

REGULAR MEETING

The Franklin Township Committee held its regular monthly meeting at 7:00 pm on Monday, August 1, 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, Joe Flynn, Bonnie Butler.

ABSENT: Jacob Pence, Mike Toretta

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes:

- a. Regular Meeting Minutes of July 11, 2016
- b. Executive Session Meeting Minutes of July 11, 2016

RESOLUTIONS

- a. Res. 2016-52; 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.)

RAFFLES

- a. On-Site 50/50 Franklin Township Youth Association, various dates

On motion by Jeff DeAngelis and seconded by Bonnie Butler items on the Consent Agenda were approved.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstained
Joe Flynn			X (abstained from Resolution 2016-52 Only)
Jeff DeAngelis			X (abstained from Meeting Minutes Only)
Jacob Pence			X
Michael Toretta			X
Mayor Bonnie Butler	X	(3) Yes (0) No	(2) Absent Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS:

NJSP:

A trooper present informed that it is vacation season, secure your homes and cars. State Police at the Farmers Fair this week, stop by with any questions or concerns. Mayor Butler advised that she almost witnessed a head on collision on Bloomsbury Road, nice to see patrols on this road.

RESOLUTIONS:

The following Resolutions were presented for adoption

Resolution 2016-53

Resolution # 2016-53

WHEREAS the Township of Franklin, Warren County, New Jersey, has experienced natural hazards that result in public safety hazards and damage to private and public property;
WHEREAS the hazard mitigation planning process set forth by the State of New Jersey and the Federal Emergency Management Agency offers the opportunity to consider natural hazards and risks, and to identify mitigation actions to reduce future risk;
WHEREAS the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management is providing federal mitigation funds to support development of the mitigation plan;
WHEREAS a *Hazard Mitigation Plan* (HMP) has been developed by the Mitigation Steering and Planning Committees;
WHEREAS the *Hazard Mitigation Plan* includes a prioritized list of mitigation actions including activities that, over time, will help minimize and reduce safety threats and damage to private and public property, and
WHEREAS the draft plan was provided to each participating jurisdiction and was posted on the Warren County website so as to introduce the planning concept and to solicit questions and comments; and to present the HMP and request comments, as required by law, and
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, Warren County, NJ;

1. The *Warren County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, as submitted to the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency on April 29, 2016* by the Warren County Department of Public Safety/Office of Emergency Management is hereby adopted as an official plan of the Township of Franklin; minor revisions recommended by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and/or the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management may be incorporated without further action.
2. The Franklin Township departments identified in the HMP are hereby directed to pursue implementation of the recommended high priority activities that are assigned to their departments.
3. Any action proposed by the HMP shall be subject to and contingent upon budget approval, if required, which shall be at the discretion of the Township of Franklin, and this resolution shall not be interpreted so as to mandate any such appropriations.
4. The Warren County Deputy Public Safety Director and Deputy Office of Emergency Management Coordinator is designated to coordinate with other offices and shall periodically report on the activities, accomplishments, and progress, and shall prepare an annual progress report to be submitted to the Warren County Department of Public Safety/Office of Emergency Management. The status reports shall be submitted on a yearly basis by a predetermined date as agreed upon by all stakeholders.

On motion by Jeff DeAngelis and seconded by Bonnie Butler the aforementioned **Resolution 2016-53** 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	(3) Yes	(0) No	(2) Absent Motion Carried

Dated: August 1, 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 August 1, 2016.

Denise L. Becton, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk

Resolution 2016-54 (Tabled until September 12, 2016 Meeting Agenda)

The committee discussed this resolution and will table further discussions until the September meeting. All full-time eligible employees will be made aware of the State Statute if they waive their Health Benefits, they may be eligible for reimbursement, if they choose to be covered under their spouse’s Health Insurance Policy. The township would save thousands of dollars not covering the employee’s health benefits and their eligible dependents and the employee would receive up to 25% of the yearly premium savings.

