

## REORGANIZATION MEETING

The Franklin Township Committee held their annual reorganization meeting on Monday, January 5, 2015 at the hour of 7:00 p.m. Denise L. Becton 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.

**Present were:** Bonnie Butler, Joe Flynn, Jacob Pence, Michael Toretta, Jeff DeAngelis, Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk, Raymond Read, OEM, Jim Onembo, Zoning and Code Enforcement, Roger Bulava, Recycling Coordinator, Ron Read, Road Foreman.

### **Flag Ceremony performed by Franklin Township Junior Girl Scout Troop # 94322**

Freeholder Rick Gardner swore in Committeeperson-elect Jacob Pence for a (3) three year, full term, on the Franklin Township Committee, Term of office January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2017.

**Nominations for Mayor** for the year 2015 were opened, Jacob Pence nominated, Bonnie Butler, Jeff DeAngelis seconded the motion. Joe Flynn made motion to close nominations for Mayor and seconded by Mike Toretta. All in favor to close nomination for Mayor.

**Roll Call Vote for Mayor:** (Yes) Bonnie Butler, Jacob Pence, Michael Toretta, Jeff DeAngelis, Joe Flynn (5) Yes, (0) Absent (0) No, Motion carried.

**Chair declares Bonnie Butler is Mayor for 2015.**

**Nominations for Deputy Mayor** for the year 2015 were opened. Bonnie Butler nominated, Joe Flynn and Jeff DeAngelis seconded the nomination. Jacob Pence made motion to close nominations for Deputy Mayor and seconded by Mike Toretta. All in favor to close nomination for Deputy Mayor.

**Roll Call Vote for Deputy Mayor:** (Yes) Bonnie Butler, Jacob Pence, Michael Toretta, Jeff DeAngelis, Joe Flynn. (5)Yes, (0) No, (0) Absent. Motion carried

**Chair declares Joe Flynn is Deputy Mayor for 2015.**

Freeholder, Rick Gardner, swore in Bonnie Butler as Mayor for a one (1) year term, and Joe Flynn as Deputy Mayor, for a one (1) year term for the year 2015.

At this time, the remainder of the meeting was turned over to Mayor Butler.

Freeholder, Rick Gardner, swore in the line officers of the Franklin Township Rescue Squad for a (1) year term, for the year 2015.

Freeholder, Rick Gardner, swore in the line officers of the Franklin Township Fire Department for a (1) year term, for the year 2015.

Freeholder, Rick Gardner, swore in Fred Kinney of the Franklin Township Historical Commission for a (2) year term, for the year 2015.

**ROLL CALL OF COMMITTEE PRESENT:** Bonnie Butler, Joe Flynn, Jacob Pence, Michael Toretta, Jeff DeAngelis.  
(5) Yes

## APPROVALS

On motion by Jacob Pence and seconded by Joe Flynn the following Regular Meeting Minutes and Executive Meeting Minutes from December 1, 2014 were accepted as posted. All in favor.

( ) Yes ( ) Abstained

**REPORT/UPDATES**

New Jersey State Police not present.

**INTRODUCTION/ADOPTION**

Continuing, Mayor Butler, presented various **Resolutions 1-30** by number and a quick briefing as to what each one represented as follows:

**RESOLUTION 2015-1**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren and State of New Jersey that the regular meetings of the Township Committee for the year 2015 shall be held the first Monday of each month at the Franklin Township Municipal Building, Broadway, N.J. at the hour of 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

The Franklin Township Committee chose the following meeting dates for the year 2015. **TAKE NOTICE** that pursuant to provisions of Section 231 of the "Open Public Meetings Act" Chapter 231, PL 1975 the following is a schedule of the Regular Meetings of the Franklin Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren to be held for the year 2015. All meetings unless otherwise indicated shall be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Franklin Township Municipal Building, 2093 Rt. #57, Broadway, N.J. 08808.

January	5	Re-Org	July	6
February	**	2	August	3
March		2	September	14
April		6	October	5
May		4	November	2
June		1	December	7
Monday, January 4 , 2016 (Re-Organization)				

**\*\*February 2, 2015 Meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. to meet with the Auditors and the regular township meeting session will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m.**

**\*Budget Workshop Meeting will be held as follows:**  
November 16, 2015 6:00 pm

**\*Workshop Meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of the following months:**  
March 18, 2015, April 15, 2015, May 20, 2015, June 17, 2015, September 16, 2015, October 21, 2015 at 7:00 pm

Dated: January 5, 2015

Disposition  
1. Star-Gazette  
2. Express-Times  
3. Clerks Office  
Municipal Building Broadway, N.J.  
08808

**RESOLUTION 2015-2**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren and State of New Jersey that the regular meetings of the Franklin Township Historical Commission for the year 2015 shall be held the third Monday of each month at the Franklin Township Municipal Building, 2093 Rt. 57, Broadway, N.J. at the hour of 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

The Franklin Township Historical Commission chose the following meeting dates for the year 2015.

**TAKE NOTICE** that pursuant to provisions of Section 231 of the "Open Public Meetings Act" Chapter 231, PL 1975 the following is a schedule of the Regular Meetings of the Franklin Township Historical Commission, of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren to be held for the year 2015. All meetings unless otherwise indicated shall be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Franklin Township Municipal Building, 2093 Rt. #57, Broadway, N.J. 08808.

January 19	August 17
February 16	September 21
March 16	October 19
April 20	November 16
May 18	December 21
June 15	
July (NO SCHEDULED MEETING)	

Dated: January 5, 2015

Disposition  
1. Star-Gazette  
2. Clerks Office  
Municipal Building Broadway, N.J.  
08808

**RESOLUTION 2015-3**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of. Warren, State of New Jersey deems it necessary to incorporate a purchase order system so that the State Directive requiring an encumbrance system be enacted, and

**WHEREAS**, by Order of the Mayor and Committee that system be initiated, utilizing pre-numbered purchase orders, and encumbering any purchase of \$1,000.00 or over

**WHEREAS**, P.L. 1983, chapter 8, Local Fiscal Affairs Law, N.J.S.A. 40A 59-2 has been amended to require that each municipality designate a Cash Management Plan for the deposit of local units monies.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following Cash Management Plan be adopted by the Township of Franklin.

A. Designation of Official Depositories:

1. The following institutions are designated Official Depositories.

PNC Bank	TD/Commerce Bank
Bank of America	Chase Manhattan Bank

2. Designated Official Depositories are required to submit to the Financial

Officer of the Township of Franklin a copy of the State of New Jersey, Department of Banking, Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act notification of eligibility which must be filed semi-annually in the Department of Banking, as of June 30th, and December 31st, of each year.

