

REGULAR MEETING

The Franklin Township Committee held its regular monthly meeting at approximately 7:05 pm on Monday, June 2, 2014. Mayor Bonnie Butler opened the meeting in accordance with the "Open Public Meeting Act" Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 having been duly advertised and a copy posted in the office of the Township Clerk.

Following the flag salute a roll call of committee members present.

ROLL CALL OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Bonnie Butler, Jeff DeAngelis, Jacob Pence, Mike Toretta, Joe Flynn (joined meeting at 7:17 pm). (5) Present

Present were: Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk, Kevin Benbrook, Municipal Attorney, Mike Finelli, Municipal Engineer, Raymond Read, OEM, Ronald Read, DPW Foreman, Roger Bulava, Recycling, Jim Onembo, Zoning/Code Enforcement

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes:

The Regular Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2014 were accepted on motion by Jacob Pence, and seconded by Bonnie Butler; Committeeman DeAngelis and Toretta Abstained, Committeeman Flynn was Absent. (2) Yes, Mayor Butler and Committeeman Pence.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolutions:

The following Resolution was presented for first reading and adoption:

RESOLUTION 2014-51

**CANCELING OLD OUTSTANDING CHECKS ON THE
CURRENT FUND OPERATING ACCOUNT OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN**

WHEREAS, several old checks remain outstanding on the Current Fund Operating Account - Township of Franklin, and

WHEREAS, formal action is needed to cancel these checks.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to cancel the following outstanding checks:

Current Fund Operating Account:

<u>Check #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
7434	136.09
7594	85.17
7595	613.12
7596	49.99
7597	85.22
7598	46.61
7599	171.62
7635	4.70
7636	91.99
8720	338.00
8709	130.52
Total	<u>1,756.03</u>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Certified Copy of this Resolution be provided by the Municipal Clerk to the Chief Financial Officer.

On motion by Mike Toretta and seconded by Jacob Pence the aforementioned **Resolution 2014-51** be adopted as read.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstained
Jacob Pence	X		
Jeffrey DeAngelis	X		
Joe Flynn			X
Michael Toretta	X		
Mayor Bonnie Butler	X	(4) Yes (0) No (1) Absent	Motion Carried

Dated: June 2, 2014

Certification

I, Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Franklin, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and exact copy adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin on June 2, 2014.

Denise L. Becton, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk

The following Resolution was presented for first reading and adoption:

RESOLUTION 2014-53

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, has received applications for the renewal of liquor licenses; and

WHEREAS, each application for renewal was accompanied by the following fees: Plenary Retail Consumption \$826.80 Plenary Retail Distribution \$609.60, and Club License \$63.00; and

WHEREAS, each application was also accompanied by a \$200.00 check payable to the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control; and

WHEREAS, the following submitted Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor License retail applications;

Wedgewood Inn, LLC, 2165 Rt. 57, Broadway, NJ, 08808
License# 2105-33-001-004

Playmakers Sports Bar & Grill, LLC, 2537 Rt. 57, Stewartsville, NJ,
License# 2105-33-003-011

WHEREAS, the following submitted a Plenary Retail Distribution License renewal application;

Village Discount Liquors, LLC; 2299 Rt. 57, Broadway, NJ,
License# 2105-44-004-003;

WHEREAS, the following Club License was submitted for license renewal.

Warren County Rod & Gun Club No. 1, 279 Bloomsbury Rd., Asbury, NJ,
License# 2105-31-006-001

WHEREAS, the applicants for renewals have provided proof of tax clearance as issued by the New Jersey Division of Taxation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren and State of New Jersey, that the applications received for Plenary Retail Consumption, Plenary Retail Distribution and Club License have been duly inspected and

that all appropriate documentation and fees have been submitted along with said applications and as such, the licensee applications are deemed complete and renewals of the same are hereby granted and that aforementioned liquor licenses for the year July 1st 2014 to June 30th 2015 be accepted and approved for issue

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Municipality is directed to execute the license certificates and deliver the same on behalf of the Township of Franklin.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

The within **Resolution 2014-53** was moved by Committeeperson Jeff DeAngelis and seconded by Committeeperson Bonnie Butler and upon roll call vote was passed.

Roll Call Vote:	Yes	No	Absent/Abstained
Jacob Pence	X		
Jeff DeAngelis	X		
Joe Flynn			X
Michael Toretta	X		
Mayor Bonnie Butler	X		
(4) Yes (0) No (1) Absent Motion carried			

Dated: June 2, 2014

CERTIFICATION

Certification: I, Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the resolution adopted by the Franklin Township Committee on Monday, June 2, 2014.

Denise L. Becton, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk

Discussions/Approvals:

Kober’s Junkyard Renewal License, June 30, 2014 – June 30, 2015. Committeeman Toretta visited the site and spoke with Mr. Kober, the business is only part-time and the EPA gave them a clean bill of health. Committeeman Toretta recommends that we extend the license to be renewed accordingly.

