

REGULAR MEETING

The Franklin Township Committee held its regular monthly meeting at 7:00 pm on Monday, March 7, 2016. Mayor Bonnie Butler opened the meeting in accordance with the “Open Public Meeting Act” Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 having been duly advertised and a copy posted in the office of the Township Clerk.

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

ROLL CALL OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeff DeAngelis, Jacob Pence, Mike Toretta, Mayor Bonnie Butler, (4) Present, (1) Joe Flynn, Absent, let the record reflect that Mr. Flynn joined the meeting at 8:35 pm.

Present were: Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk, Ron Read, DPW Foreman, Raymond Read, OEM, Jim Onembo, Zoning/Code Enforcement, Roger Bulava, Recycling Coordinator.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes:

The Regular Meeting Minutes and Executive Session Meeting Minutes of February 1, 2016.

Raffles:

On Premises 50/50 RA2016-1 and On Premises Tricky Tray RA2016-2, Warren County Technical School, April 29, 2016.

The minutes and raffles were accepted on motion by Jeff DeAngelis, and seconded by Jacob Pence, Unanimous Vote, Joe Flynn (1) Absent.

NJSP

Trooper Raub Hopek was present at this evenings meeting. A reminder to place on our website, to wear your helmets while riding your bikes and or recreational vehicles. Lock your homes and cars, noted a few home break-ins and cars broken into, in neighboring communities, resulting from unlocked doors.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chris Mamarro of Credit Merchant Services – Not present at this time, continue with agenda.

Introduction of the Following Resolutions:

2016 Municipal Budget (By Title Only)

The following Resolutions 2016–33, 34 and 35 were presented for adoption:

Resolution 2016-33 -

**TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN
COUNTY OF WARREN
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

RESOLUTION #2016-33

WHEREAS, the 2016 Local Municipal Budget was introduced on the 7th day of March, 2016; and,

WHEREAS, during the fiscal year 2016 the Township of Franklin has been allocated a state grant for various programs in the amount of \$127,945.00

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that petition be made herewith to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services that the 2016 Local Municipal Budget include a special item of revenue under the heading of "**Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services-Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:**"

Clean Communities Program – Prior Year	\$12,945.00
Municipal Alliance	4,197.00
NJDOT Grant - Maple Avenue	95,000.00
COAH Plan Conformance Grant	20,000.00
	<u>\$ 127,945.00</u>

On Motion by Jacob Pence and seconded by Jeff DeAngelis the aforementioned **Resolution 2016-33** 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	(4)Yes	(0) No	(1) Absent
				Motion carried

CERTIFICATION

It is hereby certified that this is a true and accurate copy of a Resolution adopted by the governing body of the Township of Franklin at a meeting held in the Municipal Building, on March 7, 2016.

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

SEAL:

Denise L. Becton, Township Clerk

Resolution 2016-34 -

**TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN
COUNTY OF WARREN
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

RESOLUTION #2016-34

WHEREAS, the provisions of the Township of Franklin’s open space ordinance allows the township committee to set the open space tax rate annually within a specified range; and,

WHEREAS, the township committee desires to set municipal open space tax rate at **\$0.03** per \$100 of assessed valuation for the 2016 calendar year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin that election be made to set the municipal open space tax rate at **\$0.03** per \$100 of assessed valuation for the 2016 calendar year.

On Motion by Jacob Pence and seconded by Jeff DeAngelis the aforementioned **Resolution 2016-34** 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	(4)Yes (0) No (1) Absent		Motion carried

CERTIFICATION

It is hereby certified that this is a true and accurate copy of a Resolution adopted by the governing body of the Township of Franklin at a meeting held in the Municipal Building, on March 7, 2016.

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

SEAL:

Denise L. Becton, Township Clerk

Resolution 2016-35 –

**TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN
COUNTY OF WARREN
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

RESOLUTION-#2016-35

WHEREAS, the Township of Franklin is holding a meeting on March 7, 2016, for the purpose of introducing the 2016 Municipal Budget and conducting other matters; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, Warren County, New Jersey, that the Township of Franklin hereby petitions the Director of the Division of Local Government Services that the 2016 Local Municipal Budget be introduced and approved on March 7, 2016.

