REGULAR MEETING

The Franklin Township Committee held its regular monthly meeting at 7:03 pm on Monday, November 6, 2017. Mayor Jeff DeAngelis 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, Jeannene Butler, Mike Ferri, Jacob Pence, Mike Toretta (5) Present (0) Absent

Present were: Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk, Kevin Benbrook, Municipal Attorney, Mike Finelli Municipal Engineer, Jim Onembo, Zoning/Code Enforcement, Roger Bulava, Recycle Coordinator, Ronald Read, DPW Foreman, Raymond Read, OEM/911.

CONSENT AGENDA:

(One Roll Call to approve the following agenda items 2-4)

2. MINUTES

a. Regular Meeting Minutes of October 2, 2017
b. Executive Session Meeting Minutes of October 2, 2017

3. RESOLUTIONS

a.	Resolution 2017-67	RE: Regulating the growth of Brush, Noxious Weeds and Grass, etc.
b.	Resolution 2017-68	RE: Tax Refund Block 18 Lot 14 total amount of $37,181.81
c.	Resolution 2017-69	RE: Budget Transfer

On motion by Mike Toretta and seconded by Mike Ferri the Regular Meeting and Executive Session Meeting Minutes be adopted.

Roll Call:	**Yes**	**No**	**Absent/Abstained**
Michael Toretta	X		
Jeannene Butler	X		
Jacob Pence	X		
Mike Ferri	X		
Mayor, Jeff DeAngelis	X	(5) Yes (0) No	(0) Abstained Motion carried

On motion by Mike Toretta and seconded by Mike Ferri the Resolutions 2017-67, 68, 69, on the Consent Agenda be adopted as read. Let the record reflect that Committeeperson Jacob Pence abstained from Resolution 2017-68 only.

Roll Call:	**Yes**	**No**	**Absent/Abstained**
Michael Toretta	X		
Jeannene Butler	X		
Jacob Pence			X
Mike Ferri	X		
Mayor, Jeff DeAngelis	X	(5) Yes (0) No	(1) Abstained, Jacob Pence,-from Res. 2017-68 Only Motion carried

Presentation – Musconetcong Watershed Association-Stormwater Education

Kyle Richter, the Program Coordinator for MWA. The MWA is a non-profit association dedicated to protect and approve the water quality of the Musconetcong River. The Musconetcong River flows for 42 miles, from Lake Hopatcong to the Delaware, and the Watershed Association is 157.6 sq. miles long, covers 4 counties; Morris, Warren, Hunterdon and Sussex and 26 Municipalities. The Musconetcong River is a part of the National Wild and Scenic River System and holds a special designation that the Federal Government has applied to help protect this river. Mr. Richter is here this evening to comply with state rules for public education that is required by each municipality by the DEP and has approved certain programs and placed a point value for each program. Each municipality is required annually to earn 10 points and after tonight's presentation the township will have completed their 10 required points.

First Reading/Introduction of:
(Ord. 2017-8 Dog Licensing Fees/Late Fees, modest increase for 2018.)

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-8
TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN
COUNTY OF WARREN
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 63 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN ENTITLED, "DOGS"

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that Chapter 63 of the Code of the Township of Franklin be and hereby is amended as follows:

SECTION I:

Section 63-4 be and hereby is amended to read as follows:

§63-4. License Fees.

A. The license fee for each neutered/spayed dog shall be $10.00, inclusive of a registration tag and Pilot Clinic Fund fee. The license and registration tag shall expire December 31st of each calendar year and must be renewed by January 31st of the following year.

B. The license fee for each non-neutered/spayed dog shall be $13.00, inclusive of a registration tag and Pilot Clinic Fund fee. The license and registration tag shall expire December 31st of each calendar year and must be renewed by January 31st of the following year.

§63-6. Delinquent Fees.

Any dog not having a valid, current license after January 31 of any calendar year shall, in addition to the license fees set forth in §63-4, pay an additional fee of $1.00 for any dog licensed in February, $5.00 for any dog licensed in March, and $10.00 if licensed in April through December. These additional fees shall not be applicable to dogs acquired after January 31 of any

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin in the County of Warren and State of New Jersey, held on November 6, 2017 and will be further considered for final passage after public hearing thereon at a regular meeting of said Township Committee on December 4, 2017.

