

REGULAR MEETING

The Franklin Township Committee held its regular monthly meeting at 7:00 pm on Monday, June 6, 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 7:40pm (5) Present

Present were: Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk, Jim Onembo, Zoning/Code Enforcement, Roger Bulava, Recycle Coordinator, Mike Finelli, Municipal Engineer, Attorney Kevin Benbrook

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes:

- a. Regular Meeting Minutes of May 2, 2016
- b. Executive Session Meeting Minutes of May 2, 2016

Raffle Applications:

- a. RA2016-3; Lions Club Franklin Township – Warren County, NJ, On-Premises 50/50, various dates
- b. RA2016-4; Big Bros Big Sisters, On-Premises 50/50, 9-23-16
- c. RA 2016-5; Big Bros Big Sisters, On-Premises Tricky Tray, 9-23-16

Resolutions:

- a. Res. 2016-47; Tax Refund, Block 34 Lot 1.12 \$84,290.31, FWDSL Associates
- b. Res. 2016-50; Tax Refund, Block 34 Lot 7, \$808.35, Lewis
- c. Res. 2016-51; Brush Noxious Weeds and Grass (29 Benjamin Dr., 45 Thatcher Avenue, 8 Edison Rd., 83 Asbury Broadway Rd., 2477 Rt. 57, 6 Montana Rd., 2194 Rt. 57, 7 Whites Rd., 41 Whites Rd., 36 Halfway House Rd.)

The following Resolutions were presented for Adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-47

WHEREAS, FWDSL & Associate, LLC holds Tax Sale Certificate #13-004 and has paid subsequent taxes on Block 34 Lot 1.12 and,

WHEREAS, the property owner has redeemed this lien,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Committee authorize the Tax Collector to refund the sum of \$39,790.31 plus the Premium amount of \$44,500.00, for a total of \$84,290.31, to FWDSL & Associates, LLC, 17 W. Cliff Street, Somerville, NJ 08876

On motion by Jeff DeAngelis and seconded by Bonnie Butler the aforesaid **Resolution 2016-47** 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	(4) Yes	(0) No (1) Absent Motion Carried

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF THE RESOLUTION PASSED AT THE MEETING HELD ON June 6, 2016.

Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-50

WHEREAS, overpayment of taxes was made by the property owner on Block 34 Lot 7 for the second quarter of 2016, and

WHEREAS, this has caused an overpayment on Block 34 Lot 7, and

WHEREAS, the property owner have requested a refund check be issued,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Committee authorize the Tax Collector to refund the sum of \$ 808.35 to Brandon Lewis, 7 Old Farm Road, Stewartsville, NJ 08886.

The within **Resolution 2016-50** was moved by Committeeperson Jeff DeAngelis and seconded by Committeeperson Mike Toretta and upon roll call vote was passed.

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

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

Dated: June 6, 2016

CERTIFICATION

Certification: I, Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the resolution adopted by the Franklin Township Committee on Monday, June 6, 2016.

Denise L. Becton, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk

RESOLUTION 2016-51

WHEREAS, the General Code of the Township of Franklin, Chapter 48, Article 1 and Article 2 Regulating the growth of Brush, Noxious Weeds and Grass, Etc. Authorizes the Department of Public Works to remove debris, brush and noxious growth after Providing the notice required by the ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the required notice was sent to the below properties by certified mail return receipt requested and regular mail; and

WHEREAS, ten days has elapsed since the notices were received; and

WHEREAS, the property owners failed to remove the debris, brush and noxious growth within ten days of their receipt of the notice; and

WHEREAS, the outside contractor, for Franklin Township, Warren County, NJ caused the debris, brush, and noxious growth to be removed; and

WHEREAS, the outside contractor, for Franklin Township, Warren County, NJ has certified to the Mayor and Committee the cost of the removal of the debris, brush and noxious growth.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE MAYOR AND COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The certification of the costs of removal of the debris, brush and noxious growth has been examined and found to be correct.
2. The tax collector is hereby directed that the following costs shall be charged against the land and shall be added to and become part of the taxes next to be assessed and levied upon such land, to bear interest at the same rate as taxes, and shall be collected and enforced by the tax collector in the same manner as taxes:

Property Address	Block	Lot	Property Owner	Cost
29 Benjamin Drive (4/19/16 & 5/05/16 & 5/17/16)	16	20.33	Michael & Diane D'Aries	\$225
45 Thatcher Avenue (4/19/16 & 5/05/16 & 5/17/16)	35	5	Genaro B. Rodrigues	\$135
8 Edison Road (4/19/16 & 5/05/16 & 5/17/16)	36	20	Zachary Parkes & Kelly Linhart	\$150
83 Asbury-Broadway Rd. (5/17/16 & 5/24/16)	16.04	1.01	Michael & Krystine Beltz	\$425
2477 Rt. 57 (4/19/16 & 5/05/16 & 5/17/16)	37	6	Kalpesh Patel	\$150
6 Montana Rd. (4/19/16 & 5/05/16 & 5/17/16)	3	1.04	Lee & Michelle Spano	\$225
2194 Rt. 57 (4/19/16 & 5/05/16 & 5/17/16)	18	14	Action Mechanical	\$180
7 Whites Rd. (4/19/16 & 5/05/16 & 5/17/16)	7	17.05	Ronald & Lori Heft	\$180
41 Whites Rd. (4/19/16 & 5/05/16 & 5/17/16)	8	10.01	Jane & Peter Brady	\$240
36 Halfway House Rd. (4/19/16 & 5/05/16 & 5/17/16)	15	15	Richard & Lisa Standish	\$165

On motion by Jeff DeAngelis and seconded by Mike Toretta the aforementioned **Resolution 2016-51** be adopted as read.

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

Dated: June 6, 2016

Certification

I, Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Franklin, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and exact copy adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin on June 6, 2016.

Denise L. Becton, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk

On motion by Jeff DeAngelis and seconded by Mike Toretta, to accept the Consent Agenda Items above, 2, 3, 4, noting one correction in the draft meeting minutes, amended accordingly.

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

NJSP:

A Trooper present at this meeting advising that it is summertime to lock your vehicle and homes. Break-ins to neighboring municipalities of unlocked cars and homes.

NEW BUSINESS:

The following Resolutions 2016-45, 2016-46, 2016-48, 2016-49 were presented for adoption:

**TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN
WARREN COUNTY
AUDIT REPORT YEAR: 2015**

**CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN
RESOLUTION #2016-45**

Whereas, the Township Committee of Franklin has received and reviewed the Annual Audit Report for the Year 2015 and;

Whereas, the Chief Financial Officer has prepared the following corrective action plan in accordance with the report findings as follows;

Finance Office
Finding/Condition #1:

Federal and State Grants have various aged receivables and spending reserves balances exists as of December 31, 2015

Recommendation:

We recommend that the township investigate the disposition of aged receivables and reserves.

Explanation and Corrective Action:

The Township will investigate the disposition of aged grant receivables and reserves and clean up the ones that can be cancelled and investigate any fund that may be able to be utilized

Implementation Date:

Ongoing

Now, therefore be it resolved by the Township Committee of Franklin that a certified copy of this corrective action plan resolution be transmitted to the Director of Local Government Services.

On motion by Jeff DeAngelis and seconded by Bonnie Butler the aforesaid **Resolution 2016-45** 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	(4) Yes (0) No	(1) Absent Motion Carried

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF THE RESOLUTION PASSED AT THE MEETING HELD ON June 6, 2016.

Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk

Dated: June 6, 2016

**RESOLUTION 2016-46
TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING COUNCIL TO RENEW MEMBERSHIP THEREIN FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2016 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

WHEREAS, the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council (“MCCPC”) was created in 1974 to conduct a voluntary cooperative pricing system with municipalities, boards of educations, and other public bodies located in the County of Morris and adjoining counties; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the MCCPC is to provide substantial savings on various goods and services to its members through the cooperative public bidding process; and

WHEREAS, Franklin Township, Warren County, NJ desires to enter into an Agreement with the MCCPC, which is administered by Randolph Township as Lead Agency, to **renew** its membership in the MCCPC for the period of October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2021.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Franklin Township Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Franklin hereby authorize the execution of an Agreement with the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council by the Township of Randolph as Lead Agency dated October 1, 2016, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5). Said Agreement is for **renewal** of membership in the MCCPC for a five (5) year period from October 1, 2016, through September 30, 2021.
2. The Franklin Township Municipal Clerk is hereby directed to submit a copy of this adopted Resolution, along with an executed Agreement, to Randolph Township as Lead Agency of the MCCPC.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon final passage according to law.
4. All appropriate Franklin Township officials are authorized and directed to perform all required acts to affect the purpose of this Resolution.

On motion by Jeff DeAngelis and seconded by Bonnie Butler the aforesaid **Resolution 2016-46** 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	(4) Yes	(0) No (1) Absent Motion Carried

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

I, Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Franklin, Warren County, NJ, hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township of Franklin at a duly convened meeting held on Monday, June 6, 2016.

Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk

RESOLUTION 2016-48

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, has received applications for the renewal year 07/01/2016 to 06/30/2017 of liquor licenses; and

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

WHEREAS, each application also electronically submitted to the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control a \$200.00 check; and

WHEREAS, the following submitted electronically to the State of New Jersey **Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor License** retail applications;

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

Playmakers Sports Bar & Grill, LLC, 288 Anderson Rd, Asbury, NJ,
License# 2105-33-003-012

WHEREAS, the following electronically submitted to the State of New Jersey a **Plenary Retail Distribution License** renewal application;

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

WHEREAS, the following **Club License** was electronically submitted to the State of New Jersey for license renewal.

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren and State of New Jersey, that the applications received for Plenary Retail Consumption, Plenary Retail Distribution and Club License have been duly inspected and that all appropriate documentation and fees have been submitted along with said applications and as such, the licensee applications are deemed complete and renewals of the same are hereby granted and that aforementioned liquor licenses for the year July 1st 2016 to June 30th 2017 be accepted and approved for issue

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

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

The within **Resolution 2016-48** was moved by Committeeperson Jeff DeAngelis and seconded by Committeeperson Bonnie Butler and upon roll call vote was passed.

Roll Call Vote:	Yes	No	Absent/Abstained
Jacob Pence			X
Jeff DeAngelis	X		
Joe Flynn			X
Michael Toretta	X		
Mayor Bonnie Butler	X (3) Yes (0) No (1) Abstained (1) Absent		Motion Carried

Dated: June 6, 2016

CERTIFICATION

Certification: I, Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the resolution adopted by the Franklin Township Committee on Monday, June 6, 2016.

Denise L. Becton, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk

RESOLUTION 2016-49

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, has received application for the renewal term 07/01/2016 to 06/30/2017 of liquor license; and

WHEREAS, Licensee has received a special ruling from the Director of ABC pursuant to N.J.S.A. 33:1-12.39 to issue a new license for the license term 2016-2017;

WHEREAS, the application for renewal was accompanied by the following fees: Plenary Retail Consumption \$826.80; and

WHEREAS, the application also electronically submitted to the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control a \$200.00; and

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

Asbury Willows Restaurant and Caterers, Inc., 288 Anderson Road, Asbury, NJ,
License# 2105-33-002-005 (**Pocketed License**)

WHEREAS, the applicant for renewal has provided proof of tax clearance as issued by the New Jersey Division of Taxation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren and State of New Jersey, that the application received for Plenary Retail Consumption has been duly inspected and that all appropriate documentation and fees have been submitted along with said application and as such, the licensee application is deemed complete and renewal of the same is hereby granted and that aforementioned liquor license for the year July 1st 2016 to June 30th 2017 be accepted and approved for issue

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

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

The within **Resolution 2016-49** was moved by Committeeperson Jeff DeAngelis and seconded by Committeeperson Bonnie Butler and upon roll call vote was passed.

