

REGULAR MEETING

The Franklin Township Committee held its regular monthly meeting at 7:00 pm on Monday, September 12, 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, Jacob Pence, Mike Toretta, Bonnie Butler.

Present were: Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk, Raymond Read, OEM, Ronald Read, DPW Foreman, Mike Finelli, Municipal Engineer, Kevin Benbrook, Municipal Attorney

CONSENT AGENDA:

MINUTES

- a. Regular Meeting Minutes of August 1, 2016

RESOLUTIONS

- a. Res. 2016-55 RE: Tax Refund Block 51 Lot 1.01 \$44,064.29
- b. Res. 2016-56 RE: A resolution authorizing a shared service agreement for sharing public works equipment between the Township Of Franklin and the County of Warren, State of New Jersey
- c. Proclamation RE: Jack Weiner Eagle Scout Award
- d. Res. 2016-57 RE: Brush Noxious Weeds and Grass (29 Benjamin Dr., 45 Thatcher Avenue, 8 Edison Rd., 2477 Rt. 57, 6 Montana Rd., 2194 Rt. 57, 41 Whites Rd., 36 Halfway House Rd., 439 Old Main Street, 25 Beidleman Rd.)

On motion by Jeff DeAngelis and seconded by Joe Flynn items on the Consent Agenda were approved.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstained	
Joe Flynn	X			
Jeff DeAngelis	X	(abstained from Resolution 2016-57 Only)		
Jacob Pence	X	(abstained from Meeting Minutes Only)		
Michael Toretta	X	(abstained from Meeting Minutes Only)		
Mayor Bonnie Butler	X	(5) Yes (0) No (0) Absent/Abstained		Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS:

Report/Update

NJSP:

No trooper present this evening

Presentation

Chief Dennis Riley, Independence Police Department presented to the township committee the GXP Program, Geospatial Exploitation Products, Critical Response Mapping, that is now available for the use of our Fire/EMS/OEM/DPW. Even though our township does not have our own police department the New Jersey State Police has access to this system. The system works off of grids and a free application can be downloaded onto the smart phone of approved persons. Municipalities that are interested to join the Warren County Prosecutor's initiative regarding the GXP Mapping Software, would have a one-time contribution of approximately \$1500. Schools would contribute the cost of the annual maintenance of approximately \$15,000. The consensus of the committee is to work this into our 2017 municipal budget.

Discussions/Approvals

Wool Farms, LLC – Farming Contract Agreement with the Township of Franklin

The Farming Contract Agreement is up for renewal. The committee would like to offer a 3 year extension to Roger Woolf to continue with the farming of the Beidleman Road Property, Block 16, Lot 9.02, approximately 29.8 acres, with no changes from the expiring contract for the 2016-2018 harvest season. Attorney Benbrook will mail a letter to Mr. Woolf.

Brandywine Property, Block 26, Lots 3 & 8 – Appraisal Application

A letter was received from Corey Tierney of the Department of Land Preservation, as to the State Agriculture Development Committee. Notification received that they will accept appraisals in the Pohatcong Valley Groundwater Contamination Area with appraisal limitations. The township may elect to proceed with their application having the property appraised or withdraw the application at a possible future date if a USEPA water line is constructed and increased water capacity for new construction can be confirmed. Upon a motion from Bonnie Butler and seconded by Jeff DeAngelis the consensus of the township committee is to withdraw the township’s application and resubmit at a later date. Attorney Benbrook will respond to Mr. Tierney on behalf of the committee as to their decision.

Fras-Air/General Heating, Air Conditioning & Plumbing – Renewal of the HVAC Maintenance Plan September 1, 2016 – August 31, 2017

A planned preventative maintenance agreement was received from Service Experts, with no changes to this agreement from last year to this year. Total cost of \$672.

On motion by Mike Toretta and seconded by Jacob Pence the committee will continue with this maintenance agreement from Service Experts.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstained
Jacob Pence	X		
Jeffrey DeAngelis	X		
Joe Flynn	X		
Michael Toretta	X		
Mayor Bonnie Butler	X	(5) Yes	(0) No (0) Absent Motion Carried

Dated: September 12, 2016

OLD BUSINESS:

RESOLUTIONS:

The following Resolution was presented for adoption

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

A discussion ensued as to consideration of adoption for Resolution 2016-54. Local Finance Notice LFN2016-10, dated August 2, 2016, was emailed to all municipalities from the State Department of Community Affairs encouraging governing bodies to make their employees aware of this state statute. Those employees that elect to waive their provided health benefits from the township could receive 25% or \$5,000 whichever is less of what the municipality would save by not providing their health benefits. The municipal clerk forwarded this email as well as LFN2016-10 to all those full-time employees eligible to receive health insurance from the township.

**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 \$2137.11 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 \$2137.11 payment in lieu of health benefits to Denise L. Becton.

On motion by Jacob Pence and seconded by Joe Flynn the aforementioned **Resolution 2016-54** be adopted as read and the CFO is directed to confirm the formula used verifying the refund amount 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 (1) No (0) 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

REPORTS/UPDATES:

Attorney Report – Report on File

Attorney Benbrook updated the committee as to a couple of matters working on this past month. As to the OPRA Litigation, still defending the municipal clerk as to a timely township response, however, the third party vendor, Vital, was not able to provide information in the format requested, as it did not exist. Waiting on a sworn certification from Vital as to same to be forwarded accordingly. Also, Attorney Benbrook updated the committee as to the Affordable Housing Declaratory Judgement Action. The committee has mixed feeling about this and have decided that it is in the best interest of the township to sit down with our Municipal Planner, Jim Kyle along with Attorney Benbrook, Mayor Butler and Committeeman DeAngelis to discuss what direction the township should go in.