Dated: November 6, 2017

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Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk

On motion by Committeeperson Mike Ferri and seconded by Committeeperson Jeannene Butler the aforenoted **Ordinance 2017-8** be adopted at first reading. Final reading and adoption to take place on **December 4, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.**

Roll Call Vote	**Yes**	**No**	**Absent/Abstain**	
Jacob Pence	X			
Jeannene Butler	X			
Mike Ferri	X			
Michael Toretta	X			
Jeff DeAngelis, Mayor	X	(5) Yes	(0) No (0) Absent	Motion carried

On motion by Committeeperson and seconded by Committeeperson the aforenoted Ordinance 2017-8 be adopted at final reading.

Roll Call Vote	**Yes**	**No**	**Absent/Abstain**	
Jacob Pence				
Jeannene Butler				
Mike Ferri				
Michael Toretta				
Jeannene Butler, Mayor	()	Yes () No	() 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 November 6, 2017. Second reading, public hearing will be held on December 4th, 2017 at or near 7:00 PM in the Franklin Township Municipal Building, 2093 Rt. 57, Broadway, New Jersey.

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Denise L. Becton, RMC/CMR

OLD BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF:

ORDINANCE 2017-6

Chapter 129

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A NEW CHAPTER 129 ENTITLED, "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC"

On motion by Committeeperson Jeannene Butler and seconded by Committeeperson Mike Toretta the aforenoted **Ordinance 2017-6** be adopted.

Roll Call Vote	**Yes**	**No**	**Absent/Abstain**
Jacob Pence	X		
Jeannene Butler	X		
Mike Ferri	X		
Michael Toretta	X		
Jeff DeAngelis, Mayor	X (5) Yes	(0) No	(0) Absent Motion carried

PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF:

Final Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 2017-7

On motion by Mike Ferri and seconded by Jeannene Butler to open the Public Hearing.

No Public Comments

On motion by Mike Toretta and seconded by Mike Ferri to close the Public Hearing and adopt.

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-7
TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN
COUNTY OF WARREN
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 15 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN ENTITLED, "FIRE DEPARTMENT"

On motion by Committeeperson Mike Ferri and seconded by Committeeperson Jeannene Butler the aforenoted **Ordinance 2017-7** be adopted.

Roll Call Vote	**Yes**	**No**	**Absent/Abstain**
Jacob Pence	X		
Jeannene Butler	X		

completed they can be sent for the required approvals. The Easement is already in place for the Emergency Access.

REPORTS/UPDATES:

Attorney Report – (No Report Submitted)

Attorney Benbrook informed the committee that the COAH-Fair Share Housing hearing is scheduled for December 9th. He has the agreements in hand and will make sure they get fully executed, accordingly. Zoning Officer, Jim Onembo inquired as to the Vacated Abandoned Property Ordinance and would like us to move forward with amending it to apply a lien on those properties as it is hard to track down and collect fees from the Property Maintenance Companies, yearly. Attorney will look into this further to see if there is statutory authorization and can proceed with a lien in lieu of a summons per property, as our ordinance currently is written.

Engineer Report – Report on File (see below)

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

- Project complete. Refer to Engineer's Report dated March 3, 2017 for details and information.

2. 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.

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

- Project Complete. Please refer to the April 4, 2016 report for information on

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.

- The Township recently received a cover letter from the EPA which notified the Township of the pending submission of the Draft Final Design Plans and specifications. The letter requested that the Township have our office review these documents. The EPA requested comments from the Township (our office) by December 9, 2016. A hard copy original of the Draft Final Design Plans (95% complete), dated November 2016, along with a CD was received by the Township during the week of November 28, 2016.

- Our office has just, as of 12/2/16, obtained this information. At the December 2016 Committee Meeting, the Township Committee authorized our office to review this information and to forward a review letter to the EPA. We proceeded accordingly and forwarded a review letter, dated

both our prior comments and comments from the Water Co. were received by our office on March 29, 2017. Our office is currently in the process of reviewing this information and will provide a letter to the EPA and CH2MHill in the near future.

- Our office forwarded our latest set of review comments to John Tobia, P.E., CH2Mhill, on April 24, 2017. This memo reflects miscellaneous review comments based upon the 95% complete Final Design drawings.

- In addition to the comments provided regarding the Final Design drawings (referenced above), our office has also been in contact with Sonny Read, Fire Chief, regarding the proposed hydrant locations. CH2MHill has been coordinating with New Jersey American Water Co. (NJAWCo) regarding the location and spacing of all of the proposed hydrants within the Franklin Township section of the water main extension project. The latest set of marked up Plans indicating all of the proposed hydrants has been previously forwarded to Sonny Read for his review and comment. It is our understanding that John Tobia, P.E., spoke in detail with Sonny Read on April 25, 2017 regarding the number and location and type of hydrants. We believe that all of Sonny Read's comments will be incorporated into the final design plans.