The within renewal was moved by Committeeperson Jeff DeAngelis and seconded by Committeeperson Mike Toretta and upon roll call vote was passed.

Roll Call Vote:	Yes	No	Absent/Abstained
Jacob Pence	X		
Jeff DeAngelis	X		
Joe Flynn			X
Michael Toretta	X		
Mayor Bonnie Butler	X		
(4) Yes (0) No (1) Absent Motion carried			

Office Computers Upgrade Quotes – Committeeman DeAngelis reported that our computers are running on an old system. This upgrade will give us capability as a disaster backup with laptops for the Municipal Clerk and Community Center. Eddy will be able to manage the backroom from off site. Mayor Butler spoke with our CFO and there is money in Capital to purchase (2) Laptops \$1500 each plus shipping and (1) Desktop for our Tax Collector and (1) for Construction Code at \$1353 each plus shipping. Additional fees for accessories as per quote provided. Committeeman DeAngelis will coordinate this with our IT Technician, Jean Paul Reece to move forward.

On motion by Bonnie Butler and seconded by Jacob Pence not to exceed \$7500, out of Capital, to purchase computers and upon roll call, vote was passed.

Roll Call Vote:	Yes	No	Absent/Abstained
Jacob Pence	X		
Jeff DeAngelis	X		
Joe Flynn			X
Michael Toretta	X		
Mayor Bonnie Butler	X	(4) Yes (0) No (1) Abstained	Motion carried

Let the record reflect that Committeeman Flynn joined the meeting at 7:17 pm.

Mayor Butler attended a school assembly at the Franklin Township School and learned that Betsy Ames has been a school board member for 45 plus years.

The following Proclamation for Betsy Ames was created:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, it has come to the Franklin Township Committee's attention that Elizabeth Ames has 45 continuous years as a Franklin Township School Board Member, and

WHEREAS, the Franklin Township Committee wishes to honor her for past and present contributions as she continues to play a vital role in our township, and particularly in the Franklin Township School, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Mayor Bonnie Butler, Ph.D., of the Township of Franklin, Warren County, New Jersey and the Franklin Township Committee, hereby recognize Elizabeth Ames for her services on the School Board as well as her accomplishment to become a Master Board Member.

The aforementioned **Proclamation** be adopted by unanimous vote.

I, Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk, for the Township of Franklin, Warren County, NJ, hereby certify that this is a true copy of a Proclamation adopted by the Franklin Township Committee, June 2, 2014.

Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk

Dated: June 2, 2014

REPORTS/UPDATES;

Attorney Report – Report on File

Attorney Kevin Benbrook updated the committee as to a few cases he is working on this past month including an update to the Bankruptcy Court Matter, Franklin Township vs. Giuliano, this might be going to mediation, not sure if this a valid claim for reimbursement. Tax Appeals this year have been quiet, dealing with Eloise on a few matters for judgment decisions. Comcast Franchise Renewal trying to remedy there should be 100% cable coverage in the township, some issues in certain areas as well as free service at the road garage.

Engineer Report – Report on File

Mr. Finelli briefed the committee as to the following:

Good Springs Road – A discussion ensued as to this project for 2014 NJDOT Trust Fund, Mayor Butler will contact our Bond Counsel and CFO for further direction.

1. Good Springs Road, Section II

- At the May Township Committee Meeting, the Committee awarded the contract for the guiderail work to Ficor, Inc. in conjunction with the Township's attempt to both complete the project and close out the grant in order to secure the final reimbursement due the Township. As of the date of this report, the guiderail has not been installed, but we have been told that the work is slated to commence on or about June 4th, 2014 with the hopeful completion date of June 6th, 2014. Immediately after completion of the guiderail our office will move forward to close out the grant with the NJDOT, enabling the Township to secure their final reimbursement in the amount of \$38,241.25.

2. 2014 NJDOT Trust Fund Program

- I am pleased to report that the Township was successful in receiving another grant through this program. Notice was recently received that the Township was awarded a grant in the amount of \$115,000. for the final section of Good Springs Road. We will need to discuss this project at the June 2nd, 2014 Committee Meeting relative to the Township's desire to attempt to have this project completed during 2014 or wait until 2015. I will be prepared to discuss both options with the Township, including the budget ramifications.

New Jersey State Police

Trooper Kaiser attending this meeting advised they will start performing cell phone and seatbelt checks here along Route 57. Committeeman Toretta inquired if patrols can be stepped up on Asbury Broadway Road once the construction project on the bridge on Rt. 57 in Broadway begins, as this should increase the traffic on that road.

Roger Bulava – Recycling

Mr. Bulava informed the committee that Spring Clean Up will be June 14th. This Thursday, attending a meeting for solid waste negotiations, Rotunda asking to expand their license to include tree stumps.

Jim Onembo – Code Enforcement/Zoning

Mr. Onembo reported that construction is strong in the township at this time. Addressing signs posted around the township, trying to keep them at a minimum. Spoke with Engineer Finelli as to a drainage concern in the area of Third Street, matter does not require further attention. Foreclosures in the township who/how they will be maintained.

