

**Township of Franklin
Township Committee Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2020**

Call to Order:

Time: 7:30 PM VIA ZOOM

Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Present

Mayor Bruno: Present

Mrs. Flaim: Present

Mr. Deegan: Present

Mr. Doyle: Present

Mayor Bruno explained that the meeting is being held for the first time using Zoom teleconferencing. He explained how the meeting will proceed and how to ask a question during the public portion.

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.

Additionally in accordance with Governor Murphy's Executive Order 107 and Notice posted on the Township's website on May 7, 2020 this Meeting will be conducted via the Zoom application. If you are using a computer, click on participants and then choose raise hands. If you are using your phone, click on Star and then 9. We will unmute you and you can ask your questions.

First Public Portion:

Motion to Open: Flaim Second: Deegan

No one came forward.

Motion to Close: Flaim Second: Deegan

All in Favor: Unanimous

Motion to Approve Correspondence and Reports

Motion: Flaim Second: Deegan

All in Favor: Unanimous

Motion to Approve Minutes April 28, 2020

Motion: Flaim Second: Deegan

Roll Call:

Mr. Deegan: Yes Mrs. Flaim: Yes

Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Yes Mayor Bruno: Yes

Mr. Doyle: Yes

Motion to Approve Bill List

Motion: Flaim Second: Deegan

Roll Call:

Mr. Deegan: Yes Mrs. Flaim: Yes

Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Yes Mayor Bruno: Yes

Mr. Doyle: Yes

John Salvatore gave the Administrator's Report.

Motion R-87-20 Appointing Contact Person for the Employment Practices Liability Attorney Consultation Service

Motion: Flaim Second: Deegan

Roll Call:

Mr. Deegan: Yes Mrs. Flaim: Yes

Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Yes Mayor Bruno: Yes

Mr. Doyle: Yes

Motion R-88-20 Authorizing the Tax Collector and Chief Financial Officer to Refund Overpayment of Taxes

Motion: Flaim Second: Deegan

Roll Call:

Mr. Deegan: Yes Mrs. Flaim: Yes

Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Yes Mayor Bruno: Yes

Mr. Doyle: Yes

Motion R-89-20 Authorizing the Mayor To Execute A Settlement Agreement in the Matter of Coleman v. Franklin Township

Motion: Flaim Second: Deegan
Roll Call:
Mr. Deegan: No Mrs. Flaim: Yes
Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Yes Mayor Bruno: Yes
Mr. Doyle: No

Motion R-90-20 Authorizing CME Associates to Bid for the Completion of Piney Hollow Preservation Trail Improvements

Motion: Flaim Second: Deegan
Roll Call:
Mr. Deegan: Yes Mrs. Flaim: Yes
Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Yes Mayor Bruno: Yes
Mr. Doyle: Yes

Motion R-91-20 Authorizing an Emergency Temporary Budget

Motion: Flaim Second: Deegan
Roll Call:
Mr. Deegan: Yes Mrs. Flaim: Yes
Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Yes Mayor Bruno: Yes
Mr. Doyle: Yes

Motion R-92-20 Appointing Bond Counsel – Greiner

Motion: Flaim Second: Deegan
Roll Call:
Mr. Deegan: Yes Mrs. Flaim: Yes
Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Yes Mayor Bruno: Yes
Mr. Doyle: Yes

Motion to Introduce O-7-20 Capital Ordinance Providing for Various Improvements to Township Facilities and Roadways and the The Acquisition of Equipment for the Department of Public Works by and in the Township of Franklin and Appropriating \$65,000 Therefor from the Capital Improvement Fund

Motion: Flaim Second: Deegan
Roll Call:
Mr. Deegan: Yes Mrs. Flaim: Yes
Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Yes Mayor Bruno: Yes
Mr. Doyle: Yes

Motion to Open Second Public Portion: Flaim Second: Deegan

Marcia Bolinsky, Grant Avenue, asked about the bond being introduced. Mr. Salvatore explained that this is re-appropriating an old bond and no new money is being spent. Ms. Bolinsky also asked about the settlement of an OPRA case. Mr. Armano explained that an OPRA was requested and all the information was sent but a judge in Salem County agreed with the plaintiff.

Renee Pistilli Leopardi, E Grant Avenue, wanted to know if a member of a commission who is a volunteer can approve leave for an employee. Mr. Armano said that the Committee makes all decisions. She said that if an employee does not request off, it is abandonment of job. She said that an employee who is not coming into Town Hall filed a lawsuit against her during work. She is filing a verbal formal complaint. Ms. Leopardi asked if recycling was getting better. Mayor Bruno said yes but the fees are still high. Ms. Leopardi said that there are housing trust grants that the Township can obtain. Mrs. Flaim inquired as to how the program works. The Township will look into it.

Motion To Close: Flaim Second: Deegan

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion: Flaim Second: Deegan
Time: 8:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Freijomil, Municipal Clerk