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

Dated: June 6, 2016

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Denise L. Becton, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk

Updates/Discussions/Approvals:

Kober’s Junkyard Renewal Application, Social Affair Permit and Third Street East “No Outlet” Sign:

Approval of the 2016/2017 renewal application for Kober’s Junkyard and a Social Affair Permit for the Warren County Whiffle Ball Tournament to be held at the Franklin Township Fire Station in Asbury on August 5th from 4pm-9pm and August 6th from 9am-9pm. A discussion as to the posting of a “No Outlet” Sign on Edison Road. Large trucks are being sent down this road, possibly by GPS, and cannot turn around, pulling down power lines off of houses. Engineer Finelli will advise Foreman Read as to the sign to be ordered and where to post.

On motion by Committeeperson Jeff DeAngelis and seconded by Committeeperson Bonnie Butler to approve the above the Junkyard application, Social Affair Permit and “No Outlet” sign accordingly.

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

Discussion:

Quote for installation of sprinkler heads in the Community Center closets as to a previous state fire inspection.

We contacted two vendors for quotes but only one quote was received from RJM, Phillipsburg, NJ for \$990, phone messages never returned from Fey Fire Protection.

On motion by Committeeperson Jacob Pence and seconded by Committeeperson Jeff DeAngelis to approve the quote received from RJM not to exceed \$1000. Money to pay for this project will come out of the Recreation Trust line item.

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

Electronic Credit Card Payments for Taxes

Tax Collector, Karin Kneafsey, obtained information from Municipay a vendor specializing in payments, via credit card, online and at the tax window. A card read would cost \$85.00 and we can also set up a link on our website where the taxpayer can pay their taxes online as well. The charge to the tax payer would be \$1.05 for E-Check, 2.24% of the payment for credit/debit cards with a minimum of \$3.00. Mayor Butler to obtain additional information as to a second machine, further discussion at our July 11th meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF:

Final Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 2016-6

The following Ordinance 2016-6 was presented for adoption:

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”

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

Public Comments – No comments noted.

On motion by Jacob Pence and seconded by Mike Toretta to close the Public Hearing.

On motion by Committeeperson Bonnie Butler and seconded by Committeeperson Jeff DeAngelis the aforementioned ordinance 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	(0) No	(1) Absent Motion carried

CERTIFICATION

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

REPORTS/UPDATES:

Attorney Report – Report on file

Attorney Benbrook commented as to a quiet month. He will follow up with the New Jersey American Water Company as to additional information as to number of hydrants and cost per

hydrant. Also, submitted paperwork to the Warren County Planning Board as to a Stub Road vacated back in 2005 that was never filed with the county for Block 56, Lots 37.07 and 37.08.

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. Confirmation from Dawn S., CFO, relative to the final payments to both Ficor and All Image has been received.
- 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 recently received confirmation from the NJDOT that a final inspection was completed and the project received their final approval.
- We have recently circulated the final NJDOT forms (CFO Certification, Change Orders, and Final Payment Voucher) to the various Township Officials for their review and sign off. Once all of these forms are assembled, we will submit same to the NJDOT and the Township will be in a position to secure the final portion of the Grant Award for this project, which equates to \$37,208.07. It is important to note that the Township was also able to include all of our inspection fees (\$5,180.64) and the pavement testing fees (\$1,775.00) in their final payment voucher to the NJDOT. This total amount of “additional” project reimbursement equates to \$6,955.64.

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 ½ 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 previously 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.
- Our office recently submitted various and numerous design related documents to the NJDOT for their review and approval. Copies of all of these various documents and information were previously supplied to the Township for your records. The construction drawings have received the DOT’s approval (received 6/2/16) and a second scope modification approval has also been received. Unfortunately, the design exception for the reduction of the cartway to less than 22 feet in the area adjacent to the MWA Office has not been received to date. We anticipate this approval shortly and once received, the project will be in a position to go to construction.
- 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:

- 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 have long since been 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 previously 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. As briefly discussed at the May 2, 2016 Committee Meeting, the cost estimates received to date are well in excess of the \$40K which is my

understanding of the amount that was budgeted for this structure. Once all of the estimates are received and the building type is finalized, we will discuss this matter further with the Township Committee prior to developing a Bid Spec for this project.

