

REGULAR MEETING

The Franklin Township Committee held its regular monthly meeting at 7:00 pm on Monday, May 2, 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, Joe Flynn, joined the meeting at 8:08pm (5) Present

Present were: Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk, Ron Read, DPW Foreman, Raymond Read, OEM, Jim Onembo, Zoning/Code Enforcement, Roger Bulava, Recycle Coordinator, Mike Finelli, Municipal Engineer, Attorney Kevin Benbrook, joined the meeting at 7:49 pm.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes:

The Regular Meeting Minutes and Executive Session Meeting Minutes of April 4, 2016.

Resolutions:

(The following were presented for Adoption – Proclamation Older Americans Month, Res.2016-41, Res.2016-42, Res.2016-43)

**Older Americans Month
MAY, 2016**

Whereas, the month of May is traditionally designated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services as Older Americans Month; and

Whereas, the theme for Older Americans Month 2016 is “Blaze a Trail” to acknowledge how older adults are discovering new interests and becoming involved in new activities, are giving back to their communities and setting an example for future generations; and

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

Whereas, Franklin Township is committed to raising awareness about issues facing older Americans and helping all individuals to thrive in communities of their choice for as long as possible; 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 2016 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.

Dated this 2nd day of May, 2016

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 2nd, 2016.

Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-41

WHEREAS, an erroneous payment was made on Block 7 Lot 17.02 for the second quarter of 2016, and

WHEREAS, this payment caused an overpayment on Block 7 Lot 17.02, and

WHEREAS, the property owner has requested a refund check be issued to him,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Committee authorize the Tax Collector to refund the sum of \$ 582.18 to William Nicholas, 5 Whites Road, Washington, NJ 07882.

On Motion by Jacob Pence and seconded by Mike Toretta the aforementioned **Resolution 2016-41** 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	(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 on May 2, 2016.

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

Denise L. Becton
Municipal Clerk

**RESOLUTION 2016-42
(Amended Resolution 2016-2
previously adopted)**

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 2016 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 2016.

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 2016. 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 18	August (no meeting)
February (no meeting)	September 19
March 21	October 17
April 18	November 21
May 16	December 19
June 20	
July 18	

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

On Motion by Jacob Pence and seconded by Mike Toretta the aforementioned **Resolution 2016-42** 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

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Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-43

WHEREAS, duplicate tax payments were made on Block 60 Lot 1.06 for the first quarter of 2016, and

WHEREAS, these payment have caused an overpayment on Block 60 Lot 1.06, and

WHEREAS, the property owner has requested a refund check be issued to him,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Committee authorize the Tax Collector to refund the sum of \$ 2,123.27 to Anthony Vitale, 379 Bloomsbury Road, Bloomsbury, NJ 08804.

On Motion by Jacob Pence and seconded by Mike Toretta the aforementioned **Resolution 2016-43** 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	(3)Yes (0) No	(1) Absent	(1) Abstained Motion carried

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Denise L. Becton
Municipal Clerk

On motion by Jacob Pence, and seconded by Mike Toretta, to accept the Consent Agenda Items - the regular meeting minutes, executive meeting minutes, Proclamation, Resolution 2016-41, Resolution 2016-42, Resolution 2016-43.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstained	
Jeffrey DeAngelis				X (* to the Regular and Executive Meeting Minutes and Resolution 2016-43 Only Yes to Proclamation/Res. 2016-41/Res. 2016-42)
Joe Flynn				X
Jacob Pence	X			
Michael Toretta	X			
Mayor Bonnie Butler	X	(3)Yes (0) No	(1) Absent	(1) Abstained* see above Motion carried

NJSP:

Trooper Dalton present at this meeting advising those to keep your doors locked at your home and cars to prevent burglaries.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution:

The following Resolutions 2016-44 was presented for adoption:

**RESOLUTION #2016-44
AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A RECREATIONAL
TRAILS PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Parks and Forestry, Office of Natural Lands Management, through its New Jersey Trails Program,

administers federal Recreational Trails Program grants to develop, maintain and restore trails and trail-related facilities; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Trails Program will award grants of up to \$24,000 to a municipality for non-motorized trail projects located on publicly owned land, with said grants requiring a 20% total project matching fund that can be in the form of cash and/or the fair market value of labor or materials; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Franklin recognizes that improving trails within the Township will further the public interest by providing local and county residents with expanded recreational opportunities and allow residents to more easily access and appreciate the beauty and ecological value of the Township's extensive open spaces; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Franklin desires to apply for and obtain a 2016 Recreational Trails Program Grant through the New Jersey Trails Program for \$24,000 in order to implement a trail improvement project:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the township committee of the Township of Franklin, in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Mayor and Committee of the Township of Franklin hereby support the submission of a 2016 Recreational Trails Program Grant Application in the amount of \$24,000.
2. The Mayor and Committee intend to provide a 20% total project matching fund that can be in the form of cash and/or the fair market value of labor or materials, including volunteer labor and donate materials.
3. The Mayor and Committee hereby authorize the Mayor and Clerk and other appropriate Township Officials to execute the trail grant application on behalf of the Township and further authorize the Open Space Advisory Committee, the Township Administrator or other appropriate Township Official to submit the trail grant application to the New Jersey Department of Environment Protection.

On Motion by Jeff DeAngelis and seconded by Jacob Pence the aforementioned **Resolution 2016-44** 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 on May 2, 2016.

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Denise L. Becton
Municipal Clerk

Ordinances:

The following Ordinance 2016-6 was presented for introduction:

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-6
TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN
COUNTY OF WARREN
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

AN ODRINANCE TO ESTABLISH CHAPTER 129
OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN
ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC"

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that Chapter 129 of the Code of the Township of Franklin be and hereby is established as follows:

SECTION I

There is established a Chapter 129-1 entitled, “Trucks over Designated Weight Excluded from Certain Streets” as follows:

Vehicles exceeding the gross weights as set forth below are hereby excluded from the identified streets or parts of streets; provided however, that these restrictions shall not apply to the pickup and delivery of materials to residential properties accessed by the subject street or to recreational vehicles kept at any such residential property.

Name of Street	Weight	Location
Lime Kiln Road	5 tons	Entire length

SECTION II

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this amending ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of their inconsistencies only.

SECTION III

This ordinance shall be in full force and take effect immediately after final passage and publication, as required by law.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading on the 2nd of May, 2016, at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin and will be taken up for final consideration and passage at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Franklin to be held on the 6th day of June, 2016 at the Municipal Building, 50 Municipal Drive, Phillipsburg, New Jersey.

TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN

By: _____
Denise L. Becton, Clerk

On motion by Committeeperson Jeff DeAngelis and seconded by Committeeperson Bonnie Butler the aforementioned **Ordinance 2016-6** be adopted at first reading. Final reading and adoption to take place on June 6, 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				
	()	()	()	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 May 2, 2016. Second reading, public hearing will be held on June 6th, 2016 at or near 7:00 PM in the Franklin Township Municipal Building, 2093 Rt. 57, Broadway, New Jersey.

Denise L. Becton, RMC/CMR

Updates/Discussions/Approvals:

Spring Clean Up Quotes:

One quote was received by **Sanico** dated April 13, 2016 as follows:

- Cost per packer truck of trash \$560.00/load
- Cost per container of trash \$250.00/pickup
- Cost per container of metal waste no charge
- ***Sanico to keep metal salvage money***
- Disposal prices, in state/Disposal cost of trash \$63.00/ton

Two quotes were received for Electronics Recycling as follows:

- SAMR** dated 4/15/16 \$2,175
- Newtech Recycling, Inc.** dated March 10, 2016; Dropping off boxes, pallets and Newtech trailer on Friday, June 3rd/picking up on Monday, June 6th \$350, Processing on all material \$.30/lb

Upon recommendation by Roger Bulava to try Newtech Recycling for the Electronics Recycling, as we know upfront cost for this vendor/event.

On motion by Committeeperson Mike Toretta and seconded by Committeeperson Jeff DeAngelis to except the Quotes from Sanico and Newtech as submitted above.

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

Township Radio Frequency Usage – DPW/Squad/Fire

A discussion ensued as to the Franklin Township DPW Frequency and what township organizations should the frequency be made available to. This license is owned by the township and the contact on this license is Road Foreman, Ron Read and will expire in 2017. In emergencies such as storms, there is a

need for this frequency to be in our rescue squad and fire companies vehicles for communication amongst the departments with our road department. As per Foreman Read, mutual aid companies, also have this frequency in their vehicles as well. Chief Raymond Read explained that the Franklin Township Fire Company uses this channel a lot on their fire calls, if an Ops channel not assigned or if air traffic is too busy for better communication. The only other option for the DPW, squad and our fire company to communicate would be via cell phones in an emergency situation. It is the township committee's consensus to allow this radio frequency in our township's road department, rescue squad and fire companies vehicles.

