of correction completed.

Harry Kennedy, 1578 Fries Mill Road, spoke about rejecting the redevelopment zone.

Barbara Halpern, Harding Highway, is glad there may be a resolution rejecting the recommendation of the redevelopment zone.

Leah Vassallo, 560 Delsea Drive, spoke about rejecting the recommendation of the redevelopment zone.

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 February 28, 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 Solicitors Permit-Eric Krise

Motion: Flaim            Second: Doyle

All In Favor: Unanimous

Motion to Approve Farm Stand Permit

Motion: Flaim            Second: Doyle

All In Favor: Unanimous

Motion to Approve Licenses for 2023

Motion: Flaim            Second: Doyle

All In Favor: Unanimous

**Motion to Open Public Hearing on 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

All In Favor: Unanimous

**Motion to Close Public Hearing on O-5-23**

Motion: Flaim                      Second: Doyle

All In Favor: Unanimous

**Motion to Adopt 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

**Motion R-80-23 Authorizing Soliciting Proposals for An Affordable Housing Administrative Agent**

Motion: Flaim                      Second: Doyle

Roll Call:

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

**Motion R-81-23 Authorizing Mayor and/or His Designee to Execute an Employment Agreement Between the Township of Franklin and Jonathan Holroyd**

Motion: Flaim                      Second: Doyle

Roll Call:

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

**Motion R-82-23 Amending Regular Meetings of the Township Committee of the Township of franklin for the Year 2023, Authorizing and Directing the Clerk of the Township of Franklin to Post and File a Schedule of all Meetings as Required by the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975**

Motion: Flaim                      Second: Doyle

Roll Call:

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

**Motion R-83-23 Rejecting the Recommendation of the Planning Board that the Properties Identified as the Route 40 / Route 55 Interchange Be Designated as a Non Condemnation Redevelopment Area in Accordance with the Local Redevelopment And Housing Law NJSA 40A:12A-1 Et Seq.**

Motion: Flaim                      Second: Doyle

Roll Call:

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

**Mrs. Flaim said she would like to get the residents properties titles settled, keep rural character and lower taxes.**

**Motion R-84-23 Designating the Annual Salary for the Class III School Resource officers 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-85-23 Authorizing the Tax Collector and Chief Financial Officer to refund Overpayment of Taxes**

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

Margaret Duerr, is happy about the zoning and keeping the Township rural.

Harry Kennedy, 1578 Fries Mill Road, spoke about Rone's properties and Agile.

Leah Vassallo, Delsea Drive, spoke about tax abatements and redevelopment.

Nancy Kennedy, spoke about her father and his positions in the County.

Sara Patrioni, Peach Tree Drive, asked why the redevelopment was turned down.

The Committee discussed their reasons.

Scott Sweigert, Main Road, asked about the Master Plan Review. Mr. Lyons gave an overview.

Chris Sayers, Malaga Lake Drive, appreciates the resolution passed.

Barbara Halpern, thanked the Committee for the resolution being passed.

Jason Brandt, Rosemont Avenue, said the BOE is disposing of the Lake Road School.

Motion To Close: Flaim

Second: Doyle

**Committee Reports:**

**Mr. Marsh said April 29 is the golf outing.**

**Mrs. Flaim said she met with the Library Board and they are having a book sale and speaking about having a hearing loop and a new digital sign.**

**Mr. Keen said EDC met earlier this month and there was no new business. Communications Commission met and are working on the new website design.**

**Mr. Doyle said he is working with DPW and getting the parks cleaned up. Some trees were removed in town hall because they were dead.**

**Mr. Bruno talked about Little League opening day and the Easter Egg hunt.**

**Deputy Chief DeCesari has implemented new monthly training and this month is self-defense. He also spoke about the Deptford police officer who was shot in the leg last week.**

**Adjournment:**

Motion: Flaim

Second: Doyle

Time: 8:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Freijomil  
Municipal Clerk