- The TC should be advised that they will need to provide an official approval letter for both the number and location of all the proposed hydrants which will need to be sent to both NJAWCo and the EPA.

- As the Committee is certainly aware, the EPA was scheduled to hold a Public Information Session (PIS) at the Municipal building on Wednesday, August 2nd. I have not received any feedback on the PIS relative to the number of attendees at the session.

- I have been contacted by Mr. Frank Belardo, Arcadis US, Inc., who is the Water Resource Consultant and is working with Rio Tinto regarding the OU2 project and more specifically, the local permitting for the water main extension. Mr. Belardo is requesting a meeting with me to discuss what permits will be required by Franklin Township. I will be scheduling a meeting with Mr. Belardo to review the Township's requirements relative to any permitting which would be necessary for Rio Tinto to secure in conjunction with the commencement of construction of the project. Mr. Belardo indicated that construction is scheduled to commence in the Spring of 2018.

- I met Mr. Belardo and other representative from Arcadis on Wednesday, September 20th, 2017. I reviewed the street opening permit requirements of the Township with them. I have since forwarded a complete street opening permit form to Arcadis. It is also my understanding that this group, along with EPA rep.'s, met with Mayor DeAngelis at another time. There is another Public Information Session scheduled for Franklin Township on Wednesday, October 25th, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the Municipal Building. As this project continues to move forward and closer to construction, I believe it is important for as many interested parties as possible to attend this meeting/session.

- A Public Information Session was held on October 25th, 2017 at the

5. New Municipal Roadway Connector: Stewartsville Road to NJSH Route 57: (No change since last month's Report)

- At the September 12, 2016 Committee Meeting, this potential project was discussed. This project would consist of a new roadway being constructed from a point along Stewartsville Road to the existing driveway opening along Route 57 that was previously constructed by The Chapel at Warren Valley. This property has recently been purchased by Robert Santini who met with me and discussed the possibility of the conveyance of a Right-of-Way to the Township for the possible construction of this new connector road.

- The benefits of this new roadway would clearly be the elimination of the dangerous and substandard existing intersection of Stewartsville Road with Route 57. Obviously, a serious consideration relative to this project would be the cost for the construction of the roadway. As discussed, there are some Grant Programs available that would help the Township in funding a project of this magnitude. Since the project in question was just discussed, the Township wanted to consider the matter further.

- I have recently been in contact with Tom Bodolsky, PE, regarding this property. Based upon the letters received by Mr. Santini from the NJDOT relative to the use of the existing driveway on Route 57, Mr. Bodolsky is in the process of preparing a “new” Driveway Access Permit Application which will be forwarded to both the Township and the NJDOT with the intent of allowing Mr. Santini to use this existing driveway for agricultural purposes.

- Our office did recently receive and review a driveway permit application from Mr. Santini via Mr. Bodolsky. We granted a conditional approval to the permit application. The permit process will continue with a significant condition being the requirement to secure a new/current access permit from the NJDOT. Our office will continue to keep the Committee apprised as this matter moves forward.

6. 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 in 2016 based upon the lack of available funding. I believe the Township may look to potentially budget additional monies for the reconsideration for this project in 2017. This matter was briefly discussed at the February 6, 2017 Committee Meeting and it does not appear (to my

again. We should consider potentially adding a second applicant should a good candidate be selected. The applications are required to be submitted (via SAGE) on or before October 6, 2017. The Committee authorized our office to proceed with the development of an application for Stewartville Road at the August 7th, 2017 Committee Meeting.

- Our office has been developing the application and it is close to being in a position for submittal to the NJDOT via SAGE. As previously discussed, the Township must adopt a Resolution for the submittal and execution of a Grant Agreement with the NJDOT, as part of the application submittal process. Resolution # 2017-62 for Stewartsville Road was approved at the September 11th, 2017, Meeting.

- Our office has completed the application and it will be submitted to the NJDOT, via SAGE, in advance of the October 6th, 2017 deadline. I am unaware of any timeline associated with any award announcements.

8. Ordinance Development: Vehicles & Traffic, Chapter 129

- As discussed at the February 6, 2017 Committee Meeting, Chapter 129 (Vehicles & Traffic) of our existing ordinance is woefully inadequate and antiquated. Our office did some research of our files and came across a number of previously developed draft ordinances and documents that had apparently been worked on quite a few years ago. Subsequently, a meeting was held at the Municipal Building with representatives of the DPW, our office and Denise B. Since a lot of previously developed information appears to be available, I do not believe that this ordinance development should be any great expense to the Township. The DPW was going to do most of the inventory work which would generate the majority of the time associated with accomplishing this task. Denise B. was also going to contact General Code to determine what information they have and what help they might be able to provide the Township in the development of this Ordinance.