3. Designated Official Depositories are required to submit to the Financial

Officer a copy of the Institutions' Annual Report on an annual basis.

B. Deposit of Funds

All funds shall be deposited within forty-eight hours (48) of receipt in accordance with State Statutes.

1. Operating funds shall be deposited into interest bearing accounts to maximize earnings.

2. Trust funds may be deposited into interest bearing accounts, Non interest bearing accounts should be regularly monitored for availability of funds for investment except where either State, Federal laws or Local Ordinances prohibit the earnings of interest on such funds. .

C. Designation of Allowable Investment Instruments

The Township may permit deposits and investments in such depositories as permitted in. section 4 of P.L. 1970 Chapter 23666 (c. 17:9-44)

D. Definitions of Acceptable Collateral and Protection of Township Assets.

1. All designated depositories must conform to all applicable state statutes.

2. All depositories shall obtain the highest amount possible F.D.I.C.,and  
or F.S.L.I.C. coverage of all Township Assets. (Demand and Certification of Deposits.).

3. Collateral will be required for all deposits and investment of the Township except for those in the State Cash  
management fund, collateral must have a market value of not less than 100% of all deposits and investments

E. Reporting Procedures:

The Financial Officer shall prepare for the Township Committee for the following investment reports.

1. Monthly reporting: A listing of all investments as part of the Financial Officer's monthly report. .

2. The Financial Officer shall prepare a schedule of outstanding investments for the independent auditors as of  
December 31st, of each year and at other such times as required by the auditors.

F. Maximum Maturity Policy:

Investments shall be limited to a maturity not to exceed one year on all operating funds unless a longer maturity is  
permitted within the provisions of regulation promulgated by either the Federal or State Government. .

G. Bonding:

The following Official shall be covered by surety bonds, said surety bonds to be examined by the Independent Auditor to insure their  
proper execution:

Financial Officer  
Tax Collector

Staff members of the Department of Finance not covered by separate surety bonds shall be covered by a Public Employees  
Faithful Performance Bond in the minimum amount of \$5,000.00.

H. Compliance:

The Cash Management Plan of the Township of Franklin shall be subject to the annual  
audit conducted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4.

RESOLUTION 2015-4

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, and State of New Jersey  
that the Clerk's fees for permanent registration and election fees and services for the year 2015 shall be and the same set at \$300.00 per  
each election.

RESOLUTION 2015-5

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, and State of New Jersey,  
that all merchants of Franklin Township, County of Warren, doing retail business within the Township be obligated to obtain a  
mercantile license in the amount of \$50.00 during the month of January. Penalty after February 28, 2015 to be an additional \$10.00.

RESOLUTION 2014-6

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren and State of New Jersey  
that the following job titles for the year 2015 be made

DPW Foreman	Ronald Read
DPW Asst. Foreman	Richard Frankenfield
DPW Road Repairman/Operator	Joe Biel, Sr.
Municipal Clerk	Denise L. Becton
Office Assistant	Margaret Housman
Tax Collector	Karin Kneafsey
Tax Assessor	Eloise Hagaman
Chief Financial Officer	Dawn Stanchina
Asst. Treasurer	Denise L. Becton
Construction Official	Walter VanLieu
Plumbing Inspector	William Barry Gleason
Fire Inspector	Thomas Lance
Electrical Inspector	Joseph Rossi
Animal Control Officer	Kim Bennett
Dog Licensing Officials	Denise L. Becton/Margaret Housman
Health Officer	(5) Twsp. Comm. Members & Zoning Officer
Emergency Management Coordinator	Raymond Read
Deputy Emergency Mgt. Coordinator	Denise L. Becton
9-1-1 Coordinator	Raymond Read
Zoning Officer	James Onembo
Land Use Board Secretary	Margaret Housman
Open Space Clerk	Margaret Housman
Tax Search Officer	Karin Kneafsey
Assessment Search Officer	Denise L. Becton
Registrar Vital Statistics	Denise L. Becton
Deputy Registrar Vital Statistics	Kelley D. Smith
Alternate Deputy Registrar	Margaret Housman

Municipal Judge	Share w/Knowlton Twsp.
Municipal Prosecutor	Share w/Knowlton Twsp.
Public Defender	Share w/Knowlton Twsp.
Sgt. At Arms	Share w/Knowlton Twsp.
Recycling Coordinator	Roger Bulava
Site Manager	Eddy Patient
Maintenance/Event Supervisor	

RESOLUTION 2015-7

The following Temporary Budget for the year 2015 as prepared by Dawn Stanchina, C.F.O. was presented.

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40 A-19 provides that where any contract, commitment or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2014 budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purpose and time therein provided: and

**WHEREAS**, the date of this resolution is within the first thirty days of January 2015, and:

**WHEREAS**, the total appropriations in the prior years budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption, capital improvement fund and public assistance, is the sum of \$1,867,399.00; and

**WHEREAS**, 26.25% of the total appropriations in the 2015 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption, capital improvement fund, public assistance, is the sum of \$490,192.23

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following appropriations be made and that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer, Dawn Stanchina

Temporary Budget

General Admin: S/W	\$ 2786.00
General Admin: OE	\$ 5250.00
Human Resources (personnel): OE	\$ 656.00
Mayor & Council: S&W	\$ 4342.00
Municipal Clerk: S& W	\$14309.00
Financial Admin: S&W	\$ 8035.00
Financial Adm: OE	\$ 788.00
Audit Services:OE	\$ 6353.00
Rev Admin (Tax Coll):S&W	\$ 7200.00
Rev. Admin (Tax Col.): OE	\$ 525.00
Tax Assessment: S&W	\$ 8387.00
Tax Assessment:OE	\$ 1706.00
Legal Services (Lgl Dept):OE	\$ 6825.00
Engineering Services: OE	\$ 7875.00
Historical Sites Office: OE	\$ 656.00
Land Use: S&W	\$ 5266.00
Land Use: OE	\$ 2835.00
Zoning Officer: S& W	\$ 6172.00
Zoning Officer: OE	\$ 236.00
Construction Official: S& W	\$14351.00
Construction Official: OE	\$ 131.00
Employee Group Insurance	\$14562.00
Unemployment Insurance	\$ 840.00
Other Insurance Premiums	\$23947.00
Emergency Management:S& W	\$ 3780.00
Emergency Management:OE	\$ 79.00
Aide to Volunteer Fire Companies	\$13965.00
Contrib to First Aid Org.	\$ 1969.00
Fire: OE	\$ 3150.00
Road,Maintenance:S& W	\$46817.00
Road Maintenance:OE. .	\$41344.00
Solid Waste Collection:S&W	\$ 2371.00
Solid Waste Collection:OE	\$ 0
Building & Grounds:OE	\$12994.00
Animal Control Services:S& W	\$ 2289.00
Recreation: OE	\$ 1313.00
Electricity/Street Lighting	\$ 6825.00
Gasoline	\$ 6563.00
PERS	\$13716.00
Social Security	\$10059.00