Engineer Report – Report on File (submitted below)

Mr. Finelli briefed the committee as to his report submitted below. Engineer Finelli received a phone call from Bob Santini in reference to the property where the Chapel at Warren Valley was going to be built. Mr. Santini would like to know if the township would consider him conveying land to the township for purpose of a farm access lane potentially connecting Stewartsville Road to Route 57 eliminating a bad intersection as it exists today. Engineer advised the committee that there are grant programs available that would help fund a project as such.

1. 2014 NJDOT Trust Fund Program: Good Springs Road, Section III (No change since last Month's Report):

- 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.

- 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” commenced 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.
- 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.
- This matter and the “path forward” for the project was discussed at the August 1, 2016 Township Committee Meeting. A decision was made by the Committee to abandon the project based upon the permitting difficulties facing the project and the net benefit of the project after construction. The Township authorized our office to forward a letter to the NJDEP advising them of same.

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 (No change since last month’s Report)

- 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.

Ron Read – DPW (Report on File)

Mr. Read reviewed his report as submitted with the committee, advising that the roads have been oil/chipped or paved accordingly. Lines will need to be re-painted on road surfaces, should be enough money available in the budget to cover the cost. A quote was received from Tri Boro Fencing from Bath, PA for \$1063 to repair the fence along the backside of the trailer court. The signs for Lime Kiln Road, will be picked up this week and installed accordingly.

Roger Bulava – Recycling

Mr. Bulava not present at tonight’s meeting.

Jim Onembo – Code Enforcement/Zoning

Mr. Onembo not present at tonight’s meeting.

Franklin Township Youth Association – Jim Schlessinger, President

Mr. Schlessinger not present at tonight’s meeting.

Beth Barry – Open Space Commission

Mrs. Barry not in attendance a tonight’s meeting.

Rescue Squad – Chief Karen Chiu

Chief Chiu reported that their Touch a Truck/Community Day was this past Saturday. A thank you to the fire department for providing free hot dogs and also to the township for providing for display the new DPW truck.

OEM – Raymond Read

Mr. Read attended a damage assessment class. This will make possible to assess damage out in the field and be able to send information to a computer to print it out, by downloading a free application to his smartphone.

Fire Department– Chief Raymond Read –

Chief Read advised that the new fire truck should be delivered around September 27th and in service by the first week in October.

Township Committee Reports:

Jeff DeAngelis

Committeeman DeAngelis informed the committee that in order to provide adequate surveillance in the community center is to have 4 cameras. Clerk advised of an incident in the community center, that the one camera already installed did not pick it up. Mayor Butler was informed of this incident and approved an additional camera to be installed this past month. However, additional adjustments to this new camera will have to be made as there is still some areas that are not being picked up providing adequate surveillance. Committee DeAngelis will coordinate with the municipal clerk and Apex to get this accomplished.

On motion by Bonnie Butler and seconded by Jacob Pence not to exceed \$1,500 for additional cameras and advise the CFO to pay for this additional cost out of the Open Space Trust Fund.

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

Michael Toretta

Nothing further to report

Joe Flynn

Nothing further to report.

Jacob Pence

Nothing further to report.

Bonnie Butler, Mayor

Mayor Butler attended the 9-11 Memorial Ceremony at the Warren County Public Safety Building. Also, we still need to determine how many fire hydrants are in the municipality and how many are being charged for by New Jersey American Water, as the bill does not reference. Attorney Benbrook will follow up on this with a certified letter, and advised not to pay this month’s bill until this question has been answered.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

Karen Chiu – Thanked the DPW on the newly paved roads in the township, very nice.

Janis Liepins – Mr. Liepins came tonight to honor Mayor Butler and came in peace this evening. Last meeting the mayor used the gavel on him because he strayed from his original topic - Mr. Liepins presented a copy of the history of the gavel for the mayor to pass around. Mr. Liepins informed that he went to the Warren County Shade Tree Commission, in concerns to beautify the township along the Asbury-Broadway Road. He would like for the mayor to have an open mind and consider the recommendation of trees from the commission as it is a 100% benefit than concrete and the trees will protect the concrete, sidewalks, as well. Also, the Mosquito Commission will give farmers with ponds of water on their property free minnows which will eat the larvae eggs, not allowing mosquitos to breed. Lastly, a cable broke on the bridge in front of his home and someone left a ladder. Mr. Liepins was informed that the County handles all bridges and are under the jurisdiction and that the ladder must be theirs.

Jerry Zemaitis – Mr. Zemaitis was in attendance this evening. His son Zachary, who is a Life Scout with Troop 63 out of Greenwich Township, is looking to head an Eagle Scout Project to make improvements to the snack shack on the Asbury Soccer field. He wanted to be certain that the snack shack was owned by the FTYA and didn’t need additional permission from the township to move forward with a project. He was informed that the snack shack is owned by the FTYA and the land where it sits on is the township’s property. A sanitary hand washing system is proposed since there is no running water in the concession stand. Committeeman Flynn advised to coordinate with the Warren County Health Department to meet their standards as well as FTYA with their scheduled events. Also, Attorney Benbrook advised Mr. Zemaitis that a short written synopsis of the hand washing system is to be reviewed by the township as well as a Certificate of Liability Insurance naming Franklin Township as additional insured.

Rick Canale – Mr. Canale was glad to hear that the “Road Impassable To Large Trucks”, signs are in and will be installed, should hopefully help. He will still pursue Warren County as to signs posted on the County Route.

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, excluding NJAW Bill until Attorney Benbrook can get confirmation as to how many hydrants are being charged for on the bill and only pay \$175, for Filing Fee to the Superior Court of the Benbrook & Benbrook Invoice for verification of legal hours to be charged for.

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 Jeff DeAngelis and seconded by Mike Torretta, hearing no objection, meeting stands adjourned at 8:56 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