Air Conditioning Tune Up –

After a recent air conditioning tune up General Conditioning, our contracted service provider recommended a few items. Replacement of the outdoor electrical disconnect box for the old A/C unit and both units are low on refrigerant, appears to be a slow leak, requiring a leak test and repair on both units. Last item would be to replace the old a/c unit entirely as it 18 years old. The cost to replace the old A/C unit with a new unit would be \$6,506. To replace the outdoor disconnect only would be \$810 and to repair the Freon leak and replace the outdoor electrical disconnect box and wire would cost \$3,312. It is in the best interest of Service Experts to replace the unit entirely, due to the age of the unit and not to put any more money in for repairs. The committee would like to look into the work done in a past energy audit by HT Lyons, prior to committing to any work on the A/C unit.

Municipal Building Surveillance System Quotes –

Quotes were received from ARAE Network Solutions for \$3,325 and another quote was received from APEX Telecom, LLC ranging from \$2,486 -\$3,586, varying with different options and how many cameras we choose.

After a brief discussion as to what our needs and the purpose of this system the township committee on motion by Bonnie Butler and seconded by Jacob Pence not to exceed \$3,750 with remote monitoring, Committeeman DeAngelis will handle with Apex accordingly.

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

Affordable Housing – COAH

Attorney Benbrook updated the township committee as to proceedings this month with COAH. Franklin Township entered into contract with the Municipal Shared Services Defense Agreement in 2015 to retain experts and/or consultants in this field protecting municipalities from a Builder's Remedy Lawsuit, not allowing to bust our zoning with hi-density residential development. At this time, it is in the township's best interest to enter into contract with the Municipal Shared Services Defense Agreement for Vicinage 13 – Somerset, Hunterdon and Warren Counties contributing \$1,500 to be used in the Litigation, saving time and money for those municipalities that have entered into this agreement.

On motion by Jeff DeAngelis and seconded by Bonnie Butler to authorize the mayor and clerk to execute above contract, Vicinage 13, \$1,500.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF:

Final Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 2016-5

On motion by Jeff DeAngelis and seconded by Jacob Pence to open the Public Hearing.

Public Comments – Nice to come locally to get our permit than deal with the State. How much savings to the township is it if we contract with the State? Per Attorney Benbrook this department has been more times in the red than in the black and the State fees are cheaper than our Municipal fees.

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

Committeeman Toretta would like to keep the Construction Department until the rest of the year, rather than give control to the State. Why can't this department run with 3 people in lieu of 4

**ORDINANCE NO. 2016-5
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 55 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN, WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, AND TRANSFERRING JURISDICTION FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE TO THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

On motion by Committeeperson Jacob Pence and seconded by Committeeperson Bonnie Butler the aforementioned **Ordinance 2016-5** be adopted.

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 (1) No (0) Absent

Motion carried

REPORTS/UPDATES:

Engineer Report – Report on File (submitted below)

Mr. Finelli briefed the committee as to his report submitted below.

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

- Please refer to the April 4, 2016 report for additional historical information on this project.
- At this juncture, our office continues to gather all necessary supporting documentation and required NJDOT “paperwork” 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. Until the payments to Ficor and All Image are made, we cannot file our final reimbursement documents with the NJDOT. I will need to get confirmation from Dawn S., CFO, relative to the final payments to both Ficor and All Image.
- Our office has recently contacted the NJDOT to secure confirmation on their field approval of the project. We requested their inspection over a month ago. Unfortunately they have not performed their inspection, but we were told it would occur within the next week or two. This approval from the DOT is required prior to the submittal of our final closeout documentation.
- 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 request for this design exception is included in our recent submittal to the NJDOT for their approval of the project. Once approved by the NJDOT, we will be in a position to proceed forward with the construction phase of the project, which we will be utilizing the Morris County Co-Op.
- 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: (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. 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

- Please refer to the April 4, 2016 report for information on this project.

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. 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.