MDA Grant	\$ 1492.00
Recycling Tonnage Grant	\$ 394.00
Municipal Court: OE	\$ 7350.00
Clean Communities Program: OE	\$ 2982.00
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	\$161722.00
Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 19688.00
Improvements to Building	\$ 7875.00
Recreation Equipment	\$ 2625.00
Payment of Notes	\$ 58433.00
Note Interest	\$ 4463.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$583,279.00</b>

**Resolution 2015-8**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES-MUNICIPAL BOND COUNSEL ATTORNEY FOR FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS**, the Franklin Township Committee has a need to acquire a Municipal Bond Counsel Attorney as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will exceed \$17, 500; and

**WHEREAS**, the anticipated term of this contract is 1 year; and

**WHEREAS**, John G. Hudak, Esq., LLC, has submitted a proposal dated, November 5, 2014 indicating they will provide the bond counsel services for the Franklin Township Committee and,

**WHEREAS**, John G. Hudak, Esq., has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certified that John G. Hudak, Esq., has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit John G. Hudak, Esq., from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and

**WHEREAS**, the required certificate for the availability of funds has been filed by the chief financial officer providing that legally appropriated balances are available to cover the amount of the contract as required by N.J.A.C. 5:30-14.5 and that fees for the aforementioned bond counsel services shall be made available by appropriate inclusion in either an annual municipal budget which includes current, revenue sharing and utility provisions, by budget amendments for Federal program spending or by inclusion in an appropriate bond ordinance.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin authorizes the Mayor and Clerk of the Township of Franklin to enter into a contract with John G. Hudak, Esq., as described herein as bond counsel on and in behalf of the Township of Franklin for 1 year; for the calendar year 2015 and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this Resolution; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a notice of this action shall be printed once in a legally designated publication.

On Motion by Jeff DeAngelis and seconded by Bonnie Butler to approve **Resolution 2015-8** be adopted as read.

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

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Franklin, Warren County, New Jersey is a true and correct copy of a Resolution approved by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin at a regular meeting held on January 5, 2015.

Denise L. Becton, Clerk  
Franklin Township  
Warren County, State of New Jersey

## RESOLUTION 2015-9

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-38.1 provides for the compensation of an attorney for services rendered in connection with the issuance of bonds; and

WHEREAS, there exists a need for specialized legal services in connection with the authorization and the issuance of bonds and other obligations by the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, State of New Jersey (herein the "Municipality"); and

WHEREAS, such specialized legal services can be provided only by a recognized Bond Counsel firm, and the Law Office Of John G. Hudak, Esq., LLC, Linden, New Jersey, is so recognized by the financial community; and

WHEREAS, funds are or will be available for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i) requires that notice with respect to contracts for professional services, awarded without competitive bids, must be publicly advertised; and

WHEREAS, the services to be performed are "Professional Services" as defined in N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i) and therefore excepted from the Local Public Contracts Law requirements for competitive bidding.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN, NEW JERSEY:

1. That the Governing Body hereby awards the Contract, which is annexed hereto and made a part hereof, to the Law Office Of John G. Hudak, Esq., LLC, Attorneys at Law, Linden, New Jersey, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:2-38.1 and N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq.

2. That an appropriate official of the Municipality, on behalf of the Municipality, is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Contract hereby awarded to Law Office Of John G. Hudak, Esq., LLC, and the Clerk of the Municipality to attest to said Contract for professional services in connection with the issuance and authorization of all bonds, bond anticipation notes and tax anticipation notes or lease purchase certificates of participation or similar obligations and related matters of capital and debt financing by the Municipality.

3. That no appropriation of funds is required at this time, payment coming from the proceeds of the sale of bonds and bond anticipation notes and tax anticipation notes or similar obligations (such as lease purchase certificates of participation) or other authorizations in accordance with the attached Contract.

4. That this Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a professional services contract under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1, et seq.) because legal services are a recognized profession licensed and regulated by law.

5. That the Governing Body of the Township of Franklin of Warren County, New Jersey hereby authorizes and directs the execution of the aforesaid contract for the period commencing on the date set forth therein.

6. That a notice in accordance with this resolution and the Local Public Contracts Law of New Jersey, shall be published in the official newspaper or newspapers of the Municipality as required by law within ten (10) days of its passage.

7. That an executed copy of the Contract between the Township of Franklin and Law Office of John G. Hudak, Esq., LLC, and a copy of this resolution shall be filed in the Office of the Township Clerk and be available there for public inspection in accordance with law.

8. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Dated: January 5, 2015

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_ Municipal Clerk

[SEAL]

**Resolution 2015-10**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES-MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY FOR FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS**, the Franklin Township Committee has a need to acquire a Municipal Attorney as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will exceed \$17, 500; and

**WHEREAS**, the anticipated term of this contract is 1 year; and

**WHEREAS**, Kevin P. Benbrook of Benbrook & Benbrook, LLC, has submitted a proposal dated, October 30, 2014 indicating they will provide the legal services for the Franklin Township Committee and,

**WHEREAS**, Kevin P. Benbrook of Benbrook & Benbrook, LLC, has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certified that Kevin P. Benbrook of Benbrook & Benbrook, LLC, has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Kevin P. Benbrook of Benbrook & Benbrook, LLC, from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and

**WHEREAS**, the required certificate for the availability of funds has been filed by the chief financial officer providing that legally appropriated balances are available to cover the amount of the contract as required by N.J.A.C. 5:30-14.5 and that fees for the aforementioned legal services shall be made available by appropriate inclusion in either an annual municipal budget which includes current, revenue sharing and utility provisions, by budget amendments for Federal program spending or by inclusion in an appropriate bond ordinance.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin authorizes the Mayor and Clerk of the Township of Franklin to enter into a contract with Kevin P. Benbrook, Benbrook & Benbrook, LLC, as described herein as attorney on and in behalf of the Township of Franklin for 1 year; for the calendar year 2015 and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this Resolution; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a notice of this action shall be printed once in a legally designated publication.

On Motion by Jeff DeAngelis and seconded by Bonnie Butler to approve **Resolution 2015-10** be adopted as read.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstained
Bonnie Butler	X		
Michael Toretta			X
Joe Flynn	X		
Jeffrey DeAngelis	X		
Jacob Pence			X

(3) Yes (0) No (2) Abstained Motion Carried

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Franklin, Warren County, New Jersey is a true and correct copy of a Resolution approved by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin at a regular meeting held on January 5, 2015.