**Franklin Township
Warren County, State of New Jersey
Resolution 2016-54**

**A Resolution Authorizing Payment In Lieu of Medical Benefits for Year
August 1, 2015 – July 31, 2016**

WHEREAS, Franklin Township fulltime regular employees received medical and health benefits through the Oxford Health Benefits Plan;

WHEREAS, Franklin Township employees contribute partially towards payment of their benefits and the majority of benefits are paid by Franklin Township;

WHEREAS, Denise L. Becton, has waived the benefit package since August 1, 2014 due to spouse providing same benefits;

WHEREAS, Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk has requested to be compensated for such benefits in the amount of \$2416.59 for August 1, 2015-July 31, 2016 benefit period;

WHEREAS, the Township Committee approves this request and recommends it be paid during the 3rd quarter of 2016 for this benefit period and the request should continue to be made on a yearly basis for consideration if still desired.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Franklin Township Committee grants the \$2416.59 payment in lieu of health benefits to Denise L. Becton.

On motion by	and seconded by	the aforementioned Resolution 2016-54 be adopted as read.	
Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstained
Jacob Pence			
Jeff DeAngelis			
Joe Flynn			
Michael Toretta			
Mayor Bonnie Butler			() Yes () No () Absent Motion Carried

CERTIFICATION

I, Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Franklin, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Franklin Township Committee at a meeting held on August 1, 2016.

Denise L. Becton
Municipal Clerk

Proclamation

**PROCLAMATION OF CONGRATULATIONS
TO BENJAMIN D. BUTLER
FOR RECEIVING THE EAGLE SCOUT AWARD**

WHEREAS, the conferring of an Eagle Scout is one of the highest awards that can be bestowed upon a Boy Scout; and

WHEREAS, the recipient must perform and successfully complete and pass the rigid requirements exacted to achieve an Eagle Scout Award; and

WHEREAS, less than two percent of all Scouts actually achieve this goal; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin is entering his Senior Year at Warren Hills Regional High School in September, 2016.

WHEREAS, Benjamin has been involved in scouting since the second grade when he joined Cub Scout Pack 65, in Franklin Township. After Cub Scouts, he joined Troop 63 in Greenwich where he is still an active member. While in Boy Scouts, Benjamin served as Patrol Leader, Troop Instructor, Troop Historian, and Den Chief. Benjamin was also inducted as a member of the Order of the Arrow in June 2014. He participated in many camping and hiking trips as well as many community service activities including raking leaves for the charter organization, food drives for the needy, roadside cleanups, and assisting on fellow scouts' Eagle projects, etc., and has recently completed the requirements for Eagle Scout, and

WHEREAS, Benjamin worked with the Franklin Township Youth Association and the Franklin Township School to refurbish two sports equipment sheds on the Franklin Township School property. Benjamin led a crew of volunteers to repair and reinforce the bottoms of the sheds where rotting had occurred, repair holes and re-shingle both roofs, re-paint the exterior of the sheds, clean out the interior of the sheds and install new shelving and storage systems. He also cleaned out the debris around the exterior of the sheds, and created a rock bed around the sheds to allow proper water draining to avoid further rotting and damage to the sheds. Benjamin dedicated this project to the memory of Tony Kaczynski, who was a local photographer for the Franklin Township Youth Association.

WHEREAS, In honor of Benjamin's achievement, at a Eagle Scout Court of Honor, to be held at the Franklin Township School in Franklin Township, Warren County, NJ on, **August 13th, 2016**, at 11:00 am, the Eagle Award will be conferred; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the Franklin Township Committee wish to recognize this noteworthy achievement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Township Committee of Franklin Township, Warren County, New Jersey hereby extend their congratulations to Eagle Scout Benjamin D. Butler for having the Eagle Scout Award conferred upon him by the Boy Scouts of America.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this proclamation be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and the Municipal Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a suitable copy thereof to Benjamin D. Butler.

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, August 1, 2016.

Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk

Dated this 1st day of August, 2016.

Discussions/Approvals:

FY 2017 Municipal Alliance County Contract

On motion by Jeff DeAngelis and seconded by Joe Flynn to authorize the mayor/clerk to execute the contract accordingly.