2016 FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Surplus anticipated general revenues	\$ 751,650.00
Total Miscellaneous revenue	487,482.00
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	180,000.00
Local Property Taxes	<u>969,721.00</u>
Total General Revenues	<u>\$2,388,853.00</u>
 Total Operations	
Salaries and Wages	\$ 473,712.00
Other Expenses	693,199.00
Capital Improvements	250,000.00
Statutory Expenditures	93,415.00
Debt Service	237,600.00
Reserve for Delinquent Taxes	<u>640,927.00</u>
Total 2016 Municipal Budget	<u>\$2,388,853.00</u>
2016 Municipal Tax Rate	0.234

Motion:

On Motion by Jacob Pence and seconded by Jeff DeAngelis the aforementioned **Resolution 2016-35** 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	(4) Yes	(0) No (1) Absent	Motion carried

CERTIFICATION

It is hereby certified that this is a true and accurate copy of a Resolution adopted by the governing body of the Township of Franklin at a regular meeting held March 7, 2016, at the Municipal Building, Broadway, New Jersey.

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

SEAL:

Denise L. Becton, Township Clerk

Introduction of Ordinance:

Ordinance 2016-4 –

**TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN
ORDINANCE NO. 2016-4**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATIONS FOR CHARITABLE SOLICITATION PERMITS FOR FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP RESCUE SQUAD’S “COIN DROP” EVENTS FOR THE YEAR 2015 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN, COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, the members of the Franklin Township Fire Department wish to hold their “Coin Drop” events on April 2, September 24, October 15, and November 26, 2016 at the intersection of Route 57 and Asbury-Broadway Road in the Township of Franklin; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Franklin Township Rescue Squad wish to hold their “Coin Drop” events on April 23, June 18 and August 27, 2016 at the intersections of Route 57 and Asbury-Broadway Road, Anderson Road and Asbury- Broadway Road, and Bloomsbury Road and Asbury- Broadway Road in the Township of Franklin; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 39:4-60 requires charitable organizations to obtain municipal approval before soliciting contributions within the State and County roadways of the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin Fire Department and Franklin Rescue Squad are also required to obtain Charitable Solicitation permits from the New Jersey Department of Transportation (hereinafter, “NJDOT”); and

WHEREAS, the NJDOT application must be accompanied by a certified copy of a municipal ordinance approving the solicitation and authorizing the State Police to execute the application on behalf of the municipality in that the State Police are the responsible police service for the intersection in question; and

WHEREAS, the Township has considered the Fire Company and Rescue Squad’s requests and has found same to be acceptable; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to approve the Fire Company and Rescue Squad’s requests in accordance with the procedures established in N.J.S.A. 39:4-60.

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

Section - ____

The Township hereby approves Franklin Township Fire Department’s request to hold “Coin Drop” events on April 2, September 24, October 15, and November 26, 2016 at the intersection of Route 57 and Asbury-Broadway Road. The times approved for said solicitation are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Township hereby approves Franklin Township Rescue Squad’s request to hold “Coin Drop” events on April 23, June 18 and August 27, 2016 at the intersections of Route 57 and Asbury-Broadway Road, Anderson Road and Asbury- Broadway Road, and Bloomsbury Road and Asbury- Broadway Road. The times approved for said solicitation are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Section - ____

The approval authorized herein is subject to and expressly conditioned upon the following:

- a. The Fire Department and Rescue Squad’s compliance with all rules, regulations and guidelines promulgated by the NJDOT for charitable solicitations, including, but not limited to, the posting of any and all necessary warning signs; and
- b. The approval of the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the NJDOT.

Section - ____

A representative of the State Police is hereby authorized to execute the application for a Charitable Solicitation Permit for Franklin Fire Department and Franklin Rescue Squad’s “Coin Drop” events provided the above-stated conditions are met.

Section - ____

All ordinances of the Township, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section - ____

This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as required by law.

On motion by Committeeperson Jeff DeAngelis and seconded by Committeeperson Mike Toretta the aforementioned **Ordinance 2016-4** be adopted at first reading. Final reading and adoption to take place on April 4, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

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

On motion by Committeeperson _____ and seconded
 by Committeeperson _____ the aforementioned ordinance be adopted at final reading.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstain	
Jacob Pence				
Joe Flynn				
Jeff DeAngelis				
Michael Toretta				
Bonnie Butler, Mayor				
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	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 March 7, 2016. Second reading, public hearing will be held on April 4th, 2016 at or near 7:00 PM in the Franklin Township Municipal Building, 2093 Rt. 57, Broadway, New Jersey.

