

REGULAR MEETING

The Franklin Township Committee held its regular monthly meeting and called to order at approximately 7:06 pm on Monday, May 4, 2015. Deputy Mayor Joe Flynn 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: Jeff DeAngelis, Joe Flynn, Jacob Pence, Mike Toretta (4) Present, Mayor Bonnie Butler (joined the meeting at 7:27 pm)

Present were: Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk, Kevin Benbrook, Municipal Attorney, Mike Finelli, Municipal Engineer, Anthony Ardito, Municipal Auditor (present for adoption of budget and discussion with bond counsel), Roger Bulava, Recycling Coordinator, Jim Onembo, Zoning and Code Enforcement Ronnie Read, DPW Foreman, Sonny Read, OEM/Fire Chief (Joined the meeting at approximately 8:00 pm)

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes:

The Regular Meeting Minutes and Executive Session Meeting Minutes of April 6, 2015, were accepted on motion by Jacob Pence, and seconded by Jeff DeAngelis, Unanimous Vote. (Mayor Butler, absent)

Raffles/Bingos:

- a. Off-Site Merchandise Raffle RE: Approval of Raffle Application
Musconetcong Watershed Association, RA# 2015-2, to be held May 1, 2016 at the Franklin Twp. Fire Dept., Asbury, NJ, 11:00 am - 12:00 am
- b. On-Site Tricky Tray RE: Approval of Raffle Applications,
RA#2015-3 PTA Warren County Technical School; to be held May 29, 2015, 5:30-10:00 pm
- c. On site 50/50 Raffle RE: Approval of Raffle Applications,
RA#2015-4 PTA Warren County Technical School; to be held May 29, 2015, 5:30-9:30 pm
- d. On site 50/50 Raffle RE: Approval of Raffle Applications,
RA#2015-5 PTA Franklin Township; to be held June 12, 2015, 6:30-9:00 pm
- e. Offsite Bingo RE: Approval of Bingo Applications,
BA#2015-1PTA Franklin Township; to be held June 12, 2015, 6:30-9:00 pm

The above Raffles/Bingo, were accepted on motion by Jeff DeAngelis, and seconded by Mike Toretta.

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

(4) Yes (0) No (1) Absent Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION 2015 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Deputy Mayor Flynn opened the hearing for the **2015 Municipal Budget**, for the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, State of New Jersey. Anthony Ardito was present for any questions. On motion by Jacob Pence and seconded by Jeff DeAngelis to open the public hearing. Municipal Auditor, Ardito advised that the tax rate will go up 1.8 cents per \$100,000 of assessed valuation. Approximately \$35 a year per tax payer.

Hearing no questions or comments from the public a motion by Jeff DeAngelis and seconded by Mike Toretta to close the Public Hearing of the 2015 Municipal Budget.

On motion by Jeff DeAngelis and seconded by Jacob Pence to **adopt the 2015 Municipal Budget.**

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

(4) Yes (0) No (1) Absent Motion carried

Report/Update:

- a. New Jersey State Police – no trooper present at meeting

Discussions/Approvals/Executions:

John Draikiwicz of Gibbons, P.C., our new township bond counsel, was present at the meeting to discuss possible future bonding for the township. Mr. Draikiwicz has been in the bond counsel field since 1982 and is sensitive to municipalities to finance their debt long and short term. Per our auditor, Anthony Ardito, he advised that the township has approximately \$1.4 million outstanding in Notes and no outstanding Bonds. (Let the record reflect that Mayor Butler joined the meeting at this time at 7:27 pm) Mr. Draikiwicz advised to get a plan together, listing items, so the CFO, Auditor and Bond Counsel can review and know what the township can afford with a minimum impact on the residents. Oil and Chip (to seal roads) has a useful life of 5 years. Mayor Butler offered the townships wish list as follows:

- Replace windows (office side) – 15 years useful life
- Replace DPW Truck with new one – 5 years useful life
- Replace Fire Truck with new one – 10 years useful life (approximately \$200,000)
- New Salt Shed – 15 years useful life
- Heat/Ventilation in the Community Center – 15 years useful life

Mr. Draikiwicz complimented the township committee on their debt control. Mr. Ardito advised that we used \$763,000 of surplus this year to balance the budget and we did not use any deferred school tax.