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Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk  
Franklin Township  
Warren County, State of New Jersey



**Resolution 2015-11**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES- MUNICIPAL OPEN SPACE ADVISOR FOR FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS**, the Franklin Township Committee has a need to acquire a Municipal Open Space Advisor as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will exceed \$17, 500; and

**WHEREAS**, the anticipated term of this contract is 1 year; and

**WHEREAS**, The Land Conservancy, has submitted a proposal dated, November 10, 2014 indicating they will provide the bond counsel services for the Franklin Township Committee and,

**WHEREAS**, The Land Conservancy, has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certified that, The Land Conservancy, has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit, The Land Conservancy, from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and

**WHEREAS**, the required certificate for the availability of funds has been filed by the chief financial officer providing that legally appropriated balances are available to cover the amount of the contract as required by N.J.A.C. 5:30-14.5 and that fees for the aforementioned bond counsel services shall be made available by appropriate inclusion in either an annual municipal budget which includes current, revenue sharing and utility provisions, by budget amendments for Federal program spending or by inclusion in an appropriate bond ordinance.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin authorizes the Mayor and Clerk of the Township of Franklin to enter into a contract with The Land Conservancy , as described herein as bond counsel on and in behalf of the Township of Franklin for 1 year; for the calendar year 2015 and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this Resolution; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a notice of this action shall be printed once in a legally designated publication.

On Motion by Jeff DeAngelis and seconded by Bonnie Butler to approve **Resolution 2015-11** be adopted as read.

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

**CERTIFICATION**

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Denise L. Becton, Clerk  
Franklin Township  
Warren County, State of New Jersey

**Resolution 2015-12**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES-SPECIAL TAX COUNSEL FOR FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS**, the Franklin Township Committee has a need to acquire a Special Municipal Tax Counsel as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will exceed \$17, 500; and

**WHEREAS**, the anticipated term of this contract is 1 year; and

**WHEREAS**, Richard M. Conley, LLC, has submitted a proposal dated, November 5, 2014 indicating they will provide the special tax counsel services for the Franklin Township Committee and,

**WHEREAS**, Richard M. Conley, LLC, has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certified that Richard M. Conley, LLC, has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Richard M. Conley, LLC, from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and

**WHEREAS**, the required certificate for the availability of funds has been filed by the chief financial officer providing that legally appropriated balances are available to cover the amount of the contract as required by N.J.A.C. 5:30-14.5 and that fees for the aforementioned special tax counsel services shall be made available by appropriate inclusion in either an annual municipal budget which includes current, revenue sharing and utility provisions, by budget amendments for Federal program spending or by inclusion in an appropriate bond ordinance.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin authorizes the Mayor and Clerk of the Township of Franklin to enter into a contract with Richard M. Conley, LLC, as described herein as special tax counsel on and in behalf of the Township of Franklin for 1 year; for the calendar year 2015 and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this Resolution; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a notice of this action shall be printed once in a legally designated publication.

On Motion by Jeff DeAngelis and seconded by Bonnie Butler to approve **Resolution 2015-12** be adopted as read.

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

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Franklin, Warren County, New Jersey is a true and correct copy of a Resolution approved by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin at a regular meeting held on January 5, 2015.

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Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk  
Franklin Township  
Warren County, State of New Jersey

**Resolution 2015-13**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES-MUNICIPAL PROFESSIONAL PLANNING SERVICES FOR FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS**, the Franklin Township Committee has a need to acquire a Municipal Planner as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will exceed \$17, 500; and

**WHEREAS**, the anticipated term of this contract is 1 year; and

**WHEREAS**, James T. Kyle, PP of Kyle Planning and Design, LLC, has submitted a proposal dated, November 12, 2014 indicating they will provide the engineer services for the Franklin Township Committee,

**WHEREAS**, James T. Kyle, PP of Kyle Planning and Design, LLC, has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certified that James T. Kyle, PP of Kyle Planning and Design, LLC, has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit James T. Kyle, PP of Kyle Planning and Design, LLC, from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and

**WHEREAS**, the required certificate for the availability of funds has been filed by the chief financial officer providing that legally appropriated balances are available to cover the amount of the contract as required by N.J.A.C. 5:30-14.5 and that fees for the aforementioned auditing and non-auditing services shall be made available by appropriate inclusion in either an annual municipal budget which includes current, revenue sharing and utility provisions, by budget amendments for Federal program spending or by inclusion in an appropriate bond ordinance.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin authorizes the Mayor and Clerk of the Township of Franklin to enter into a contract with James T. Kyle, PP of Kyle Planning and Design, LLC, as described herein as engineers on and in behalf of the Township of Franklin for 1 year; for the calendar year 2015 and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this Resolution; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a notice of this action shall be printed once in a legally designated publication.

On Motion by Jeff DeAngelis and seconded by Bonnie Butler to approve **Resolution 2015-13** be adopted as read.

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

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Franklin, Warren County, New Jersey is a true and correct copy of a Resolution approved by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin at a regular meeting held on January 5, 2015.

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Denise L. Becton, Clerk  
Franklin Township  
Warren County, State of New Jersey

**Resolution 2014-14**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES-MUNICIPAL AUDITING SERVICES FOR FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS**, the Franklin Township Committee has a need to acquire a Municipal Auditor as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will exceed \$17, 500; and

**WHEREAS**, the anticipated term of this contract is 1 year; and

**WHEREAS**, Ardito & Co., LLP, has submitted a proposal dated, October 29, 2014 indicating they will provide the auditing services for the Franklin Township Committee for the anticipated fee of \$24,925 (including court); and,

**WHEREAS**, Ardito & Co., LLP, has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certified that Ardito & Co., LLP, has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Ardito & Co., LLP, from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and

**WHEREAS**, the required certificate for the availability of funds has been filed by the chief financial officer providing that legally appropriated balances are available to cover the amount of the contract as required by N.J.A.C. 5:30-14.5 and that fees for the aforementioned auditing and non-auditing services shall be made available by appropriate inclusion in either an annual municipal budget which includes current, revenue sharing and utility provisions, by budget amendments for Federal program spending or by inclusion in an appropriate bond ordinance.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin authorizes the Mayor and Clerk of the Township of Franklin to enter into a contract with Ardito & Co., LLP, as described herein as engineers on and in behalf of the Township of Franklin for 1 year; for the calendar year 2015 and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this Resolution; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a notice of this action shall be printed once in a legally designated publication.