Denise L. Becton, RMC/CMR

OLD BUSINESS:

DISCUSSIONS/APPROVALS/EXECUTIONS:

Franklin Township Community Center – Senior Use- Walking in the Center

Eddie Patient created a Liability Waiver Form as well as a Sign In/Sign Out sheet, after attorney review/approval, the township committee approved to move forward to use these new forms and start opening the gym during the day for seniors to walk in the community center.

Jason Petty – Farming of old Brandywine Property – Extension of existing contract for additional 3 years –

On motion by Jeff DeAngelis and seconded by Mike Toretta to authorize the mayor to execute the contract for the 2016-2018 harvest season.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstain	
Jacob Pence	X			
Joe Flynn			X	
Jeff DeAngelis	X			
Michael Toretta	X			
Bonnie Butler, Mayor	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Motion carried
	(4)	<input type="checkbox"/>	(1)	

REPORTS/UPDATES:

Attorney Report – Report on File

Attorney Benbrook updated the committee as to the Affordable Housing Declaratory Judgement Action. A discussion ensued as to what course of action the township should take. Attorney Benbrook informed we should budget a little money for the special court appointed master. Mr. Benbrook also updated the committee as to the donated Lipari land, waiting for all the sign offs with the Deeds. Also, a

Subordination Request for the Kraser Property, Wells Fargo refinanced placing a mortgage on the property, while already having a mortgage. Wells Fargo will be informed that this is their problem not the townships. Still waiting to hear a reply from NJ American Water Company, as to fire hydrant locations. Lastly, Hunter's Tavern, possible rezoning of that and other properties, is on the Land Use Board Agenda for April.

Presentation:

Chris Mamarro of Credit Merchant Services, presented the committee with information as to options and capabilities of having an on-line credit card, electronic debit section on our website for tax payments. Mr. Mamarro will have additional information for the committee to review, as well as, cost to the township, if any, as well as to the tax payer utilizing this service.

Engineer Report – Report on File (submitted below)

Mr. Finelli briefed the committee as to the guiderail has been installed on Good Springs Road, waiting the invoice to close out the job. Maple Avenue widening has started, coordinating with the DPW. The 22' roadway width is problematic with the Musconetcong Watershed Association property on the corner of Maple and Old Main Street. Mr. Finelli will put in a Design Waiver with the DOT, to see if the road in this area can be waived from widening. Tonight we had numerous residents from Maple Avenue present, voicing their concerns with this project. Bob and Anna Leyburn concerned as to paving this road will increase the speed of the traffic, as well as polluting his water in his spring house. Richard Frankenfield, Asst. Road Foreman will contact the County Road Department as to the Leyburn's Spring House, diverting the water, as this is located on a county road. Township Committee will wait for announcements to be made from the State as to the 2nd half of this grant, before using Bond monies to continue paving the other half of Maple Avenue.

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 very soon.
- Tilcon has advised our Office that they will not be performing any of the milling of the Driveway transitions or Roadway connections. Therefore, based upon the fact that some of this work is required and certainly

desirable, we solicited price quotes from three local and smaller paving companies. We received quotes from two contractors, with the low quote from C.H. Paving in the amount of \$11,500. At the June 1, 2015 Committee Meeting, the Committee awarded a Contract to C.H. Paving for the milling and driveway transition work at the Project. C.H. Paving's work commenced on June 15, 2015. After only a few hours of work on the Project, Charlie Hicks (C.H. Paving) met with Doug Leisy, our Inspector, and a discussion ensued relative to the work being completed by C.H. Paving that Doug was not satisfied with, and did not meet the Project Specification relative to various parameters. C.H. Paving opted to "pull off the job" at that point. Very little work had been accomplished by the time C.H. Paving left the Project site. At that juncture, we reached out for a few other Contractors and got additional quotes for the work in question. K&A Paving submitted a revised quote for \$13,350. Chris Nemeth from All Image Inc. submitted a quote for \$11,200. After speaking with Township Attorney Benbrook, and based upon all of the factors involved with the Project and the work in question, I was advised that I could proceed in allowing All Image Inc. to commence work on the Project in advance of the July Township Committee Meeting where a formal Award was made. All Image Inc. commenced work on Monday, June 29th, and their work was completed on July 6th, 2015. Tilcon then proceeded with the Application of the bituminous overlay on July 14th, 2015. Their work was both started and completed on July 14th, 2015.