The following Resolutions and Proclamation were presented for adoption:

PROCLAMATION:

***Older Americans Month
MAY, 2015***

Whereas, the month of May is traditionally designated as Older Americans Month; and

Whereas, the theme for Older Americans Month 2015 is “Get into the Act” to honor the 50th anniversary of the Older Americans Act of 1965 and to promote how older adults are taking charge of their health, getting engaged in their communities and making positive impacts in the lives of others; and

Whereas, the older residents of Franklin Township, Warren County, NJ have made countless contributions and sacrifices to ensure a better life for future generations; and

Whereas, injury prevention, safety awareness, and health promotion are vital in helping our older residents remain healthy and active throughout their lives; and

Whereas, Franklin Township, encourages and supports all efforts that help our older residents take control of their health, safety and well-being.

Now therefore, Franklin Township, does hereby proclaim May 2015 to be Older Americans Month in Franklin Township, Warren County, NJ.

Residents of all ages are encouraged to take time this month to recognize our older citizens as vital contributors who enhance every aspect of our community.

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, May 4th, 2015.

Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk

Dated: May 4, 2015

RESOLUTION:

Resolution 2015-40

WHEREAS, the Franklin Township Tax Assessor has deemed Block 30 Lot 7, 426 Route 57, to have Tax Exempt Status, and,

WHEREAS, Property Taxes have been charged against this Property for the first and second quarters of 2015, and,

WHEREAS, Property Owner has paid the first quarter 2015 Property Tax, resulting in an overpayment on this Property,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Counsel authorize the Tax Collector to cancel first and second quarter 2015 taxes on Block 30 Lot 7 and to refund \$2,848.28 to Divine Mercy Healing Center, Inc., 426 Route 57, Washington, NJ 07882.

On motion by Joe Flynn and seconded by Jeff DeAngelis the aforementioned Resolution 2015-40 be adopted as read.

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

(5) Yes (0) No (0) Absent Motion carried

CERTIFICATION

I, Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk, for the Township of Franklin, Warren County, NJ, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and accurate copy of a Resolution adopted by the Franklin Township Committee at a meeting of said Township Committee held on May 4th, 2015.

Witness my hand and the SEAL of the Township of Franklin.

Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk

RESOLUTION:

**TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN
COUNTY OF WARREN
RESOLUTION NO. 2015-41**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) recently completed a traffic investigation on Route 57 in Franklin Township; and,

WHEREAS, NJDOT recommends a revision to the centerline pavement markings on Route 57 to create a “No Passing Zone” In the vicinity of Mile Post 5.82 (Pohatcong Creek-Westbound side only) for safety reasons; and,

WHEREAS, this project will create safer driving conditions in the area of Route 57;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, in the State of New Jersey, that it supports the use of a “No Passing Zone” on Route 57 in the Township of Franklin as recommended by NJDOT.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of the Resolution shall be forwarded to NJDOT as requested.

Mayor

Municipal Clerk

Dated: May 4, 2015

On Motion by Joe Flynn and seconded by Jacob Pence the aforementioned **Resolution 2015-41** 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, Clerk of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and accurate copy of a Resolution adopted by the Franklin Township Committee at a meeting of said Township Committee held on May 4, 2015.

Witness my hand and the SEAL of the Township of Franklin.

SEAL:

Denise L. Becton, Township Clerk

OLD BUSINESS:

PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF:

Final Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 2015-7

On motion by Jeff DeAngelis and seconded by Joe Flynn to open the Public Hearing.

No Public Comments

On motion by Jacob Pence and seconded by Joe Flynn to close the Public Hearing

Franklin Township

ORDINANCE #2015-7

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING RENEWAL OF MUNICIPAL CONSENT TO COMCAST TO CONSTRUCT, CONNECT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A CABLE TELEVISION AND COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM IN FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN, COUNTY OF WARREN, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, THAT CHAPTER A160 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN ENTITLED, "CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE," BE AND HEREBY IS REPLACED IN ITS ENTIRETY WITH A NEW FRANCHISE ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS:

On motion by Committeeperson Bonnie Butler and seconded by Committeeperson Jeff DeAngelis the aforementioned ordinance be adopted at final reading.

