

**Township of Franklin
Township Committee Meeting Minutes
May 23, 2023**

Call to Order:

Time: 7:00 PM

Mr. Doyle: Absent

Mr. Marsh: Present

Mrs. Flaim: Present

Mayor Bruno: Absent

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.

Committeeman Michael Marsh swore in each officer who were surrounded by their families.

Motion R-116-23 Appointing Stephen Casamassima to the Position of Sergeant in the Franklin Township Police Department

Motion: Marsh

Second: Keen

Roll Call:

Mr. Doyle: Absent

Mr. Marsh: Yes

Mrs. Flaim: Yes

Mayor Bruno: Absent

Mr. Keen: Yes

Motion R-117-23 Appointing Joshua Fennimore to the Position of Corporal in the Franklin Township Police Department

Motion: Marsh

Second: Keen

Roll Call:

Mr. Doyle: Absent

Mr. Marsh: Yes

Mrs. Flaim: Yes

Mayor Bruno: Absent

Mr. Keen: Yes

Motion R-118-23 Appointing Louis Davey to the Position of Corporal in the Franklin Township Police Department

Motion: Marsh

Second: Keen

Roll Call:

Mr. Doyle: Absent

Mr. Marsh: Yes

Mrs. Flaim: Yes

Mayor Bruno: Absent

Mr. Keen: Yes

Motion R-119-23 Appointing Michael Guzman to the Position of Corporal in the Franklin Township Police Department

Motion: Marsh

Second: Keen

Roll Call:

Mr. Doyle: Absent

Mr. Marsh: Yes

Mrs. Flaim: Yes

Mayor Bruno: Absent

Mr. Keen: Yes

Motion R-120-23 Appointing Joseph Biener to the Position of Corporal in the Franklin Township Police Department

Motion: Marsh

Second: Keen

Roll Call:

Mr. Doyle: Absent

Mr. Marsh: Yes

Mrs. Flaim: Yes

Mayor Bruno: Absent

Mr. Keen: Yes

Motion R-121-23 Appointing Nicholas Locilento to the Position of Corporal in the Franklin Township Police Department

Motion: Marsh

Second: Keen

Roll Call:

Mr. Doyle: Absent

Mr. Marsh: Yes

Mrs. Flaim: Yes Mayor Bruno: Absent

Mr. Keen: Yes

Public Hearing on the Following:

Motion to Open Public Hearing on O-8-23 Model Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank

Motion: Marsh Second: Keen

All in Favor: Unanimous

Motion to Close Public Hearing on O-8-23

Motion: Marsh Second: Keen

All in Favor: Unanimous

Motion to Adopt O-8-23 Model Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank

Motion: Marsh Second: Keen

Roll Call:

Mr. Doyle: Absent Mr. Marsh: Yes

Mrs. Flaim: Yes Mayor Bruno: Absent

Mr. Keen: Yes

First Public Portion:

Motion: Marsh Second: Keen

No one came forward.

Motion to Close: Marsh Second: Keen

All in Favor: Unanimous

Motion to Approve Correspondence and Reports

Motion: Marsh Second: Keen

All in Favor: Unanimous

Motion to Approve Minutes May 9, 2023

Motion: Marsh Second: Keen

All In Favor: Unanimous

Motion to Approve Bill List

Motion: Marsh Second: Keen

Roll Call:

Mr. Doyle: Absent Mr. Marsh: Yes

Mrs. Flaim: Yes Mayor Bruno: Absent

Mr. Keen: Yes

Motion to Approve Raffle:

Motion: Marsh Second: Keen

All in Favor: Unanimous

Motion to Approve Mobile Food License

Motion: Marsh Second: Keen

All in Favor: Unanimous

Motion to Approve Farm Stand

Motion: Marsh Second: Keen

All in Favor: Unanimous

Motion R-112-23 Authorizing the Tax Collector to Prepare and Mail Estimated Third Quarter Tax Bills in Accordance with P.L. 1994, C72

Motion: Marsh Second: Keen

Roll Call:

Mr. Doyle: Absent Mr. Marsh: Yes

Mrs. Flaim: Yes Mayor Bruno: Absent

Mr. Keen: Yes

Motion to R-113-23 Authorizing the Tax Collector and Chief Financial Officer to Refund Taxes Paid in Error

Motion: Marsh Second: Keen

Roll Call:

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

Motion to R-114-23 Acknowledging Directing Township Administrator to Complete and Submit an Application for Consideration of a FY 2023 CDBG Public Facilities & Infrastructure Grant-Gloucester County

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

Motion to R-115-23 Authorizing the Tax Collector and Chief Financial Officer to Refund Taxes Paid in Error

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

Public Portion:

Motion: Marsh Second: Keen
Dave Marshall, New Road, asked about Dollar General cleanup and spoke about transparency in Governmet.
Leah Vassallo, 560 Delsea Drive, spoke about attendance at meetings, farming, and solar panels.
Harry Kennedy, 1578 Fries Mill Road, spoke about litigation and the zoning board. Committeewoman Flaim asked Mr. Finley to see if there was a vote in the Zoning Board meeting.
Nancy Kennedy, St. George St, spoke about transparency and showing up.
Motion: Marsh Second: Keen

Committee Reports:

Deputy Chief DeCesari thanked the Committee for promoting the officers tonight. He also said Click it or Ticket it was ongoing and Youth Police Week will begin on June 19.
DPW Director Brian Nicholson said the DPW has finished brush pick up, working on potholes and has been having stormwater meetings with CME. He has been working on the Capital Plan with Committeeman Doyle. He thanked DPW for stepping up and doing an excellent job. Mrs. Flaim thanked Mr. Nicholson.
Mr. Keen said environmental commission met and reviewed application. They made comments to the Planning Board and Zoning Board and hopes they will take their recommendations under advisement.
Mr. Marsh congratulated the promoted officers and said the entire Police Department does an excellent job.
Mrs. Flaim congratulated the Police officers and wants the public to thank them. She thanked the JROTC for their help during the rainy shredding event. She reminded everyone to Remember the fallen on this Memorial Day Weekend and always.

Adjournment:

Motion: Marsh Second: Keen
Time: 7:58 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Freijomil
Municipal Clerk