- We solicited a proposal for the pavement/core testing which was previously executed by the Twp. The testing results have been received and all results have met the NJDOT requirements.
- The centerline striping work has been completed by Denville Line Painting.
- The long-awaited "repair" work at the Mountain View Rd. intersection has been completed by All Image (paid for by Tilcon). It turned out that a "threatening" call to
- Tilcon by our Office was what was needed to initiate the required action in authorizing All Image to complete the work in question. In any event, the area has been repaired.
- As I am sure most of you are aware, the guide rail work has **finally** been completed by Ficor, Inc. The work was completed the week of March 1, 2016. At this juncture, our office will be gathering all necessary supporting documentation and required NJDOT "paperwork" together in an effort to submit for final approval from the NJDOT and allow the Township to close out the project and secure the final portion of grant monies due the Township.
- We will continue to keep the Township apprised of the status of the Project as we move forward toward final project close out.

2. Maple Avenue: 2015 NJDOT Trust Fund Grant Project

- 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 notification 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. The Township Committee authorized our Office to proceed with the Survey and Design Phase of the Project at the June 1, 2015 TC Meeting. We have completed the majority of the Survey

work, and have developed the base mapping for the Project and have commenced with the initial phases of the Project Design. This Project and the budget shortfall (versus the Grant amount of \$95,000) was discussed at length at the July 6, 2015 TC Meeting. Various options were presented and evaluated. The Township Committee decided that the best decision, at this time, and most economically viable alternative was to reduce the length of the Project from approximately 2/3 of a mile to approximately 1/2 of a mile (it is important to note that the entire length of Maple Avenue is approximately 1-1/3 miles; therefore, the reason for trying to “improve” 2/3 of a mile, which would be approximately half of the length of the entire roadway). In order to do so, a scope modification must be submitted to the NJDOT and approved.

- Our office recently received an approval on the Scope Modification from the NJDOT. As per the discussion from the 9/14/15 TC Meeting, there was some “debate” on whether or not to attempt to have the Project constructed in 2015, or, wait until 2016, and evaluate the ability to have the DPW do some of the work, so as to allow the balance of work to be constructed through the Co-Op, and potentially have less of a shortfall vs. the Grant Amount (\$95,000.). Committeeman Toretta and Mayor Butler have previously inspected the road to examine the existing conditions, and evaluate the potential for the DPW to do some of the Roadway widening and drainage work. Based upon that inspection and discussions with both the DPW and our Office, it was determined that the Project would not go “out to bid” in 2015, but we would wait until the spring of 2016 to commence with the work in question, with the hope that the DPW will have a greater role in some of the construction/improvement aspects of the Project. It is important to note that the Township’s timeline and schedule for this Project, per the Grant Agreement with the DOT, does not require a Contract Award until December, 2016. Therefore, we still have ample time to move forward with this Project.
- Our office has recently spoken with the DPW regarding their work along the roadway and the coordination of same with our grant project. Donna Becker of our office recently met with the DPW in the field to review and discuss both the roadway widening and project limits. Our office is presently moving forward with the modified design. As previously discussed, we will be utilizing the Co-Op to do the majority of work for this roadway improvement project. We may be required to secure a design exception from the NJDOT for the western most end of the road (adjacent to the MWA office) as we may not be able to maintain a roadway width of 22 ft. Our office is currently evaluating this matter further. We will continue to examine the existing conditions which are compromising our ability to widen the road as required.
- I will continue to update the Township Committee regarding the status of the Project and the timeline for the construction of the proposed improvements.

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

- 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. 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.
- Our Office forwarded a letter dated May 29, 2015, to Mr. John Moyle, DEP, requesting an extension to the Grant Agreement. A copy of this letter was sent to all Township Committee Members. Mayor Butler previously requested that we send this letter to the DEP for the purpose of hopefully maintaining the Grant Funding for this Project until such time that the Project is permanently "shelved".
- There has been much discussion recently regarding this project (and the requested extension) between the NJDEP, our office and Mayor Butler. In conclusion and summary, it has been agreed that a meeting would be held to discuss the viability of the project between the Township and the NJDEP. This meeting was held on Wed., Sept. 30, 2015 @ 10:30 AM at the Township Municipal building. In attendance were: Mayor Butler, myself, Donna Becker, P.E. (my office), and 4 different representatives from the DEP, including: Historic Preservation Office, Dam Safety, and Land Use. Subsequent to the completion of the Meeting at the Municipal Building, I took everyone out to the site, and gave a "tour" to the DEP reps that had never seen the areas in question.
- Mayor Butler and I provided the Committee with a summary and overview of what transpired and what was discussed at the 9/30/15 Meeting. There did appear to be a sincere intent from the DEP reps to try to facilitate the construction of the Project, or a similar Project that would achieve the same goal of Flood Control. The next critical item on the timeline for this Project is a Meeting with the Historic Sites Council in Trenton on October 22, 2015, where I was previously authorized by the Committee to attend on behalf of the Township. The purpose of this Meeting was for the Township to give the Council an overview of the Project and its impacts on the Morris Canal.
- Our Office has previously forwarded, via e-mail on 10/26/15, a copy of the Power Point we had developed. We (Donna Becker and myself) attended the re-scheduled Meeting of the Historic Sites Council, on December 17, 2015. I will provide the Township Committee with a detailed update of our Presentation to the Historic Sites Council at the February 1, 2016 Meeting.
- At the February 1, 2016 TC meeting, the Township agreed to consider still moving forward with the project dependent upon the amount of work still outstanding. Mayor Butler was going to further discuss this project with Cindy Randazzo after meeting with Donna Becker of our office to update