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

REPORTS/UPDATES:

Attorney Report – Report on File

Attorney Benbrook updated the committee as to the "old" Brandywine/Sigler Property, SADC is putting the application on hold until a new Affordable Housing Plan is prepared. Also, the Beidleman Road property will be hard to auction off due to extensive clean up. Adjoining property owners of this property, Michael & Sue DuFour, 43 Beidleman Road, here in audience tonight, willing to work with the town to clean up the property and interested in purchasing and making it into woodlands. Attorney Benbrook will look into advertising for sealed letter bids, mailing to adjoining property owners and advertise in the newspaper, conditions of sale, allow due diligence, hold harmless and environmental, to get property back on the tax rolls.

Engineer Report –

Mr. Finelli briefed the committee as his report below:

1. 2014 NJDOT Trust Fund Program: Good Springs Road, Section III

- 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.
- The project was discussed at the July 7, 2014 Committee Meeting where the Committee authorized our office to proceed with the development of plans and specs with the hope of having the project constructed in 2014. We have completed all of the Field Survey Work, developed the Project Base Maps, and have completed the Construction Plans and Project Bid Specifications. All of the required information (Plans, Specs., Engineer's Estimate, Engineer's Certification, etc.) has been forwarded to the NJDOT.
- As you are aware, this Project will be constructed via the Morris County Co-Op. Schifano Paving is the Paving Contractor through the Morris County Co-Op in 2014. We have called them and have asked to be placed on their schedule. A "walk through" was conducted with Schifano on Wednesday, October 8, 2014. At that time, Schifano indicated that their schedule was such that the paving would occur during the last week of October (at the earliest), or either the first or second week of November (at the latest).

- Schifano's paving schedule and Driveway Treatment Extras were discussed at some length at the November 3, 2014 TC Meeting. Based upon both the time of year and the potential for a new Co-Op Paving Contractor in 2015, the Township Committee decided to hold off on proceeding with the Project in 2014. I notified Schifano and the DOT of same and they both understood and accepted the Township's decision. As per our Grant Agreement with the NJDOT, we have until December, 2015 to award a Contract on this Project
- As per my prior e-mail to the Township Committee, dated January 23, 2015, funding for this Project is available and has been encumbered by the DOT for this Project, so there are no issues with the Project moving forward in 2015.
- Our Office has been coordinating with the NJDOT, and we have received confirmation that the Project is construction ready. We have been coordinating with Tilcon (the 2015 Co-Op Paving Contractor) to establish a schedule for the Project. As of the date of this Report, we have not received a firm commitment date for the start of construction, but, we believe that construction will commence within the next few weeks, by mid-May or thereabouts. We are currently waiting for some price quotes from Tilcon for milling of the Driveway connections and Roadway transition areas. We will continue to advise both the Township and the DPW once a more definitive schedule is established.

2. 2015 NJDOT Trust Fund Grant Program Applications

- Our Office has received a copy of a letter from the NJDOT regarding the FY 2015 State Aid Programs. One of the Programs again being offered is the traditional "Municipal Aid Program". This is the Program which the Township has had much success and has utilized for the paving of numerous Municipal Roadways over the past number of years. This year's Application(s) are due on or before October 14, 2014, and must be submitted via SAGE. Last year, the Township submitted two Applications: one for Good Springs Road, Section III, and one for Maple Avenue.
- At the September 8, 2014 Township Committee Meeting, the Committee authorized our Office to prepare a Grant Application for Maple Avenue through the 2015 Trust Fund Program. We had prepared a Resolution (#2014-61) which was forwarded to Denise and was approved at the October 6, 2014 Committee Meeting.
- The Application for Maple Avenue was submitted to the DOT on October 9, 2014, in advance of the October 14, 2014 deadline.
- GOOD NEWS!!!! As per a recent Letter from the NJDOT, dated 4/10/15, the Township has been awarded a Grant for Phase 1 of Maple Avenue in the amount of \$95,000. Typically, a Grant Agreement will be forwarded to the Township from the NJDOT, establishing the terms for the acceptance of this Grant. Once the Grant Agreement is received and executed by the Township, the Township will need to make a decision on whether or not they wish to proceed with this Project in 2015. I believe that if the Township wishes to have this Project completed in 2015, we would be in a position to develop all the NJDOT required Plan and Bid documents for a late summer or early fall construction timeframe. We will discuss this Project further at the May 4, 2015 TC Meeting, and will wait for the Township's authorization prior to moving forward with any work on this Project.