- This matter was discussed at the March 6, 2017 Committee Meeting relative to the status of the DPW and their inventory of the existing signage. The DPW had nearly completed the inventory effort at that time. Denise B. was also in the process of checking with the General Code regarding what they had previously developed and what would constitute an updated Ordinance. To date, I do not believe that General Code has responded. Kevin Benbrook has provided a "sample" ordinance for our use and reference. Once General Code responds to Denise, we should be in a very good position to complete the update to Chapter 129 of our Ordinance. Also, as a reminder to all, this Ordinance will need to be sent to the NJDOT for their approval.

- Our office recently forwarded certain sections of Chapter 129 to Ron Read for his review and/or completion as some of this information was not either supplied or applicable as per the most recent information provided to our office by the DPW. Once this information is received, it will be incorporated into the Ordinance as agreed upon at the 4/3/17 Committee meeting, Kevin Benbrook, Esq. is going to prepare the initial "draft" of the new ordinance for our office to review prior to it being sent to the NJDOT for approval. The Township Committee decided against entering into any contract with General Code for the purposes of the development of this section of the Township Ordinances.

9. Township Walking Path / Rec Trail: "Old" Smith Farm Property

- This matter was discussed at the July 10th, 2017 TC meeting. I was asked to forward a number of historical plans which were previously developed by our office for the Township. I sent out an e-mail to everyone on July 24th, 2017 which included three (3) different versions and configurations of a Walking Path within and around the property. As per my cover e-mail, the most current plan which was sent, dates back to April 2015.

- This project was discussed at some length at the August 7th, 2017 Committee Meeting. A number of issues including, but not limited to, County Roadway improvement requirements, the incorporation of an emergency access driveway, the width of the path, the estimated cost and the size and location of the parking lot were all reviewed. The Township Committee was specifically interested in what improvements might be required by the County should a parking lot be constructed with direct access to Road (County Rote 643) across from the Elementary School.

- Based upon the above, I spoke at length with County Engineer, Bill Gleba, regarding the project and the improvements that would be required in order to secure approval from the County Planning and Engineering Departments. As I suspected and as I have indicated to you, the County would look at this "situation" as a mid-block crosswalk which would require flashing warning pedestrian crossing signs, other signage, and numerous administrative requirements and agreements between the Township and the County.

- The Township's alternative to constructing the parking lot directly off of Asbury-Broadway Road would be to construct the parking lot with access being provided from Bryan Road. The exact location of the parking lot would need to be discussed and reviewed as there are a number of different potential locations available along Bryan Road. I discussed this alternative design with Bill Gleba who acknowledged and supported the concept. Based upon the number of unanswered questions at this time, I did not proceed any further. I will be making a recommendation to the Township Committee regarding what I believe to be the best location for a parking lot off of Bryan Road. Should it be approved, we would be in a position to move forward with the design.

- This project was discussed at length at the October 2nd, 2017 Committee meeting. The issue of the rights to access the Rocky Brook development have been since confirmed VIA a subsequent e-mail from my office. The location of the parking lot was also confirmed in that it would not be located off of Bryan Road and would be across from the elementary school with access from Asbury – Broadway Road. Other miscellaneous issues and design features were also discussed. In summary and conclusion, the Township authorized our office to proceed in developing the plans for the Walking Path and Parking Lot in an effort to get them out "to Bid". Our office has begun the field survey and design process and will continue moving forward with same. The next major step in the process would be the completion of the design and construction drawings, approval of same by the Township Committee and the submission of the information to the two (2) primary 3rd party review agencies, the Warren County Planning (Engineering) Department and the Warren County Soil Conservation District.

- I will certainly continue to keep the Committee apprised as the project moves forward.

DOT, we should hear them out and see where this goes. A sub-committee was selected. Mayor DeAngelis and Committeeperson Jeannene Butler will meet with the DOT to further discuss.

Roger Bulava – Recycling

Mr. Bulava informed that he attended a Solid Waste Advisory Committee, aka SWAC, meeting as to Electronic Recycling in hope that the DEP will more fairly allocate manufacturing requirements. Vendors are not bidding on electronic recycling as it is quite costly. At this time, not certain if the township will be able to continue with electronic recycling at their annual Spring Clean Up.