8. New Salt Shed at DPW Yard

- As discussed at the April 4, 2016 committee meeting, our office was to coordinate with the DPW in conjunction with the Township's intent to construct a new Salt Shed at the DPW Property. I recently met with Rich (Footer) and Joe to discuss the proposed location, size, type and other miscellaneous parameters associated with the new Salt Shed. We are currently in the process of soliciting estimates from various building suppliers for the new Salt Shed. As of the date of this report we are still waiting for additional estimates. Once all of the estimates are received and the building type is finalized, we will proceed in developing a Bid Spec for this project.

Roger Bulava – Recycling

Mr. Bulava informed that there will be a WC Shredding Event on May 14th. (Information found on our webpage)

Jim Onembo – Code Enforcement/Zoning

Mr. Onembo advised that he was in court on April 13th with Jim Hunter, Playmakers. Mr. Hunter is now in compliance with his property clean up and his court fines have been reduced. Mr. Onembo also updated the committee as to this past month zoning issues and informed that Joe Taborelli has started mowing those vacated properties.

DPW REPORT – Ron Read - Report on File

Mr. Read nothing further to report.

Franklin Township Youth Association – Jim Schlessinger, President

Mr. Schlessinger not present.

Beth Barry – Open Space Commission

Mrs. Barry informed that Mayor Butler attended the Open Space Meeting in March. The commission was addressed as to how the township committee would like to proceed with farmland preservation. The commission would like for the committee to support farmland preservation with 50% of the Open Space Trust Fund and the other 50% for recreation/historical projects. Attorney Benbrook advised that our ordinance does not allow us to lock into a percentage for specific projects, but a case by case scenario, stemming from a referendum voted on by the people years ago. Committeeman Toretta stated that he would like to see the farmer come before the township committee to see if there is interest to fund the project first. Committeeman Flynn would like to know how many acres are preserved in Franklin Township and what projects has the Open Space funds been spent on to date. Mayor Butler would like to see a Concept Plan from the Open Space Commission and present it to the township committee.

Rescue Squad – Chief Karen Chiu

Chief Chiu informed of their roadside fund drive this past weekend. May 21st will be their "Touch a Truck" fundraiser allowing local businesses to have a table at this event. Looking for new members as well.

OEM – Raymond Read –

Mr. Read attended another meeting in regards to Snow Storm Jonas. We can now submit volunteer hours from the fire department emergency standby and snow removals from the fire hydrants. With the materials, equipment, volunteer man hours, emergency call in and equipment damage, we are looking at a reimbursement of \$35,000 to \$45,000.

Fire Department– Chief Raymond Read –

Chief Read reported they had a busy month. All members have completed extrication operations certification as per required from POSHA and NFPA standards. Members are now attending vehicle stabilization class. New extrication cutters are now on the engine.

Township Committee Reports:

Jeff DeAngelis

Nothing further to report.

Michael Toretta

Nothing further to report.

Joe Flynn

Committeeman Flynn advised that Archives had a paper shredding event for Earth Day. Pretty receptive doing business wide. They will be planting trees with how many pounds that was shredded.

Jacob Pence

Deputy Mayor Pence inquired as to parking on both sides of the street on Old Main Street. Mayor Butler informed this is a county road and should be discussed at their level.

Bonnie Butler, Mayor

Mayor Butler was contacted by the Mayor of Knowlton Township as to the court contract. Meeting to be held May 25th. Peggy Housman was in contact with Union Township as to paying taxes on line. They use City Net, no charge to the resident, however, a charge goes to the township. Aaron Cela of The Land Conservancy inquired as to property off Millbrook Road, if the township owned. As per Attorney Benbook, don't think the township owns this property and believes it is land locked. Matt Eagleburger, Franklin Township Board Of Ed, in attendance at this meeting, spoke with Mayor Butler as to the renewal of the Shared Services Floor Cleaning/Snow Plowing Agreement. This agreement works very well and would recommend for it to renew as is.

On motion by Joe Flynn and seconded by Jeff DeAngelis, to have the mayor/clerk execute the agreement without any changes for 2016/2017.

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

Matt Eagleburger informed that there is a Budget Hearing tomorrow evening at 7:00 pm.

MOTION FOR PAYMENT OF BILL LIST:

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

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

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:

On motion by Jacob Pence and seconded by Mike Toretta, hearing no objection, meeting stands adjourned at 9:28 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