3. Township Wastewater Management Plan(WMP).

(No change since last month's Report.)

- We have been advised in a June 16, 2014 email from NJDEP that there are three (3) options with regard to the most recent grant allotment received for \$19,000 via correspondence from the NJDEP dated, 2/12/14.
 - a. Don't accept the grant and don't do any additional work and see what comes out of the new Waster Management Planning Act regulations.
 - b. Submit a new scope of work which includes a request for funding for septic density zoning.
 - c. Complete septic density zoning without funding from the State.
- This matter was discussed at the July 7, 2014 TC Meeting, and the Committee decided to choose Option "a" as outlined above. Based upon that decision, our office, via letter dated July 15, 2014 notified the NJDEP of the Township's decision. A copy of this letter was provided to the Township for their information and records.

4. Third St. Drainage/Flood Control Grant Project

(No change since last month's Report.)

- This project was discussed at the July 7, 2014 TC Meeting, specific to the Township rendering a decision on moving forward with the Project or not based primarily upon the DEP's site inspection from last year and the various regulatory and permitting issues they have raised. It was agreed that Committeeman Jacob Pence, Mayor Butler and our office would meet "off-line" to review the Project in greater detail. The purpose was to evaluate the best path forward for the Township as it relates to this Grant, the various regulatory hurdles we are facing, and the need to improve the drainage conditions in this area. This meeting occurred on July 11, 2014. Mayor

Butler updated the Committee in more detail regarding this project at the August 4, 2014 Committee Meeting. After the discussion, it was determined that Mayor Butler would continue to follow up on this Project with State Level Elected Officials and/or the Attorney General's Office. I am sure that Mayor Butler will provide an update at the appropriate time.

- I received a call from Mayor Butler, who advised me that Cindy Randazzo, NJDEP, had recently stopped in the Municipal Building while she was "making her rounds" to various Municipalities in the State. Mayor Butler happened to be at the Municipal Building, and it is my understanding that Mayor Butler talked to Ms. Randazzo about this Project, and the Permitting obstacles and associated issues.
- The project deadline was previously extended to 8-31-2015. Therefore, we will need to make some decisions on the project in the next few months. The last voucher submitted for reimbursement was for services provided through October 31, 2013. The Hunter Research bill and their fees were included in that reimbursement voucher. We have billed \$1,135.64 since then (over the past 15+ months). We could make an application for another reimbursement, but it would only amount to approx. \$850. It would take us a couple hours to get all the paperwork together for Dawn.

5. 2015 Hazard Mitigation Plan

(No change since last month's Report.)

- I attended a Meeting on behalf of the Township for this Project on 1/22/15, which was held at the Warren County Technical School. Sonny Read was also in attendance on behalf of the Township. There was much information disseminated through the County's Consultant on this Project, Tetra Tech. Assuming the Township wishes to be a part of this Project (which I strongly encourage), there is quite a bit of work to do in order to complete the required worksheets that are part of the first phase of work that the Township must supply to the County and Tetra Tech.
- A Meeting was held at the Municipal Building between Sonny Read (OEM), Mayor Butler, Denise Becton, Ron Read, and myself on February 13th, 2015. The various required Worksheets (six in total) were reviewed, and a number of them were completed at the Meeting. Sonny Read is the Point of Contract for the Township on this Project, and has been coordinating with the other various involved parties, including our Office, relative to the Worksheets which we are responsible to complete. Our Office recently sent two completed Worksheets to Sonny Read for his use and for submission to Tetra Tech in conjunction with the Township's HMP Plan and submittal requirements at this time.
- Our Office attended a follow-up Meeting on March 20th, during which Tetra Tech reviewed the status of the Municipalities HMP worksheets submitted to date. Franklin Township has performed well in developing and submitting all of the required Worksheets, both from a Completeness standpoint, and on a timely basis. It is my understanding that Sonny Read has received the next two Worksheets (#7 & #8). I am sure that Sonny R. will update the Township Committee at the next TC Meeting.