her on exactly “where we are” with the project at this time. I would look to Mayor Butler for an update on where this project stands and if she was able to contact Ms. Randazzo.

5. 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.
- We received a call from Sonny Read, who requested that our Office assist in the preparation and completion of Worksheet #7. We then moved ahead and completed said Worksheet. Worksheet #7 was submitted to both Tetra Tech and Sonny Read on July 2, 2015.

6. Pohatcong Valley Groundwater Contamination (OU2) Potable Water Main Extension Project (No change since last month's Report.)

- 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 prior e-mail from Mayor Butler, the Township has received their initial Reimbursement check from the EPA.
- The EPA was scheduled to conduct an updated Public Information Meeting to interested/impacted Township Residents, which was scheduled for 10/26/15 at the Municipal Building. I am unaware of the turnout for the Meeting.

7. NJDEP 2015 Recreation Trails Grant Application (No change since last month's Report.)

- 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 Forms, Layout Plan, Cost Estimates, 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.
- On July 1, 2015, Gene Weber of our Office was contacted by Brandee Chapman, State Trails Coordinator, NJDEP, regarding the presence of threatened and endangered (T&E) species on the Property. She indicated that the DEP could not continue evaluating our Application until this matter was addressed. Gene Weber spoke with Ms. Chapman, and an Amended Application Form addressing the T&E and critical Wildlife Habitat Areas adjacent to the Pohatcong Creek was forwarded to Ms. Chapman on July 1, 2015. We hope that the amended Application satisfactorily addresses their concerns.
- Our Office is unaware of any timeline associated with the Award announcements through this Program.

8. 2016 NJDOT Trust Fund Grant Program (No change since last month's Report.)

- As previously determined and authorized by the Township Committee, our Office developed one (1) Application for the 2016 Program. That Application was for the second section of Maple Avenue. The required Application and supporting information was submitted, via SAGE, in advance of the October 20, 2015 deadline. A hard copy of the Grant Application was previously forwarded to Denise Becton, Clerk, for the Township's information and records. Resolution #2015-70, adopted by the Township Committee at the October 2, 2015 Committee Meeting, was forwarded the NJDOT Office, as required. I am unaware of any timeline or schedule for the announcement of the Grant recipients through the 2016 Program. I will keep the Committee apprised as soon as I know anything more definitive.

9. 2017 DPW Dump Truck With Plow and Salt Spreader (No change since last month's Report.)

- Our Office prepared a Bid Specification for the proposed new DPW Dump Truck. The Bid Opening occurred on December 30, 2015. One Bid was received from Opdyke's Sales and Service, in the amount of \$155,887. Please refer to separate correspondence from our Office, dated January 4, 2016, regarding this matter entitled "Award Recommendation".
- Our Office forwarded a "Notice of Contract Award" on January 6, 2016 to Opdyke's Sales & Service. I will assume at this juncture that all the necessary paperwork and associated Contract documents are in the process of being executed. Ron Read is now handling this matter/Contract directly with Bob Opdyke from Opdyke Sales & Service.

Roger Bulava – Recycling

Mr. Bulava advised that Spring Clean Up is set for June 4th, electronics will be accepted, will seek quotes.