Jim Onembo – Code Enforcement/Zoning –

Mr. Onembo briefed the committee as to zoning and code enforcement this month. 103 Halfway House Road there is a wooden bridge on this property in disrepair. He has referred them to confer with an engineer.

Open Space Commission – No one present

Franklin Township Youth Association – No one present

DPW REPORT – Ron Read –

Mr. Read advised that Brush Pick Up went well. Continuing with putting up snow fences and road side mowing. Need to replace the Zero-Turn Mowers, one is seven years old and the other is five years old. Can they be replaced with Open Space Funds? Attorney Benbrook informed that if the mowers are used solely for open space properties, then it can be purchased through Open Space funds, otherwise, you will have to figure the percentage of township owned vs. open space properties that the mowers will maintain and figure out the cost accordingly for purchase. Also, Mr. Read will bring back another quote to compare cost of mowers through another dealer.

Franklin Township Community Center – Eddy Patient – no report

OEM – Raymond Read –

Mr. Read advised that state inspections on the generators have been complete and will be reimbursed by Grant.

Fire/EMS – Chief Raymond Read –

Chief Read informed that the tanker with the head gasket and chassis rot has used approximately ¾ of the budget to repair and the 1993 Ambulance needs to be replaced as well. Looking to get rid of 2 trucks and replace with one. Attorney Benbrook will contact our Bond Counsel Attorney to see if we can bond for used vehicles.

Township Committee Reports:

Jeannene Butler –

Nothing further to report.

Mike Toretta –

Nothing further to report.

Jeff DeAngelis, Mayor

Mayor DeAngelis has been speaking with JCP&L, they are looking to change to LED bulbs on wooden poles only at their expense. There will be a cost savings to replace bulbs with LED and will help to offset the cost of the potential fire hydrants coming into town. This only pertains to streetlights not parking lot lights.

After the mayor spoke to our CFO, it makes more sense to hold our Budget Workshop in January in lieu of November. Consensus of the township committee is to cancel the November 20th meeting and re-schedule it for Tuesday, January 16th at 6pm.

At this time Mayor DeAngelis asked for a motion to go into Open Public Session, on motion by Jacob Pence and seconded by Jeannene Butler, Unanimous Vote.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION –

Karen Chiu – Ms. Chiu informed that the school will hold its' Annual Tree Lighting on December 1st at 6pm here at the Municipal Building.

Mark Blaszka – Mr. Blaszka advised that the acting NJSP Superintendent is a Franklin Township resident. Also, after analyzing our taxes, it appears that Warren Hills may have overtaxed the taxpayers. Taxes are charged by enrollment consistently increasing from 5 to 6 to 7%. Mayor DeAngelis will work with Mr. Blaszka on this.

At this time, on motion by Jacob Pence and seconded by Mike Ferri to close the Open Public Session, Unanimous Vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

BE IT RESOLVED, on this 6th day of November, 2017, by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-1, that the Township Committee shall discuss the following matter in executive session

Personnel – Department of Public Works- Road Repairer I Position

On motion by Jacob Pence and seconded Mike Toretta to return to the regular session at 8:30 p.m. Unanimous Vote.

On motion by Jeannene Butler and seconded by Mike Toretta, to hire Jon Nelson, Probationary 3 months, Road Repairer I, hourly rate $21.65, after 3 months hourly rate $22.00.

Roll Call:	**Yes**	**No**	**Absent/Abstained**	
Michael Toretta	X			
Jeannene Butler	X			
Jacob Pence	X			
Mike Ferri	X			
Mayor, Jeff DeAngelis	X			
		(5) Yes	(0) No (0) Absent	Motion carried

MOTION FOR PAYMENT OF BILL LIST:

On motion by Jacob Pence and seconded by Mike Ferri, hearing no objection, to pay the bills from the bill list provided by the Chief Financial Officer.

Roll Call:	**Yes**	**No**	**Absent/Abstained**	
Michael Toretta	X			
Jeannene Butler	X			
Jacob Pence	X			
Mike Ferri	X			
Mayor, Jeff DeAngelis	X			
		(5) Yes	(0) No (0) Absent	Motion carried

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:

On motion by Jeannene Butler and seconded by Mike Toretta, hearing no objection, meeting stands adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Roll Call:	**Yes**	**No**	**Absent**	**Abstained**
Michael Toretta	X			
Jeannene Butler	X			
Jacob Pence	X			
Mike Ferri	X			
Mayor, Jeff DeAngelis	X	(5) Yes	(0) No (0) Absent	Motion carried