6. Pohatcong Valley Groundwater Contamination (OU2) Potable Water Main Extension Project

- As prompted by Mayor Butler, our Office has been in recent contact with Theresa Hwilka, EPA, regarding the Township applying for and securing reimbursement for the Township's expenses/fees associated with this Project to date. Although there has not been much work conducted recently, this Project dates back to 2012, and the Township has not applied, nor secured any reimbursement on this Project to date. Dawson Bloom of our Office has made contact with Ms. Hwilka, who has provided both a Form and instructions relative to the Township providing the EPA with the required supporting information to apply for reimbursement. I would recommend that the Township move forward towards developing the information necessary to make the required submission to the EPA to secure the Township's appropriate reimbursement for this Project. Authorization for this work was provided at the March 2, 2015 TC meeting.
- Our Office recently compiled all the information, including the EPA Task Breakdown Spreadsheet, and supporting Vouchers for submittal to the EPA for Reimbursement. We submitted this information to Dawn Stanchina for her use in submitting the Reimbursement request to the EPA. The amount of funds expended totaled \$9,332.01. I spoke with Mayor Butler at the LUB meeting on 4/1/15 and she indicated that the Twp. had just received an e-mail from Theresa Hwilka, EPA, which indicated that their review of our submission was both complete and satisfactory and that the Twp. would be receiving their reimbursement check ASAP.
- As per a recent e-mail from Mayor Butler, the Township has received their initial Reimbursement check from the EPA.

7. NJDEP 2015 Recreation Trails Grant Application

- As authorized at the April 6, 2015 TC Meeting, our Office proceeded in developing a Grant Application through this Program. Gene Weber, PE, from our Office, developed the Grant Application and required supporting documents, which were submitted electronically to the NJDEP on April 23, in advance of the April 30, 2015 deadline. We have received confirmation from the NJDEP that our Application was received, and was being reviewed for "Completeness".

As of the date of this Report, no further comments have been received from the DEP regarding our Application submission.

- Copies of the Application Form, Layout Plan, Cost Estimate, and other supporting Application documents have been forwarded to the Township for your information and records. The Township should be advised that this Grant Program “caps” the Grant Award amount at \$24,000. This would still create a funding shortfall for the Project, should we be fortunate enough to receive the Grant. Should we be fortunate enough to receive the Grant, a funding shortfall for the Project will exist.
- Our Office is unaware of any timeline associated with the Award announcements through this Program.

Roger Bulava – Recycling

Mr. Bulava updated the committee as to the township’s Spring Clean Up, June 6th, backhoe fee for this day will be able to take the cost from the Clean Communities Grant. Mr. Bulava will be attending a recertification class tomorrow in Hillsborough. Paper Shredding Event at the county garage, May 16th. Foreman Read will line up a sand blaster to refurbish the “plow” sign in front of the road garage.

Jim Onembo – Code Enforcement/Zoning –

Mr. Onembo updated the committee as to various happenings in the township. One being Victaulic, they will be removing soil and a concrete trestle, approximately 10 trucks a day will be seen hauling out the waste on Edison Road, supervised by the DOT. Rossini’s supermarket, the health department has been contacted due to going out of business and neglecting to remove the meat, concerns of rodents. The number of foreclosures is growing and the township has to step in to maintain the grass placing liens on these properties. Attorney Benbrook will review the present ordinance and the clerk will check with the tax collector as to if/how these liens are being satisfied when the property has been finally sold. Mr. Onembo was out again at 27 Benjamin Drive after a complaint was received as to vulgar language now spray painted on the side of this house. Mr. Onembo is also working with Engineer Finelli as to a variance application before the Land Use Board, ADPP Site, in New Village that will supply a Gas Station/Mini Mart, construction to commence soon.