On Motion by Jeff DeAngelis and seconded by Bonnie Butler to approve **Resolution 2015-14** be adopted as read.

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

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Franklin, Warren County, New Jersey is a true and correct copy of a Resolution approved by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin at a regular meeting held on January 5, 2015.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Denise L. Becton, Clerk  
Franklin Township  
Warren County, State of New Jersey

**RESOLUTION 2015-15**

**WHEREAS**, It is resolved that the Mayor and Township Committee of each municipality in the County of Warren, in order to file Municipal Tax Appeals, pass a Resolution allowing the Attorney for the Municipality, to file and prosecute said appeals.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by a majority of the members of the Governing Body of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that the Municipal Attorney and/or Special Counsel are hereby authorized to file, prosecute, stipulate, modify, agree upon and otherwise perform the duties which are required of said Attorney, in the process of prosecution and/or filing of Municipal Tax Appeals.

**IT IS THEREFORE**, on this 5th day of January 2015, Resolved as aforesaid by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, in the County of Warren and State of New Jersey.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Denise L. Becton, Clerk of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, and State of New Jersey, hereby certify the foregoing Resolution is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Committee. Of the Township of Franklin at a regular meeting held on Monday, January 5th, 2015.

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Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk

**RESOLUTION 2015-16**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of .the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, desires not to refund tax overpayments under the amount of \$10.00.

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Township Committee of said Township of Franklin that all tax over-payments under the amount of \$10.00 shall not be refunded, but shall be applied to the subsequent quarter's tax receivable.

**RESOLUTION 2015-17**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN,  
COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,  
FIXING THE RATE OF INTEREST TO BE CHARGED  
ON DELINQUENT TAXES OR ASSESSMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 54:4-67 permits the governing body of each municipality to fix the rate of interest to be charged for non-payment of taxes or assessments subject to any abatement or discount for the late payment of taxes as provided by law; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 54-4-67 has been amended to permit the fixing of said rates of 8% per annum on the first, \$1,500.00 and allows an additional penalty of 6% be collected against a delinquency in excess of \$10,000.00 on properties that fail to pay the delinquency prior to the end of the calendar year.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to charge 8%.per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of taxes becoming delinquent after due date and 18%.per annum on any amount of taxes in excess of \$1,500.00 becoming delinquent after due date and if a delinquency is in excess of \$10,000.00 and remains in arrears beyond December 31<sup>st</sup> an additional penalty of 6% shall be charged against the delinquency.
2. Effective January 1, 2015, there will be a ten (10) day grace period of quarterly tax payments made by cash, check or money order.
3. Any payments not made in accordance with paragraph two (2) of this resolution shall be charged interest from due date as set forth in paragraph one (1) of this resolution.
4. This Resolution shall be published in its entirety in the Star-Gazette, the official newspaper of the Township of Franklin.
5. A certified copy of this Resolution be provided by the Township Clerk to the Tax Collector, Township Attorney and Township Auditor for the Township of Franklin.

Dated: January 5, 2015

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Denise L. Becton, Clerk of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, and State of New Jersey hereby certify the foregoing Resolution is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin at a regular meeting held on Monday, January 5, 2015.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk

**RESOLUTION 2015-18**

**WHEREAS, Ordinance 2002-14** provides for the establishment of a "Land Use Board" consisting of nine members that shall be appointed by the Mayor of the Township of Franklin. The appointments for the year 2015 for the coming year were made on January 5, 2015 as follows.

Class 1: Mayor Bonnie Butler	1 year exp. 12/15
Class 2: James Onembo	1 year exp. 12/15
Class 3: Committeeperson Jeff DeAngelis	1 year exp. 12/15
Class 4: Pat Banes	3 year exp. 12/16 (unexpired term)
Class 4: John VanSaders	3 year exp. 12/17
Class 4: Ronald Sigler	3 year exp. 12/17
Class 4: Sam Santini	3 year exp. 12/17
Alt. #1 Mike Ferri	1 year exp. 12/15
Alt. #2 Albert Hart	1 year exp. 12/15

**RESOLUTION 2015-19**

**WHEREAS**, the Franklin Township Committee has deemed it necessary to appoint the following members to the Local Board of Health for a period of one (1) year.

Bonnie Butler  
Mike Toretta  
Joe Flynn  
Jeff DeAngelis  
Jacob Pence  
Jim Onembo

**RESOLUTION2015-20**

**WHEREAS**, the Franklin Township Committee has deemed it necessary to appoint the following members to the Open Space Commission that shall be appointed by the Mayor of the Township of Franklin. The appointments for the year 2015 for the coming year were made on January 5, 2015 as follows.

Advisor The Land Conservancy of New Jersey	1 yr.	exp. 12/15
Robert Hood	1 yr.	exp. 12/15
Richard Herzer- Alt #2	1 yr.	exp. 12/15
Jacob Pence – Alt #1	1 yr.	exp. 12/15
Mark Blaszk	3 yr.	exp. 12/17
Open Position (unexpired term)	3 yr.	exp. 12/15

**Resolution 2015-21**

**WHEREAS**, their exists vacancies on the newly enacted Public Safety Committee and;

**WHEREAS**, the following appointments to fill said vacancy for a period of one year has been enacted, and:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following individuals take their place on the Public Safety Committee for a period of one year effective January 5, 2015.

- (1) Township Committee members  
Jacob Pence –Bonnie Butler
- (2) Chief Raymond Read
- (3) Asst. Fire Chief Shawn Weilaman
- (4) Rescue Squad Chief Karen Chiu
- (5) OEM Coordinator Raymond Read
- (6) Deputy OEM Coordinator- Denise Becton
- (7) Dawn Stanchina, CFO

**RESOLUTION 2015-22**

**WHEREAS**, there remains on the records and books of the Township of Franklin delinquent taxes and municipal charges owing as of December 31, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, the statutes of the State of New Jersey, expressly N.J.S.A. 54:5 et seq., provide for the enforcement and collection of such delinquencies through a tax lien sale; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector is empowered by statute to conduct and preside over the sale of liens;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the governing body of the Township of Franklin, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to sell all municipal liens in accordance with New Jersey law, on or before December 31, 2014.

**RESOLUTION 2015-23**

**WHEREAS**, N.J .S.A. 40A: 4-19 provides authority for appropriating in a resolution the permanent debt service requirements for the coming fiscal year providing that such resolution is not made earlier than December 20th, of the year preceding the beginning of the fiscal year; and

**WHEREAS**, the date of this resolution is subsequent to December 19th.; and

**WHEREAS**, principal and interest will be due on dates from January 1st to December 31st., inclusive, on sundry bonds and notes issued and outstanding; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following appropriations be made to cover the period from January 1st to December 31st inclusive.