DPW REPORT – Report on File

Mr. Read discussed the following with the committee:

1. Various signs on Asbury Broadway need to be replaced, county is responsible for them due to being a county road, however, the “No Hunting Sign” near the Franklin School is our sign to replace.
2. Snow Plow Sign in front of the road garage needs to be re-painted. Roger Bulava suggested our Clean Communities Funds can be used if we place on this sign a logo such as “Clean Agricultural Community”. Mr. Bulava will submit the appropriate paperwork to our CFO after Foreman Read gets paperwork to him.
3. Equipment Contract with Washington Borough and Township, Attorney Benbrook to write a letter to all parties informing Franklin Township will keep the paver in their possession.

Committeeman DeAngelis informed Foreman Read as to requests to paint a yellow line on Bryan Road, on the “S” curve.

Open Space Report:

No one present at meeting.

Franklin Township Youth Association:

Mr. Schlessinger addressed the committee if they had time to review the figures for field maintenance. Open Space Funds can be used for Asbury Fields but not at the Franklin School. Concession Stand in Asbury a concern as to the generator, as it was stolen last year and since replaced, possible to hook up electric to the stand, JCP&L will have to evaluate this. Soil samples will be submitted this week by Committeeman Flynn.

Rescue Squad – Chief Karen Chiu

Chief Chiu reported that the rescue squad had a good time at the 175th Anniversary Celebration and sold some cookbooks too.

OEM REPORT – Raymond Read

Mr. Read reported that the generator grant is 98% complete. ISO inspection is complete for the town and should receive a report with in 30 days.

Township Committee Reports:

Jeff DeAngelis

Committeeman DeAngelis reported that our insurance premium this year is \$1400 less than last year.

Jacob Pence

Nothing further to report

Michael Toretta

Nothing further to report

Joe Flynn

Deputy Mayor Flynn extended how grateful the Historical Commission was for the support of the township committee with the Township’s 175th Anniversary Celebration.

Bonnie Butler, Mayor

Mayor Butler, kudos, to Brenda Higgins and the Historical Commission, great job with limited resources with the Township’s 175th Anniversary Celebration. A Joint Legislative Resolution by Senator Doherty and Assemblymen DiMaio and Petersen, presented to the township. The mayor also informed, after speaking with our Tax Assessor, the two new group homes in our township do not pay taxes. Will request a 6 month summary of fees from the Construction Office for next month’s meeting. After a recent Sprinkler System Inspection, SA Communale emailed to us quotes addressing service follow ups that were noted during the recent inspection, to perform a 5 year Internal Piping Inspection at a cost of \$1198 and a 3 year Air Test at a cost of \$488, will confer with Construction Official on this.

Matt Eagleberger, Franklin Township School, Chief School Administrator

A thank you extended to Mayor Butler for attending Elizabeth Ames’s event at the school the other day. Also, informed that he will not be attending all regular township meetings, but if you should need him, to please contact him, looking forward to working with the township committee.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

Karen Chiu – Informed that she spoke with Foreman Read as to a possible problem with Montana Road, sinking in areas. There is a woman who walks every morning and collects garbage and takes it home to dispose of, is there a Good Citizenship award that could be presented to her? Ms. Chiu will gain information and bring it back to the Municipal Clerk to incorporate.

Social Affair Permit

WCWB submitted for township committee approval for a waffle Ball Tournament, on August 9th, 2014 from 10:00 am – 9:00 pm, at the Franklin Township Fire Department, Asbury Station.

On motion by Bonnie Butler and seconded by Jacob Pence, and hearing no objection, to authorize the municipal clerk to execute this application accordingly.

Roll Call:	Yes	No	Absent/Abstained	
Michael Toretta	X			
Joe Flynn	X			
Jacob Pence	X			
Jeff DeAngelis	X			
Mayor, Bonnie Butler	X	(5) Yes	(0) No	(0) Absent Motion carried

Executive Session –

No Executive Session needed at this meeting.

MOTION FOR PAYMENT OF BILL LIST:

On motion by Jacob Pence and seconded by Mike Toretta, and hearing no objection, to pay bills as per bill lists submitted by the Chief Financial Officer.

Roll Call:	Yes	No	Absent/Abstained	
Michael Toretta	X			
Joe Flynn	X			
Jacob Pence	X			
Jeff DeAngelis	X			
Mayor, Bonnie Butler	X	(5) Yes	(0) No	(0) Absent Motion carried

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:

On motion by Mike Toretta and seconded by Jacob Pence, hearing no objection, meeting stands adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Roll Call:	Yes	No	Absent/Abstained	
Michael Toretta	X			
Joe Flynn	X			
Jacob Pence	X			
Jeff DeAngelis	X			
Mayor, Bonnie Butler	X	(5) Yes	(0) No	(0) Absent Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Denise L. Becton
Municipal Clerk