

# SPECIAL MEETING

The Franklin Township Committee held a Special Meeting on Monday, May 20, 2024, at the hour of approximately 4:00 p.m. Mayor David Guth, 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, **Roll Call of Committeepersons present:** Bonnie Butler, Richard Herzer, Sarah Payne, Mike Toretta (via conference call), Mayor David Guth (5) Yes, (0) Absent

**Present:** Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk, Margaret Pasqua, CFO

## RESOLUTION 2024-43 Public Hearing/Adoption of the Amended Introduced Budget

### RESOLUTION TO AMEND INTRODUCED BUDGET RESOLUTION 2024-43

**WHEREAS**, the local budget for the year 2024 was approved on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the public hearing on said budget has been held as advertised; and

**WHEREAS**, it is desired to amend said approved budget;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the governing body of the Township of Franklin of the County of Warren that the following amendments to the approved budget of 2024 made:

|  | <u>From</u>  | <u>To</u>    |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| REVENUE  |              |              |
| 1. Surplus Anticipated   | 820,000.00   | 801,448.00   |
| 7. Total General Revenue   | 3,242,597.98 | 3,224,045.98 |
| APPROPRIATIONS   |              |              |
| Deferred Charges   |              |              |
| Special Emergency Authorizations – 5 Years                                 | 18,552.00    | 0.00         |
| (D) Municipal Debt Service Excluded from “CAPS”                            |              |              |
| Payment of Bond Anticipation Notes   |              | 215,328.00   |
|  | 715,413.00   |              |
| Total Municipal Debt Service Excluded from “CAPS”                          |              | 362,769.19   |
|  | 862,854.19   |              |
| (E) Deferred Charges – Municipal – Excluded from “CAPS”                    |              |              |
| BAN Principal on Emergency Notes   |              | 500,085.00   |
|  | 0.00         |              |
| Total Deferred Charges – Municipal – Excluded from “CAPS”                  |              | 500,085.00   |
|  | 0.00         |              |
| H-2 Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes Excluded from CAPS | 1,073,988.55 | 1,055,436.55 |
|  |              | 3,224,045.98 |

### RESOLUTION TO AMEND INTRODUCED BUDGET

Be it further resolved that three certified copies of this resolution be filed forthwith in the office of the Director of Local Government Services for certification of the local municipal budget so amended.

On motion by Committeeperson Butler and seconded by Committeeperson Herzer the aforementioned **Resolution 2024-43** be adopted as read.

| <b>Roll Call Vote</b> | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | <b>Absent/Abstained</b> |   |
|-----------------------|------------|-----------|-------------------------|---|
| Bonnie Butler         | X          |           |                         |   |
| Rich Herzer           | X          |           |                         |   |
| Sarah Payne           | X          |           |                         |   |
| Mike Toretta          | X          |           |                         |   |
| David Guth, Mayor     | X          | (5)Yes    | (0) No                  | (0) Absent (0) Abstained motion carried |

**CERTIFICATION**

It is hereby certified that this is a true copy of the resolution amending the budget adopted by the governing body on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of May 2024.

*Denise L. Becton*

Certified by me:

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Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk

**2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET ADOPTION**

On motion by Committeeperson Herzer and seconded by Committeeperson Payne the 2024 Municipal Budget be adopted.

| <b>Roll Call Vote</b> | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | <b>Absent/Abstained</b> |   |
|-----------------------|------------|-----------|-------------------------|---|
| Bonnie Butler         | X          |           |                         |   |
| Rich Herzer           | X          |           |                         |   |
| Sarah Payne           | X          |           |                         |   |
| Mike Toretta          | X          |           |                         |   |
| David Guth, Mayor     | X          | (5)Yes    | (0) No                  | (0) Absent (0) Abstained motion carried |

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 2024-42**

**RESOLUTION 2024-42**

**Be it Resolved**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, that the budget hereinbefore set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of \$1,444,673.27 amount to be raised by taxation for municipal purposes, and \$0 Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Levy.

On motion by Committeeperson Herzer and seconded by Committeeperson Payne the aforementioned **Resolution 2024-42** be adopted as read.

| <b>Roll Call Vote</b> | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | <b>Absent/Abstained</b> |   |
|-----------------------|------------|-----------|-------------------------|---|
| Bonnie Butler         |            |           | X                       |   |
| Rich Herzer           | X          |           |                         |   |
| Sarah Payne           | X          |           |                         |   |
| Mike Toretta          | X          |           |                         |   |
| David Guth, Mayor     | X          | (4)Yes    | (0) No                  | (0) Absent (1) Abstained 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 May 20, 2024.

Denise L. Becton

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Denise L. Becton RMC/CMR

**PUBLIC HEARING - Ordinance 2024-3 - AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$52,400 FROM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND \$87,600 FROM THE NJDOT 2022 GRANT FOR MILLBROOK ROAD FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO MILLBROOK ROAD PHASE 2 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$140,000.00**

- Motion to open Public Hearing-no public present
- Public Comments-none
- Motion to **CLOSE Public Hearing & ADOPT (ROLL CALL)**

On motion by Committeeperson Butler and seconded by Committeeperson Payne the aforementioned **Ordinance 2024-3** be adopted as read.

| <b>Roll Call Vote</b> | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | <b>Absent/Abstained</b> |   |
|-----------------------|------------|-----------|-------------------------|---|
| Bonnie Butler         | X          |           |                         |   |
| Rich Herzer           | X          |           |                         |   |
| Sarah Payne           | X          |           |                         |   |
| Mike Toretta          | X          |           |                         |   |
| David Guth, Mayor     | X          | (5)Yes    | (0) No                  | ( ) Absent (0) Abstained motion carried |

**OPEN PUBLIC SESSION: n/a**

Let the record reflect that Mike Toretta disconnected from the meeting via conference room phone at 4:05 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At this time, the committee will commence into an Executive Session on motion by Committeeperson Herzer and seconded by Committeeperson Payne Rich Herzer at 4:05 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**BE IT RESOLVED** on this 20th day of May 2024, 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 – Vacation/Personal/Sick Leave Policy**

It is not possible at this time for the Township Committee to determine when and under what circumstances the item which is to be discussed in executive session can be publicly disclosed.

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved on this 20th day of May 2024 by the Franklin Township Committee, that the matter stated will be discussed in executive session, said session to commence at approximately 4:05 p.m.

On Motion by Committeeperson Herzer and seconded by Committeeperson Payne to exit to executive session at 4:05 p.m. Unanimous Vote.

On motion by Committeeperson Butler and seconded Committeeperson Herzer to return to the regular session at 4:20 p.m. Unanimous Vote.

**MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:**

On motion by Bonnie Butler and seconded by Rich Herzer, hearing no objection, meeting stands adjourned at 4:23 p.m. Unanimous Vote.

Respectfully submitted,

*Denise L. Becton*

Denise L. Becton, RMC/CMR  
Municipal Clerk