Principal	\$247,164.00
Interest	\$ 14,099.00

**RESOLUTION 2015-24**

**SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey's public schools serve more than 1.2 million children from Kindergarten through Grade 6; and

**WHEREAS**, The direction of public education in New Jersey is chartered locally by individual school boards, whose 4,800 members serve as advocates for public education as they work with administrators, teachers, parents and local residents; and

**WHEREAS**, Boards of Education provide accountability to the democratic system of governing the schools by communicating the needs of the district to the community while impressing upon administrators the public's expectations for the school district; and

**WHEREAS**, School Board members receive no remuneration for their services;  
and

**WHEREAS**, The Township of Franklin is justly proud of the academic, athletic and social achievements of the students in our community; and,

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey State Board of Education and the New Jersey School Boards Association have declared January 2015 to be School Board Recognition Month, a time that all residents might acknowledge the contributions made by our local school board members; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Franklin Township Committee does hereby commend the service of the Franklin Township Board of Education and its members to our community and its children; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Franklin Township Committee proclaims January as **SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH** in Franklin Township, and urges all citizens to join in recognizing the dedication of local school board members, past and present, as we work together to improve educational opportunities for our children.

On motion by Jeff DeAngelis and seconded by Bonnie Butler the aforementioned **Resolution 2015-24** be adopted as read.

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

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Franklin, Warren County, New Jersey is a true and correct copy of a Resolution approved by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin at a regular meeting held on January 5, 2015.

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Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk  
Franklin Township



**RESOLUTION 2015-25**  
**TONNAGE GRANT**

**WHEREAS**, The Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act P.L1987, C.102, has established a recycling fund from which tonnage grant may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent and the spirit of the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act to use the tonnage grants to develop new municipal recycling programs and to continue and to expand existing programs; and

**WHEREAS**, The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection is promulgating recycling regulations to Implement the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act; and

**WHEREAS**, The recycling regulations impose on municipalities certain requirements as a condition for applying for tonnage grants, including but not limited to, making and keeping accurate, verifiable records of materials collected and claimed by the municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, A resolution authorizing this municipality to apply for such tonnage grants for 2014 will memorialize the commitment of this municipality to recycling and to indicate the assent of the Township of Franklin to the efforts undertaken by the municipality and the requirements contained in the Recycling Act and recycling regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, Such a Resolution should designate the individual authorized to ensure the application is properly completed and timely filed.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, that Franklin Township hereby endorses the submission of the recycling tonnage grant application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and designates Roger Bulava to ensure that the application is properly filed, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the monies received from the recycling tonnage grant be deposited in a dedicated recycling trust fund to be used solely for the purposes of recycling.

On motion by Jeff DeAngelis and seconded by Bonnie Butler to adopt the aforementioned **Resolution 2015-25**.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstained
Joe Flynn	X		
Jeff DeAngelis	X		
Jacob Pence	X		
Michael Toretta	X		
Bonnie Butler	X	(5) Yes (0) No (0) Abstained	Motion Carried

Dated: January 5, 2015

A MUNICIPAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE GRANT APPLICATION

**RESOLUTION 2015-26**

**Public Agency Compliance Officer**

**WHEREAS**, The Township of Franklin (hereinafter "Public Agency") in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-3.5 that each agency shall designate a Public Agency Compliance Officer; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Department of Treasury, Division of Contracts Compliance and Equal Employment Opportunity in Public Contracts; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the governing body of The Township of Franklin, in the County of Warren and State of New Jersey, as follows:

- 1. The Township of Franklin hereby designates Denise L. Becton, as its Public Agency Compliance Officer.

On motion by Jeff DeAngelis and seconded by Bonnie Butler the aforementioned **Resolution 2015-26** be adopted as read.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstained
Jacob Pence	X		
Joe Flynn	X		
Michael Toretta	X		
Jeff DeAngelis	X		
Bonnie Butler	X		
(5) Yes (0) No (0) Abstained Motion Carried			

**RESOLUTION 2015-27**  
**APPOIINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL**  
**AGRICULTURE ADVISORY BOARD**

**WHEREAS**, the Franklin Township Committee has deemed it necessary to appoint the following members to the Municipal Agriculture Advisory Board that shall be appointed by the Mayor of the Township of Franklin. The appointments are for the year 2015.

Robert Hood  
Joel Reger

**RESOLUTION**  
**2015-28**  
**JOINING THE WARREN COUNTY**  
**COOPERATIVE PRICING COUNCIL (WCCPC)**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT WITH THE WARREN COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING COUNCIL HEREIN AFTER REFERRED TO AS THE “LEAD AGENCY” FOR THE CONDUCT OF CERTAIN FUNCTIONS RELATING TO THE PURCHASE OF WORK MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE JURISDICTIONS.**

**BE IT RESOLVED by** Franklin Township of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren and State of New Jersey:

This Resolution shall be known and may be sited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Township of Franklin

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-11(5), the Mayor is authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Warren County Cooperative Pricing Council for the purchase of work, materials and supplies.

The Warren County Cooperative Pricing Council entering into contracts on behalf of the Township of Franklin shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 et seq.) and all other provisions of the revised statues of the State of New Jersey.

All Resolutions or parts inconsistent with this Resolution shall be and the same are hereby repealed.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Denise L. Becton, Registered Municipal Clerk of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren and State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin at their regular meeting held on January 5, 2015.

Witness, my hand and seal of the Township of Franklin on this 5th day of January 2015.

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Denise L. Becton, RMC/CMR

**RESOLUTION 2015-29**

**PUBLIC ALLIANCE INSURANCE COVERAGE FUND  
INDEMNITY AND TRUST RENEWAL AGREEMENT**

**THIS AGREEMENT**, made this 5<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015, in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey, by and between the Public Alliance Insurance Coverage Fund, hereinafter referred to as "**Fund**", and the Governing Body of the Township of Franklin, Warren County, NJ, hereinafter referred to as "**Public Entity**"; and

**WHEREAS**, the **Fund** seeks to provide its members with insurance coverage; and

**WHEREAS**, two or more public entities have collectively formed a joint insurance fund as is authorized and described in N.J.S.A. 40A:10-36 *et. seq.* and the regulations promulgated pursuant thereto; and

**WHEREAS**, the **Public Entity** has resolved to renew said membership.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is agreed as follows:

