

**Township of Franklin
Township Committee Work Session Meeting Minutes
August 27, 2019**

Call to Order:

Time: 7:00 PM

Ms. Vassallo: Absent Arrived at 7:02 PM

Mrs. Petsch-Wilson: Present

Mrs. Flaim: Present

Mr. Deegan: Present

Mr. Bruno: Present

Mrs. Brent: 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.

Bill List: No Questions

ROSI: Recommend seven properties be added to the list. The resolution for the audit will be held until it is determined that the auditor received the fixed asset inventory for 2017.

Land Sale: Mr. Armano explained that how land sales can be conducted. They are either open sale like an auction or Private sale to contiguous owners. The private sale would be at fair market value. Ms. Vassallo asked about the minimum size of lots in Malaga and she feels they should be vacated into buildable lots to sell. The streets should be vacated and then conduct an open sale which would produce a greater value. There have been numerous inquiries about selling spot lots. Mayor Deegan asked the Committee what their thoughts were. Mr. Armano said that a list would have to be compiled and he would report back to the Committee. The Planning Board recommended the vacation of the streets. Questions were asked by Mayor. Deegan if the properties contiguous would have to be offered it to the adjacent owner. Mr. Armano will double check on it.

Communications Commission would like a videographer. The videographer will be a tremendous help to the Commission. An ad has been given to Ms. Brent. It will be discussed in closed session. Farmland Facilitator, Herb Wegner, resigned effective August 31, 2019. The SJ Clean Water Trust has a facilitator who used to work for the County and was recommended by the Agriculture board. Mr. Armano has looked at the contract and made a few changes. The Trust agreed to the changes. Ms. Brent asked if she got the contract and Mr. Deegan said he yes it was sent by email. Ms. Vassallo said she was concerned about hiring another person while Mr. Wegner may not have wanted to retire. Mr. Deegan said he is a contractor and not an employee. Mr. Bruno said he was at the meeting and Mr. Travaglione said he is not doing a detailed job and applications are being rejected from the State. Ms. Flaim asked if he was an employee or vendor. He is a vendor. Mr. Armano read the email from Mr. Wegner. Ms. McCarthy said he had a contract from twelve years ago. Ms. McCarthy said the errors were being corrected by the Ag Board and the state was complaining about them.

Public Portion:

Motion to Open: Petsch-Wilson

Second: Flaim

No Comments.

Motion to Adjourn: Petsch-Wilson

Second: Flaim

Time: 7:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Freijomil Municipal Clerk