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 (2) Absent Motion Carried

Surveillance Cameras – Recycling Center

Roger Bulava informed the committee as to illegal dumping at the center. The township garage is already equipped with surveillance cameras and two additional cameras for the recycling center can be tied into this existing system. The quote received from APEX would cost \$1,237.00 to install and would be taken from the Clean Communities Grant.

On motion by Jeff DeAngelis and seconded by Joe Flynn to authorize APEX to start the work accordingly as per quote received.

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 (2) Absent Motion Carried

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business to discuss

REPORTS/UPDATES:

Engineer Report – Report on File (submitted below)

Mr. Finelli briefed the committee as to his report submitted below. A brief discussion ensued as to the Flood Control Project, consensus of the committee is NOT to continue with this project. Engineer Finelli will send a letter on the township’s behalf, stating same.

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.
 - Via correspondence, dated July 15, 2016, from the NJDOT, our office received four (4) fully executed Change Orders from the NJDOT relative to the various project Change Orders to date. By virtue of receipt of these fully executed Change Orders, the NJDOT has certified the costs attributable to the project. Therefore, the Township should be in a position to be receiving their final grant reimbursement for this project, in the amount of \$37,208.07. I

would suggest contacting CFO Dawn Stanchina to confirm whether or not the Township has received their final grant allotment for this project.

2. Maple Avenue: 2015 NJDOT Trust Fund Grant Project (No change since last month's Report.)

- 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 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.
- I am sure that most of you are aware of the recent Executive Order (No. 210) issued by Governor Christie to "shutdown" all projects associated with the TTFA (Transportation Trust Fund Authority). The "shutdown" was to commence at midnight on Friday, July 8, 2016. The NJDOT Local Aid Program, by which this project is funded, is financed through the TTFA. Therefore, until this Executive Order is lifted, this project will not be able to proceed to construction. Since our request through TILCON, via the Morris County Co-Op, did not request to schedule this work until mid-August, I remain hopeful that the project will still be able to proceed on schedule.
- 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.
- Mayor Butler, Donna Becker and I met on Monday, July 11, 2016, to review the project once again in an effort to make a final determination on whether or not we should continue to attempt to move this project forward. We had a lengthy and productive discussion with Mayor Butler and seemed to come to a consensus on the best and most appropriate path forward for the Township. I believe that Mayor Butler will be making a recommendation to the Township Committee at the August 1, 2016 Committee meeting relative to the disposition of this project.

5. Hazard Mitigation Plan (No change since last month's Report.)

- 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.
- Our office recently reached out to the EPA to get an update on the status of this project as it has been "quiet" for some time now. The response we received on May 5, 2016 was as follows:

"We are currently getting ready to conduct some additional remedial design fieldwork in the OU2 area this June. Some fieldwork relates to the State Historic Preservation Office requirements including architectural survey and archaeological investigations. We will also be conducting wetlands surveys, land surveys, soil borings, and constructability assessments at various OU2 properties to further design and meet other permitting requirements. We are currently projecting to have our 95% Remedial design completed on or about January 2017. Once the design is completed, it will be turned over to the responsible party to do the construction. Feel free to give them my direct number if they have additional questions".

- On June 14, 2016, our office and the Township received an email update from Theresa Hwilka, EPA, regarding the project which provided an update to the project schedule. In summary, they're indicating that the 95% Design Report should be completed around December 30, 2016 and the 100% Design Report by January 31, 2017. Therefore, assuming no budgetary constraints, the project could potentially go to construction sometime in 2017.

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 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.

- This project was reviewed at both the June 6, 2016 and July 11, 2016 Committee meetings where the budget estimates received by our office were discussed. As stated above, all of the estimates received are WELL in excess of the \$40K budget. Therefore, it was agreed that the Township would not look to pursue this project this year based upon the lack of available funding. I believe the Township will look to potentially budget additional monies for the reconsideration for this project in 2017.

Roger Bulava – Recycling

Mr. Bulava provided the committee with the summary of Spring Clean-Up 2016 as follows. Five 30 CY roll offs, 3 rear loader packers, 2 metal roll offs (no charge to township); a total tonnage of 38.74 collected with 5 tons of electronics. Total cost \$4,830.62. Also, Mr. Bulava will be attending 2 CEU classes for his Recycling Certification.