Jim Onembo – Code Enforcement/Zoning

Mr. Onembo updated the committee as to several matters pertaining to zoning and code enforcement. The Franklin Township School inquired about a digital sign, this will be discussed further at a Land Use Board Meeting. Mr. Onembo was asked about the township’s regulations for the flying of drones. Hampton has a specific area where you can fly drones, should this be considered FAA regulations and does NJSP have any restrictions? Mr. Onembo went to court with Mr. Hunter of Playmakers, he received \$1000 on each citation, however, he has been given 45 days from the February 24th court date to clean up the property, and if he does, the fines will be dropped significantly. Broadway Auto is scheduled to be heard at the April Land Use Board Meeting. Attorney Benbrook will follow up with the newly adopted ordinance for vacant/abandoned/foreclosed properties with Mr. Onembo and the clerk.

Franklin Township Youth Association:

Mr. Schlessinger had nothing further to comment.

DPW REPORT – Ron Read - Report on File

Mr. Read reported they have been taking down snow fences and will be sweeping roads. They might be able to use the blower in areas where the stone is not that heavy on the roadway. Oil/Chip looking to proceed with this at the end of July early August. Due to the increase of work boots, would like the committee to consider increasing from \$100 to \$150 reimbursement per person.

On motion by Bonnie Butler and seconded by Jacob Pence, to increase the shoe reimbursement from \$100 to \$150 per person.

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

Rescue Squad – Chief Karen Chiu

No one present

Fire Department– Chief Raymond Read –

Chief Read reported that for the month of February had 612 man hours for calls and training. Two recruits are in the fire academy.

OEM – Raymond Read –

For Snow Storm Jonas we will be getting reimbursement for emergency call out time, overtime and truck repairs, through FEM.

Beth Barry – Open Space Commission

Nothing further to report.

Township Committee Reports:

Jeff DeAngelis

Committeeman DeAngelis obtained a quote from ARAE Network Solutions, LLC for a Digital Video Recording Security System for the Municipal Building in the amount of \$3,325.00. Another quote for comparison will be obtained from Apex.

Jacob Pence

Nothing further to report.

Michael Toretta

Nothing further to report.

Joe Flynn

Absent

Bonnie Butler, Mayor

After speaking with our Tax Assessor, we haven't had a re-evaluation in the township in years. Although a re-evaluation is quite expensive. Will look into this further to decide how/if we will proceed with a re-assessment.

Franklin Township Community Center – Eddy Patient

Mr. Patient present at this meeting, provided a detailed report of community center financials, current and future upgrades and an expense report. The already submitted Recreational Waiver and Sign In/Out sheet was reviewed by the township committee and the committee unanimously approved for these forms to be used for seniors to use the community center, during normal office hours to walk. The outdoor storage container, this year, will make money. Also, we need to purchase a new ladder with more height. Lastly, we need to seriously consider replacing the heating system in the center as it is very old and inefficient.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

Jeannene Butler – Mrs. Butler addressed the committee as to 29 Benjamin Road. This property has been abandoned for years, kids are gaining access destroying what is left of it, anyway to secure the home. Attorney Benbrook informed that we have a newly enacted ordinance and addressing this matter. We will have the DPW secure the property and submit the fee to do so, applying a lien on this address. Trooper Hopek advised that they are aware of the situation and will keep an eye on this property.

Rick Canale - Mr. Canale addressed the committee, as to an ongoing problem with tractor trailers on Lime Kiln Road, not being able to make it over the bridge and not able to turn around. His father-in-law's property has been damaged and doesn't want to see this happen again. A sign to deter trucks, over a certain length, not to travel Lime Kiln Road has been requested to be posted on Bloomsbury Road, which is a county road, but has not been approved by the county road department. To initiate a weight limit on Lime Kiln Road bridge, an ordinance would have to be created. Our Engineer and Attorney will follow up on this matter.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

BE IT RESOLVED, on this 7th day of March, 2016, 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 7th, day of March, 2016 by the Franklin Township Committee, that the matter stated will be discussed in executive session, said session to commence at 9:07 pm.

On Motion by Jacob Pence and seconded by Jeff DeAngelis to exit to executive session at 9:07 p.m. Unanimous Vote.

On motion by Jeff DeAngelis and seconded Jacob Pence to return to the regular session at 9:13 p.m. Unanimous Vote.

On motion by Jacob Pence and seconded by Bonnie Butler, to introduce, by Title Only, an ordinance to abolish our Building Department Construction Code Enforcement and transfer those matters to the State Department of Community Affairs.

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

At this time the committee took a field trip to review the newly installed door securing community center activities from municipal offices.

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 Jacob Pence and seconded by Mike Toretta, hearing no objection, meeting stands adjourned at 9:23 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