Open Space Report: No one present

Franklin Township Youth Association: Not Present

Rescue Squad – Chief Karen Chiu

Chief Chiu informed that the squad’s car wash was a success. They also provided support at the Musconetcong Watershed Association Run for the River Event this past Sunday.

OEM REPORT/FIRE – Raymond Read –

OEM Read advised that he will be attending the Hazard Mitigation Meeting in May. Generators are starting to go out from the Generator Grant. Chief Read informed the township committee as to the 1973 mini pumper, always being repaired and the brake lines are going, to consider replacing this with a new pumper when bonding. Chief Read would have to inform approximately 35-40 residents that the mini pumper is the primary response vehicle, due to either their driveway, lane they live on or a bridge that this mini pumper can get over to gain access to their homes, if the township is unable to replace this pumper. Mayor Butler read a Resolution of Appreciation that was presented to the Fire Department from Cetennary College when they responded to a fire back in January of 2015.

Franklin Township Community Center – Eddy Patient – not present – no report filed

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Jeff DeAngelis

Nothing further to report

Jacob Pence

Nothing further to report

Michael Toretta

Nothing further to report.

Joe Flynn

Nothing further to report

Bonnie Butler, Mayor

Mayor Butler advised that she attended the Warren County Special Services 25th Anniversary on April 17th. She met with an extraordinary group of people who work with special needs children. The mayor shared a part of a speech she heard that evening, that was so well put, “They take care of our most vulnerable children”.

Contract Agreement with the Franklin Township Board of Education exchanging buffing of the community center floor with the township plowing the school’s property, if the committee so choses, to continue this agreement without any changes.

On motion by Jacob Pence and seconded by Mike Toretta, authorizing the mayor to execute this contract without any changes.

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

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

Sharon Risko – questioned as to the increased trucks on Edison Road, Victaulic Project. Mr. Onembo advised that this project is contracted under the DOT and will start towards the end of this month.

DPW REPORT – Report on File

Foreman Read handed out an estimate from All Image, Inc. to mill out the area under the railroad culvert on Stewartsville Road \$5, 500. This estimate does not cover the asphalt to pave once milled, material or trucking. Mr. Read informed that total cost of project would be approximately \$11,000 with the other items the township would have to supply. Committeeman Toretta informed that at this time, the DPW budget would not allow this project to be done, they would have to wait. Mr. Bulava informed the committee that the brush pile, could be chipped, and cost could be covered under the Clean Communities Grant. Mr. Read will get a cost. The joint paving agreement with Washington Borough and Washington Township, our township wants to get out of this. Mayor Butler informed that this contract has expired, therefore, there is no contract. We have been waiting for a reply from the Borough and the Township since October 2013. Mr. Read advised that Washington Township wants to buy all the paving equipment.

Matt Eagleburger-Franklin Township School

Mr. Eagleburger was in attendance this evening and informed that they will be holding their budget hearing tomorrow night at 7:00 pm. Their budget went down. A thank you to our road department and emergency services, they are always a big help.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

BE IT RESOLVED, on this 4th day of May, 2015, by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-1, that the Township Committee shall discuss the following matter in executive session

Personnel – Building Department

It is not possible at this time for the Township Committee to determine when and under what circumstances the item which is to be discussed in executive session can be publicly disclosed.

THEREFORE, be it resolved on this 4th, day of May, 2015 by the Franklin Township Committee, that the matter stated will be discussed in executive session, said session to commence at 8:50 pm.

On Motion by Mike Toretta and seconded by Jacob Pence to exit to executive session at 8:50 p.m. Unanimous Vote.

On motion by Jacob Pence and seconded Mike Toretta to return to the regular session at 9:02 p.m. Unanimous Vote.

MOTION FOR PAYMENT OF BILL LIST:

On motion by Jeff DeAngelis and seconded by Jacob Pence, 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 Bonnie Butler and seconded by Jeff DeAngelis, hearing no objection, meeting stands adjourned at 9:05 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