

WORKSHOP MEETING

Budget Workshop Synopsis

The Franklin Township Committee held a Budget Workshop Meeting on Monday, March 28, 2022, at the approximate hour of 4:09 p.m. Mayor Mike Toretta 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.

ROLL CALL OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Butler-Yes, Ferri-Yes, Guth-Yes, Herzer-Yes; Toretta-Yes. (5) Present; (0) Absent

Present were: Municipal Auditor, John Mooney, CFO, Kathleen Reinalda, Jim Schlessinger, FTYA

FTYA

Jim Schlessinger gave an overview of the FTYA activities and their utilization of the community center. Basketball is their main use for this center season is early November through March. Auditor Mooney advised the committee is within their rights to see financials of anyone who receives township funds such as the FTYA and Fire Department. A question as to the Port-a-johns and field paint where this expense should come out of.

CFO advised that as the numbers stand at this time, we are just under a 1 cent equivalent to \$20 increase for an average taxpayer.

DISCUSSIONS

Use of ARP?

What can Clean Communities monies be used for?

2015 Bond Ordinance of \$150,000 for Mountain View Road for Resurfacing should be cleaned up.

Auditor Mooney would like to see Debt stay level year to year.

American Cares Act and American Rescue Money and COVID Money.

Millbrook Road project to do or not do.

We need to bond for the Dioxane Project and confer with our Bond Attorney, asap. \$2.7 million has been allocated for this project and should be reimbursed to us within 30-60 days after the completion of the project. Attorney Benbrook is reviewing at this time a sample contract and expecting resolutions. Looking at, at least three fire hydrants.

Committeeperson Mike Ferri made a motion and seconded by Rich Herzer, to proceed with the NCRS Shurts Road Project.

Roll Call:	Yes	No	Absent	Abstained	
Bonnie Butler	X				
Mike Ferri	X				
David Guth	X				
Rich Herzer	X				
Mike Toretta, Mayor	X	(5) Yes	(0) No	(0) Absent	Motion carried

Committeeperson Rich Herzer made a motion and seconded by Mike Toretta, to appoint Deputy Mayor Guth as DOEM on a temporary basis, no more than 6 months at a salary of \$1,255.00.

Roll Call:	Yes	No	Absent	Abstained	
Bonnie Butler		X			
Mike Ferri	X				
David Guth	X				
Rich Herzer	X				
Mike Toretta, Mayor	X		(4) Yes (0) No (0) Absent		Motion carried

Shawna Tabert will also assume the position of 911 Coordinator at a salary of \$1000.00.

Committeeperson Mike Ferri made a motion and seconded by Rich Herzer, to proceed with the NCRS Shurts Road Project.

Roll Call:	Yes	No	Absent	Abstained	
Bonnie Butler	X				
Mike Ferri	X				
David Guth	X				
Rich Herzer	X				
Mike Toretta, Mayor	X		(5) Yes (0) No (0) Absent		Motion carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION

BE IT RESOLVED on this 28th day of March 2022, 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

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 28th, day of March 2022 by the Franklin Township Committee, that the matter stated will be discussed in executive session, said session to commence at 6:19 pm.

On Motion by Mike Ferri and seconded by David Guth to exit to executive session at p.m. Unanimous Vote.

On motion by Mike Ferri and seconded Mike Toretta to return to the regular session at p.m. Unanimous Vote.

On motion by David Guth and seconded by Rich Herzer, hearing no objection, meeting stands adjourned at 6:00 pm. Unanimous Vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise L. Becton, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk