

**Township of Franklin
Township Committee Work Session Meeting Minutes
March 26, 2019**

Call to Order:

Time: 7:00 PM

Ms. Vassallo: Absent -arrived at 7:10 PM

Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Present

Mrs. Flaim: Present

Mr. Deegan: Present

Mr. Bruno: 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.

No questions on the bill list. A resolution will be added to move Mr. Deegan from the Finance office due to his son working part time for the Township. Mayor Deegan asked about the price of the camera system. Mr. Zimmer said that the server will have to be changed for the new camera system. He said that basically the system is being built from the bottom up. The biggest cost is the server. The current system costs \$20,000 per year and is failing. Mr. Bruno asked if it could be moved from car to car. Mr. Zimmer said yes as new cars are bought, they can be moved. It has a five year warranty. The total cost is \$200,000 and the contract extends for five years.

Mrs. Brent said there may be questions about the lawsuit and no one should have a comment. Mayor Deegan wants to change the closed session to the beginning of the meeting. Mrs. Brent said from a political viewpoint the public may not have a chance to speak if they wanted to speak. Mrs. Flaim was concerned about the agenda being changed. The rest of the committee decided to leave it as it is now.

Ms. Coleman did a mock up preliminary budget. Without taking anything from surplus, there is a \$750,000 tax increase. There is a large increase in pension. Health insurance will have a small increase. Ms. Vassallo said Non salaried employees received an increase just as salaried employees did. There is 1.9 million in surplus. The housing inspection fees via vacant housing program brought in \$554,000. There was not an accelerated tax sale last year. \$48,000 is the anticipated cost for senior lunches. Budget hearings were held in the past and will be scheduled for the future. Mrs. Flaim would like Parks separated from Recreation.

Public Portion:

Motion to Open: Flaim

Second: Petsch-Wilson

Mr. Morris said he agreed with Mrs. Flaim suggestion about separating parks and recreation.

Motion To Close: Petsch-Wilson

Second: Flaim

Motion to Adjourn: Petsch-Wilson

Second: Flaim

Time: 7:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Freijomil
Municipal Clerk