Roger Bulava – Recycling

Mr. Bulava informed that he attended a 1/4ly meeting for the Solid Waste Advisory Council this past Thursday, informing that at the WC Shredding Event held, May 14th, they shredded 8300lbs of documents. Spring Clean Up, held this past Saturday, they had 8 Community Service workers assisting the DPW. 277 Passes were issued, 178 Passes were turned in. The new vendor, SAMR of Lakewood, NJ, for Electronics, filled a 40 yd. container, and worked out well. Mr. Bulava also had t-shirts printed up with the township logo on the front, cost per shirt \$12, may be a good fundraiser for a future event.

Let the record reflect that Committeeman Joe Flynn joined the meeting at 7:40 pm.

Jim Onembo – Code Enforcement/Zoning

Mr. Onembo advised that there wasn't much to report this past month.

DPW REPORT – Ron Read - Report on File

Mr. Read not in attendance this evening. Mayor Butler would like Mr. Read informed that the fence behind the trailer court needs repairing, as well as, to coordinate with Engineer Finelli as to a “No Outlet” sign for Edison Road.

Mayor Butler, asked Committeeman Flynn to reach out to Pat Banes of the FTYA, as to a bill submitted for field repairs costing \$4000, for further clarification.

Franklin Township Youth Association – Jim Schlessinger, President

Mr. Schlessinger not present.

Beth Barry – Open Space Commission

Mrs. Barry not present.

Rescue Squad – Chief Karen Chiu

Chief Chiu informed that due to the weather, Touch a Truck Fundraiser was cancelled and will be rescheduled for the first weekend in September. Also, the squad will be attending the Farmers Fair for standby, for any emergencies.

OEM – Raymond Read –

Mr. Read not in attendance tonight.

Fire Department– Chief Raymond Read –

Chief Read not in attendance tonight.

Township Committee Reports:

Jeff DeAngelis

Committeeman DeAngelis informed that he has been playing phone tag and will have more of an update as to the installation of Video Surveillance at the municipal building.

Michael Toretta

Nothing further to report.

Joe Flynn

Nothing further to report.

Jacob Pence

Nothing further to report.

Bonnie Butler, Mayor

Mayor Butler informed she received a nice letter from Joe Rossi, our Electrical Inspector, enjoyed working with the township and if we should need assistance in the future to reach out to him. Also obtained a quote from Hesco Lighting in the amount of \$392.42 for new brass post lanterns replacing the old/broken ones out front of building.

On motion by Mike Toretta and seconded by Joe Flynn, for Mayor Butler to receive the check in the amount of \$392.42 to purchase the new lanterns for the front of building, then Hesco will install the lanterns.

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

Janis Liepins – Mr. Lipepins advised the township committee that he was the one responsible for planting the tree across from the Franklin Township School on our property. He also informed that he removed the same tree and filled in the hole. He would like to see less concrete and telephone poles in our township. Mayor Butler understands the value of green, as she was the person that raised the question as to who planted the tree on township property. Although his efforts are applauded, the tree was planted too close to the sidewalk and it will disintegrate and cause the sidewalk to buckle. Mayor Butler advised Mr. Liepins that before he plants a tree on someone else’s property that he might want to ask permission first. Mr. Liepins also commented on pools of water allowing animals to graze is a public situation and causes mosquitos.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

BE IT RESOLVED, on this 6th day of June, 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

**Contract Negotiations – Franklin Township Court
Litigation - COAH**

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 6th, day of June, 2016 by the Franklin Township Committee, that the matter stated will be discussed in executive session, said session to commence at 8:03 pm.

On Motion by Jacob Pence and seconded by Mike Toretta to exit to executive session at 8:03 p.m. Unanimous Vote.

On motion by Mike Toretta and seconded Jacob Pence to return to the regular session at 8:53 p.m. Unanimous Vote.

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 8:03 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