Jim Onembo – Code Enforcement/Zoning

Mr. Onembo updated the committee as to various construction/zoning projects this past month. He advised the committee that 5 Pohat Court, the rubble has been removed. A complaint was received at a home on Asbury-Broadway Road, three 50x10 ft. trailers on blocks are on the property line, he has given the owner 30 days to remove. Mr. Onembo distributed pictures of a home located at 439 Old Main Street that is apparently in foreclosure. He has been unsuccessful reaching the current owner on record; front porch has several bags of garbage on it and has asked Mr. Taborelli to mow this property, clean up debris, and took the garbage to the incinerator. A tax lien will be placed on this property accordingly. Another foreclosure received for 29 Beidleman Road, making this 2 foreclosed homes on this road. A mechanic will soon occupy the vacated building near the Wedgewood. Lastly a complaint was received as to an access easement on Bryan Road, that Sam Santini farms. This easement is located at the far corner of the field where the sidewalks end in the development. If the walking trail is established this should rectify the situation.

DPW REPORT – Ron Read - Report on File

Mr. Read not in attendance tonight.

Franklin Township Youth Association – Jim Schlessinger, President

Mr. Schlessinger had nothing to present.

Beth Barry – Open Space Commission

Mrs. Barry not in attendance tonight.

Rescue Squad – Chief Karen Chiu

Chief Chiu not in attendance tonight.

OEM – Raymond Read –

Mr. Read not in attendance tonight, attending a meeting.

Fire Department– Chief Raymond Read –

Chief Read not in attendance tonight.

Township Committee Reports:

Jeff DeAngelis

Committeeman DeAngelis informed the committee of an increase of approximately 3.41% or \$1,499.40 for the renewal of the employee health policy through Oxford for the term August 1, 2016-July 31, 2017. A summary of old coverages vs. new coverages were handed out and reviewed.

Michael Toretta

Absent.

Joe Flynn

Nothing further to report.

Jacob Pence

Absent.

Bonnie Butler, Mayor

Mayor Butler informed that the new outside lanterns have been installed in front of the municipal building. The transition to the Department of Community Affairs is running smoothly, noting office hours on Monday from 2:00 – 4:00 pm. An update was received from Brenda Higgins of the Historical Commission advising they would like to install a bench near the newly planted tree, bury the time capsule from the 175th Anniversary, a vintage bridal show is also being planned as well as a cookbook for fundraising. All items are within their budgetary means.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

Rick Canale – Mr. Canale made a couple of phone calls, DOT doesn’t understand why Warren County doesn’t have a sign posted as to weight restrictions on the bridge as Hunterdon County does on their side. After speaking with Barth Johnson he advised that a simple letter is needed from our township engineer as to not proceeding with a Traffic Study and then it should be easy to have signs posted on the county road. Mayor Butler showed a sign that is posted in Lebanon Township, “Road Impassable To Large Trucks”, that will be ordered and posted on Lime Kiln Road. Engineer Finelli advised that he too had a conversation with Barth Johnson, as to Lime Kiln Road. A simple email from the township for the county to pursue this on their end to respond to the DOT satisfying some of their concerns should suffice.

Bonnie Butler – The Mayor informed that she spoke with Adele Starrs, Mayor of Knowlton Township, their committee will be meeting next week and will get back to her after that meeting as to the renewal of our court contract with them.

MOTION FOR PAYMENT OF BILL LIST:

On motion by Jeff DeAngelis and seconded by Joe Flynn, 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	(3) Yes (0) No (2) Absent		Motion carried

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:

On motion by Jeff DeAngelis and seconded by Joe Flynn, hearing no objection, meeting stands adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Roll Call:	Yes	No	Absent	Abstained
Michael Toretta			X	
Joe Flynn	X			
Jacob Pence			X	
Jeff DeAngelis	X			
Mayor, Bonnie Butler	X	(3) Yes	(0) No	(2) Absent
				Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Denise L. Becton
Municipal Clerk