

**Township of Franklin
Township Committee Meeting Minutes
June 13, 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, Franklin Township Library spoke about the reading programs the library will be offering.

First Public Portion:

Motion: Flaim

Second: Doyle

Chris Sayers, 148 Malaga Lake Blvd, spoke about the land sale. Administrator Finley answered his questions about the properties.

Barbara Halpern, Harding Hwy asked about the land sale and one that is on the ROSI list.

Barbara Doherty, Clearfield Avenue, spoke about the Williamstown Road repaving.

Harry Kennedy, 1578 Fries Mill Road, spoke about naming a recycling coordinator and her hours and pay. He also spoke about the land sale.

Jason Brandt, Rosemont Avenue, said the language is standard as to accept or reject all bids in all land sale resolutions.

Leah Vassallo, 560 Delsea Drive, spoke about the land sale terms.

Nancy Kennedy, St George St spoke about the land sale.

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 May 23, 2023

Motion: Flaim

Second: Doyle

All In Favor: Unanimous abstain Doyle and Bruno

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 Solicitor's Permit

Motion: Flaim

Second: Doyle

All in Favor: Unanimous

Motion R-123-23 Authorizing the Township of Franklin Administrator to Sign Completed Collective Bargaining Agreement with the NJ State Policemen's Benevolent Association Local 122 (Patrol Officers and Corporals)

Motion: Flaim

Second: Doyle

Roll Call:

Mr. Doyle: Yes

Mr. Marsh: Yes

Mrs. Flaim: Yes

Mayor Bruno: Yes

Mr. Keen: Yes

Motion to R-132-23 Approving the Purchase of a Development Easement on the Farm Property of Andrew M. Bellone Jr and Thomas L Bellone Known as Block 6805 Lots 4.01 and 6

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

Motion to R-133-23 Approving the Purchase of a Development Easement on the Farm Property of Phillip A Danko Known as Block 6805 Lot 3

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

Motion to R-134-23 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 to R-135-23 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

Motion to R-136-23 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

Motion to R-137-23 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

Motion to R-138-23 Resolution to Read Budget by Title Only

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

Motion to R-139-23 Introduction of Franklin Township Municipal Budget

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

Motion to R-140-23 Authorizing Part-Time Hire of C. Delaney for Police Department Records

Motion: Flaim Second: Doyle

Roll Call:

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

Motion to R-141-23 Authorizing Part-Time Hire of L. Wirtz as Administrative Intern – Joint MC

Motion: Flaim Second: Doyle

Roll Call:

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

Motion to R-142-23 Authorizing National Night Out – Bounce House Entertainment

Motion: Flaim Second: Doyle

Roll Call:

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

Motion to R-143-23 NJ State OSC CAP Completed Internal Review

Motion: Flaim Second: Doyle

Roll Call:

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

Motion to R-144-23 Authorizing National Night Out – Fireworks Display

Motion: Flaim Second: Doyle

Roll Call:

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

Motion to Remove Block 3312 Lot 8 from the Land Sale List

Motion: Flaim Second Doyle

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

Motion to R-145-23 Authorizing Sale of Surplus Township Owned Property by Auction

Motion: Flaim Second: Doyle

Roll Call:

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

Motion to R-146-23 Authorizing the Tax Collector and Chief Financial Officer to Refund of Overpayment of Taxes

Motion: Flaim Second: Doyle

Roll Call:

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

Motion to R-147-23 Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Williamstown Road Improvements Project

Motion: Flaim Second: Doyle

Roll Call:

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

Motion to R-148-23 Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Williamstown Road Improvements Project

Motion: Flaim Second: Doyle

Roll Call:

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

Motion to Introduce the Following Ordinance:

O-9-23 Ordinance By The Franklin Township Committee Amending The Franklin Township Code Of Ordinances To Chapter 226, Sections 1-18; To Adopt A New Chapter 226, Sections 101 To 1001.6; To Adopt Flood Hazard Maps; To Designate A Floodplain Administrator; And Providing For Severability And An Effective Date

Motion Flaim Second: Doyle

All in Favor: Unanimous

Motion to Go into Closed Session per R-128-23

Motion: Flaim Second: Keen

All in Favor: Unanimous

Motion to Close Closed Session and Reopen Regular Meeting

Motion Flaim Second: Doyle

All in Favor: Unanimous

Motion to 149-23 Imposing Employee Discipline in Accordance with Recommendation of Hearing Officer

Motion: Flaim Second: Doyle

Roll Call:

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

Public Portion:

Motion: Flaim Second: Doyle

Ralph Travaglione, Marshall Mill Road, spoke about the Committees commitment to preserving farmland.

Karen Shover, spoke about the air conditioning in the library. Mr. Finley spoke about the capital improvements.

Dave Marshall, New Road, spoke about the Dollar Store. Mr. Doyle said he went in the back and the fence was missing sections. Mr. Finley will go out tomorrow.

Barbara Halpern, Harding Hwy, spoke about building on the lots up for land sale. She also spoke about cannabis.

Nancy Kennedy, 711 St. George St, spoke about a letter regarding redevelopment and OPRA requests for bills.

Leah Vassallo, Delsea Drive, spoke about a letter regarding the redevelopment and the solar farms.

Cindy Merckx, Oak Avenue, spoke about the Zoning Board closed session. Mr. Madden spoke in generalities about closed sessions.

Harry Kennedy, 1578 Fries Mill Road, said actions must voted in public.

Barbara Doherty, Clearfield Avenue, spoke about solar fields.

Chris Sayers, spoke about marijuana facilities in the township.

Motion: Flaim Second: Doyle

Committee Reports:

Mr. Keen said the website redesign is almost finished. He thanked the residents to come out.

Mr. Doyle had no comment.

Mr. Marsh said an officer Rambone saved a life on his way into work. Mr. Finley and Deputy Chief DeCesari sent the officers for tourniquet training prior to this accident.

Mrs. Flaim said Police Youth Week is coming up soon.

Mr. Nicholson said the DEP grant is going towards stormwater GIS mapping. A software plan is going to be bought to get this process complete. Lacey Rae is going out to bid.

Mr. Finley gave Dep. Chief DeCesari's report for the month. National Night Out is Aug. 1.

Adjournment:

Motion: Flaim Second: Doyle

Time: 8:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Freijomil
Municipal Clerk