1. The **Public Entity** hereby renews its membership in the **Fund** for a three (3) year, beginning January 1, 2015 and ending January 1, 2018 at 12:01 a.m. eastern standard time.
2. The **Public Entity** hereby ratifies and reaffirms the bylaws and other organizational and operational documents of the **Fund** and as from time to time amended and altered by the **Fund** and/or Department of Banking and Insurance in accordance with the applicable statutes and regulations as if each and every one of said documents were executed contemporaneously herewith.
3. The **Public Entity** agrees to be a participating member of the **Fund** for the period herein provided for and to comply with all of the rules and regulations and obligations associated with said membership.
4. The **Public Entity** agrees that as a member of the Public Alliance Insurance Coverage Fund the **Public Entity** must purchase all types of coverages offered by the **Fund** which are applicable to the **Public Entity**.
5. In consideration of renewal of membership in the **Fund**, the **Public Entity** agrees that for those types of insurance in which it participates, the **Public Entity** shall jointly and severally assume and discharge the liability of each and every member of the **Fund** all of whom, as a condition of membership in the **Fund**, shall execute a verbatim counterpart to this Agreement. By execution hereof the full faith and credit of the **Public Entity** is pledged to the punctual payment of any sums which shall become due to the **Fund** in accordance with the bylaws thereof, this Agreement or any applicable statute or regulation.
6. If the **Fund**, in the enforcement of any part of this Agreement, shall incur necessary expense or become obligated to pay attorney's fees and/or court costs, the **Public Entity** agrees to reimburse the **Fund** for all such reasonable expenses, fees and costs on demand.
7. The **Public Entity** and the **Fund** agree that the **Fund** shall hold all monies paid by the **Public Entity** to the **Fund** as fiduciaries for the benefit of **Fund** claimants all in accordance with applicable statutes and/or regulations.

8. The **Fund** shall establish and maintain Trust Accounts in accordance with N.J.A.C. 11:15-2.13 and such other statutes and regulations as may be applicable.
9. Each **Public Entity** that becomes a member of the **Fund** shall be obligated to execute this Agreement.
10. The Fund Commissioner designated in the Resolution to Renew Membership is hereby authorized to execute the Agreement to renew membership.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signature

By: \_\_\_\_\_Public Alliance  
Insurance Coverage Fund – Authorized Signature

On Motion by Jeff DeAngelis and seconded by Bonnie Butler the aforementioned **Resolution 2015-29** be adopted as read.

Roil Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstained	
Jeffrey DeAngelis	X			
Joe Flynn	X			
Jacob Pence	X			
Michael Toretta	X			
Mayor Bonnie Butler	X	(5)Yes	(0) No	(0) Absent      Motion carried

CERTIFICATION

I, **Denise L. Becton**, certify this to be a true copy of a Resolution memorialized by the Franklin Township Committee at a regularly scheduled meeting held on **Monday, January 5, 2015**.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Denise L. Becton, RMC/CMR  
Municipal Clerk

Dated: January 5, 2015

RESOLUTION 2015-30

PUBLIC ALLIANCE INSURANCE COVERAGE FUND  
RESOLUTION FOR RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Franklin, Warren County, NJ, hereafter referred to as "**Public Entity**" is a member of the Public Alliance Insurance Coverage Fund, hereinafter referred to as "**Fund**"; and

**WHEREAS**, said renewal membership terminates as of January 1, 2015 at 12:01 a.m. standard time, unless earlier renewed by agreement between the **Public Entity** and the **Fund**; and

**WHEREAS**, the **Public Entity** is afforded the following types of coverages (as indicated by an “x”):

- ☐ Workers’ Compensation
- ☐ Package (property, boiler & machinery, crime, auto & general liability, including Police Professional)
- ☐ Public Officials Liability
- ☐ Excess Liability
- ☐ Auto & General Liability (including Police Professional)
- ☐ Public Officials Liability
- ☐ Environmental Impairment Liability

WHEREAS, the **Public Entity** desires to renew said membership.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

- 1. The **Public Entity** agrees to renew its membership in the **Fund** for a period of three years beginning January 1, 2015, and ending January 1, 2018 at 12:01 a.m. eastern standard time, and to be subject to the coverages, operating procedures, bylaws, and other organizational and operational documents of the **Fund** presently existing or as from time to time amended by the **Fund** and/or the Department of Banking and Insurance.
- 2. The **Public Entity** hereby appoints Jeff DeAngelis as the **Public Entity's** Fund Commissioner and is authorized to execute the renewal Indemnity and Trust Agreement thereby evidencing annexed hereto and made a part hereof and to deliver same to the **Fund** the **Public Entity's** renewal of its membership.

On Motion by Jeff DeAngelis and seconded by Bonnie Butler the aforementioned **Resolution 2015-30** be adopted as read.

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

CERTIFICATION

I, **Denise L. Becton**, certify this to be a true copy of a Resolution memorialized by the Franklin Township Committee at a regularly scheduled meeting held on **Monday, January 5, 2015**.

Denise L. Becton, RMC/CMR  
Municipal Clerk

Dated: January 5, 2015

On motion by Jeff DeAngelis and seconded by Bonnie Butler the aforementioned **Resolutions 2014-1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7,10, 16,17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, ,28, 29, 30** be adopted as read. Let the record reflect that Jacob Pence and Mike Toretta abstained from Resolution 2015-10 only.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstained
Joe Flynn	X		
Jeff DeAngelis	X		
Jacob Pence	X		
Michael Toretta	X		
Bonnie Butler	X	(5) Yes (0) No	(0) Abstained Motion Carried

FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION -

Ordinance 2015-1

SALARY ORDINANCE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN  
WARREN COUNTY, NJ

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that;

- 1. The Compensation of each member of the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren and Sate of New Jersey shall be and the same is hereby set at 2,900.00 per annum. payable quarterly. Mayor \$4,938.00 per yr.
- 2. The salaries and wages of the Officers and other employees of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, and State of New Jersey hereinafter set forth, shall be as follows:

Assessor, per year	\$31,950.00
Collector, per year	\$27,428.00
Tax Searches	All fees
Chief Financial Officer, per year	\$26,150.00
Assistant Treasurer, per year	\$ 4,374.00
Municipal Clerk, per year	\$56,705.00
Office Assistant, per year	\$10,404.00
Registrar/Deputy Registrar/Alt. Deputy Registrar	\$3.00 per original Marriage Application/Certified Copies- All Fees
Assessment Searches	All fees
Dog Licensing Official, per year	\$ 2,040.00
Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer, per year	\$23,515.00
Land Use Board Secretary, per year	\$20,062.00
LUB Special Meetings to be paid at \$150	Out of Applicants Fee
Animal Control Officer	\$ 6,155.00
Deputy Animal Control Officer	\$60 per call out (plus mileage)
Dog Canvasses, every other year	\$ 500.00
Emergency Management Co-Ord., per year	\$12,000.00
911 Co-Ord., per year	\$ 2,400.00
Recycling Co-Ord., per year	\$ 8,768.00
DPW Foreman	\$ 55,516.00
DPW Asst. Foreman	\$ 53,628.00
DPW Road Repairer/Operator	\$ 51,323.00
All Department of Public Works. - Employees time and a half over 8 hour day.	
Day Laborer	\$ 18.00/hour
Emergency Call Out	\$ 18.00/hour
Construction Official, per year	\$ 25,784.10
Maintenance/Event Supervisor	\$10.00/hour
Open Space Clerk, per year	\$ 5,100.00
Plumbing Inspector, per year	\$ 12,293.10
Fire Inspector, per year	\$ 5,426.10
Electrical Inspector, per year	\$ 5,701.50

