

**Township of Franklin
Township Committee Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2023**

Call to Order:

Time: 7:00 PM

Mr. Doyle: Present

Mrs. Flaim: Absent

Mr. Keen: Present

Mr. Marsh: Present

Mayor Bruno: 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.

Motion to R-211-23 Appointing Cody Elliot to the Position of Police Officer (5th Class) in the Franklin Township Police Department

Motion: Doyle

Second: Marsh

Roll Call:

Mr. Doyle: Yes

Mrs. Flaim: Absent

Mr. Keen: Yes

Mr. Marsh: Yes

Mayor Bruno: Yes

Motion to R-212-23 Appointing Tyler Kiszewski to the Position of Police Officer (1st Class) in the Franklin Township Police Department

Motion: Doyle

Second: Marsh

Roll Call:

Mr. Doyle: Yes

Mrs. Flaim: Absent

Mr. Keen: Yes

Mr. Marsh: Yes

Mayor Bruno: Yes

Motion to R-213-23 Appointing Mason Tessier to the Position of Police Officer (1st Class) in the Franklin Township Police Department

Motion: Doyle

Second: Marsh

Roll Call:

Mr. Doyle: Yes

Mrs. Flaim: Absent

Mr. Keen: Yes

Mr. Marsh: Yes

Mayor Bruno: Yes

Motion to R-214-23 Appointing David Polistina to the Position of Full Time SLEO Police Officer in the Franklin Township Police Department

Motion: Doyle

Second: Marsh

Roll Call:

Mr. Doyle: Yes

Mrs. Flaim: Absent

Mr. Keen: Yes

Mr. Marsh: Yes

Mayor Bruno: Yes

First Public Portion:

Motion: Doyle

Second: Marsh

1. Cindy Merckx: R-201-23; Audit report questions; Street Vacation Ordinance
2. Leah Vassallo: R-207-23; Street Vacation Ordinance
3. Harry Kennedy: Audit; Cash from Zoning Board Engineers to Dave Deegan – failure to report.
4. Barbara Halpern: Seaville Fuels; Carmen Avenue lots; Open Space Fund Balance; Piney Hollow and Malaga Lake Park
5. Jason Brandt: Street Vacation Ordinance
6. Chris & Nancy Jones: Autumn Drive Incident – Thanks to PD

Motion to Close: Doyle

All in Favor: Unanimous

Second: Marsh

Motion to Approve Correspondence and Reports

Motion: Doyle Second: Marsh

All in Favor: Unanimous

Motion to Approve Minutes August 8, 2023

Motion: Doyle Second: Marsh

All In Favor: Unanimous

Motion to Approve Bill List

Motion: Doyle Second: Marsh

Roll Call:

Mr. Doyle: Yes Mr. Marsh: Yes

Mrs. Flaim: Absent Mayor Bruno: Yes

Mr. Keen: Yes

Motion to Approve Raffle License

Motion: Doyle Second: Marsh

Roll Call:

Mr. Doyle: Yes Mr. Marsh: Yes

Mrs. Flaim: Absent Mayor Bruno: Yes

Mr. Keen: Yes

Motion to R-199-23 Authorizing a Fireworks Display by Pyrotechnico for Franklin Township Community Day

Motion: Doyle Second: Marsh

Roll Call:

Mr. Doyle: Yes Mr. Marsh: Yes

Mrs. Flaim: Absent Mayor Bruno: Yes

Mr. Keen: Yes

Motion to R-200-23 Authorizing the Execution of a Commodity Resale Agreement with the County of Gloucester

Motion: Doyle Second: Marsh

Roll Call:

Mr. Doyle: Yes Mr. Marsh: Yes

Mrs. Flaim: Absent Mayor Bruno: Yes

Mr. Keen: Yes

Motion to R-201-23 Awarding Contract to Neri's Construction in Connection with the Lacey Rae Drive Basin Mitigation Project in the Township of Franklin

Motion: Doyle Second: Marsh

Roll Call:

Mr. Doyle: Yes Mr. Marsh: Yes

Mrs. Flaim: Absent Mayor Bruno: Yes

Mr. Keen: Yes

Motion to R-202-23 Acknowledging and Directing Township Administrator to Transfer Title From Franklin Township Patrol Vehicle 1120 To Franklinville Board of Fire Commissioners for \$1800

Motion: Doyle Second: Marsh

Roll Call:

Mr. Doyle: Yes Mr. Marsh: Yes

Mrs. Flaim: Absent Mayor Bruno: Yes

Mr. Keen: Yes

Motion to R-203-23 Acknowledging And Directing Township Administrator To Transfer Title From Franklin Township Patrol Vehicle 1108 To Franklinville Board Of Fire Commissioners For \$1

Motion: Doyle Second: Marsh

Roll Call:

Mr. Doyle: Yes Mr. Marsh: Yes

Mrs. Flaim: Absent Mayor Bruno: Yes

Mr. Keen: Yes

Motion To R-204-23 Acknowledging And Directing Township Administrator To Complete And Submit An Application For Consideration Of A HDSRF (Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund) Grant – Carmen Avenue Properties

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

Motion to R-205-23 Acknowledging And Directing Township Administrator To Complete And Submit An Application For Consideration Of A HDSRF (Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund) Grant – 724 Delsea Drive (USA Gas)

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

Motion to R-206-23 Returning Luici Wirtz to Part-Time Administrative Intern for Township of Franklin Joint Municipal Court

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

Motion to R-207-23 Authorizing a Refund to Vision Solar LLC

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

Motion to R-208-23 Approving Governor’s Council On Alcoholism And Drug Abuse Fiscal YR 25

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

Motion to R-209-23 Certifying and Accepting the Annual Audit

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

Motion to R-210-23 Rescinding Petty Cash Funds

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

Motion to R-215-23 Granting Junkyard License Renewals

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

Motion R-216-23 Authorizing The Tax Collector And Chief Financial Officer To Refund Overpayment Of Taxes

Motion: Doyle Second: Marsh
 Roll Call:

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

Motion R-217-23 Amending R-137-2023 Authorizing The Tax Collector And Chief Financial Officer To Refund Overpayment Of Taxes

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

Motion R-218-23 Authorizing The Tax Collector To Grant Tax Exemption For A Totally Disabled Veteran

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

Motion to Table Ordinance O-17-23 Amending the Established Requirements for Chapter 339 Entitled: Street Vacation Requests in the Township of Franklin

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

Public Portion:

Motion: Doyle Second: Marsh

1. Chris Sayers: Meredith Farms; EDC Meeting; Comments made by J. Keen concerning J. Bruno and M. Finley Amendments to Meredith Farms Contract
2. Harry Kennedy: EDC Statements J Keen; OPRA case with Daughter; Rosemary supplied emails which don't match OPRA responses; Redevelopment Projects going through M. Finley
3. Dave Marshall: New Dollar Store – Main & Harding Highway; Dollar Store New Road
4. Renee Leopardi: Meredith Farms
5. Mr. Reichman: Tabled COAH Timeline; M. Lyons Discussion of extension until 12/31/23

Motion to Close:

Motion: Doyle Second: Marsh

Committee Reports:

Adjournment:

Motion: Doyle Second: Marsh
Time: 8:38PM

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Finley
Township Administrator