ALL AUTHORIZED TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS OR EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP WHILE ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS FOR THE TOWNSHIP, WHEN A SWORN VOUCHER IS APPROVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE, SHALL BE PAID PER THE IRS STANDARD MILEAGE RATE, PER MILE, FOR USE OF THEIR OWN PERSONAL VEHICLE.

3. All Ordinance or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent with the terms of this ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

That this Ordinance shall remain in effect for one year. That said Ordinance will be presented for final reading and adoption at a public meeting to be held on February 2nd, 2015 at the hour of 7:30 p.m. following publication in the Star-Gazette.

On motion by Jeff DeAngelis and seconded by Jacob Pence the aforementioned **Ordinance 2015-1** be adopted as read. Final reading and adoption to take place on **February 2nd, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.**

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

On motion by Committeeperson \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by Committeeperson \_\_\_\_\_  
the aforenoted  
**Ordinance 2015-1** be adopted.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstain
Bonnie Butler			
Joe Flynn			
Jeff DeAngelis			
Michael Toretta			
Jacob Pence		( ) Yes ( ) Absent	Motion carried

CERTIFICATION

I, Denise L. Becton, Registered Municipal Clerk of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that this a true and correct copy of an Ordinance introduced by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin at their regular meeting held on January 5, 2015. Second reading, public hearing will be held on February 2nd, 2015 at or near 7:30 PM in the Franklin Township Municipal Building, 2093 Rt. 57, Broadway, New Jersey.

Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk

ORDINANCE 2015-2

CALENDAR YEAR 2015

ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK  
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 1.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Franklin Township Committee of the Township of Franklin in the County of Warren finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2015 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Franklin Township Committee hereby determines that a 1.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$17,786.57 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Franklin Township Committee hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Franklin Township Committee of Township of Franklin, in the County of Warren, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2015 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Franklin shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$ 41,501.99, and that the CY 2015 municipal budget for the Township of Franklin be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced to pass on first reading at a regular meeting of the Committee of the Township of Franklin held on January 5, 2015, and ordered published in accordance with the law. Said Ordinance will be considered for final reading and adoption at a regular meeting of the Township Committee to be held on February 2, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the Township Committee may hear this Ordinance at the Municipal Building, 2093 Rt. 57, Broadway, New Jersey, at which time all persons interested may appear for or against the passage of said Ordinance.

Denise L. Becton  
Municipal Clerk

On motion by Committeeperson Jacob Pence and seconded by Committeeperson Mike Toretta the aforementioned **Ordinance 2015-2** be adopted at first reading. Final reading and adoption to take place on **February 2, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.**

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

On motion by Committeeperson      and seconded by Committeeperson      the aforementioned **Ordinance 2015-2** be adopted.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstain		
Bonnie Butler					
Jeff DeAngelis					
Joe Flynn					
Michael Toretta					
Jacob Pence			( ) Yes	( ) No	( ) Absent      Motion carried



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Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk

**REPORTS/UPDATES**

**Committee Reports:**

**Jeff DeAngelis**  
Committeeman DeAngelis informed that the Workers Compensation renewal and forms have been received. Beth Britton from Wells Fargo is no longer with the insurance company. As far as our contact, not sure who has replaced Beth, but we can still reach out to Peter Tarricone.

**Joe Flynn**  
No further comments

**Michael Toretta**  
No further comments

**Jacob Pence**  
No further comments

**Bonnie Butler**  
Mayor Butler is looking for someone to attend the Scenic Byway meeting on February 24<sup>th</sup> at the Washington Township Municipal Building, Committeeman DeAngelis will attend on behalf of the township. We have vacancies in the following: Ag Committee, Land Use Board a Class IV member, Open Space Commission, County Economic Development Committee, contact the mayor with any interest.

**Open Space**  
No representative present

**Jim Onembo – Code Enforcement/Zoning**  
Mr. Onembo reported the Cherrybrook building has been purchased and will open for business. Printing company in the front and retail in the back of the building.

**Roger Bulava – Recycling**  
Mr. Bulava reported a new 2015 Recycling Schedule was given to the municipal clerk to post on the website and front foyer accordingly.

**FTYA**  
No representative present

**Fire Department**  
Chief Read informed procedure reports are up to date and FEMA reports are ready. The 2015 Membership and Officers list were given to the municipal clerk.

**OEM**  
Mr. Read advised the Operations Plan is up to date and in place.

**Rescue Squad**

Chief Chiu informed that they are finishing up with the end of the year reports. The squad has been quiet.

**DPW**

Foreman Read inquired as to the joint paving equipment agreement with Washington Township and Washington Borough. The mayor will reach out to the township attorney. Mr. Read is looking to see if he can still purchase the snowplow for the Freightliner, unfortunately the quote prices have increased, due to not ordering the plow.  
Bradco Equipment, Bradco, PA \$14,400  
Trius \$18,000

On motion by Mike Toretta and seconded by Jeff DeAngelis, to approve the quote from Bradco in the amount of \$14,400. Mr. Read will order this tomorrow from Bradco.

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

Mr. Read is also looking to purchase a Repeater Radio that will benefit not only the DPW but fire and rescue, helping to cut out all the dead spots in the township, while trying to communicate to one another. This radio will also need a separate FCC License in order to use the repeater. Committeeman Flynn noted that he is struggling to approve something without seeing it on paper to make a decision. This topic will be discussed at the February meeting advising Mr. Read to bring 2 quotes for the repeater and license.

**Open Public Session**

Mayor Butler thanked Rick Gardner, Freeholder, for attending tonight’s meeting and administering the oaths of office.

On motion by Jacob Pence and seconded by Mike Toretta, to pay appropriate bills as per bill list received by our Chief Financial Officer.

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

On motion by Joe Flynn and seconded by Mike Toretta, hearing no objection, meeting stands adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise L. Becton, RMC/CMR  
Municipal Clerk