

**REGULAR MEETING**

The Franklin Township Committee held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, June 1, 2020 via “ZOOM”. Mayor Jeff DeAngelis opened the meeting, at approximately 7:00 pm, 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:** Mike Ferri, David Guth, Rich Herzer, Mike Toretta, Mayor Jeff DeAngelis, (5) Present.

Present were: Kathleen Reinalda, CFO, Raymond Read, OEM, Ron Read, DPW Foreman, Jim Onembo, Zoning/Code Enforcement, Mike Finelli, Municipal Engineer, Anthony Ardito, Auditor

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

(One Roll Call to approve the following agenda items 2-3)

- 2. APPROVAL**
  - a. Meeting Minutes **RE: May 4, 2020**
  - b. Renewal **RE: Kober’s Annual Junkyard License**
  - c. Renewal **RE: Renewal of Snow/Ice removal in exchange for Community Room Cleaning Agreement between the Township of Franklin and Franklin Township Board of Education**
  
- 3. RESOLUTIONS**
  - a. Res. 2020-40 **RE: Group Affidavit**
  - b. Res. 2020-41 **RE: Corrective Action Plan**
  - c. Res. 2020-42 **RE: Resolution requesting Governor Murphy release discretionary funds for the relief of COVID-19 expenses in Warren County and their municipalities**
  - d. Res. 2020-43 **RE: A resolution of the Governing Body of Franklin Township, Warren County, NJ authorizing the execution and delivery of a Master Equipment Lease-Purchase Agreement with PNC Equipment Finance, LLC, as Lessor**
  - e. Res. 2020-44 **RE: A resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to process third quarter “estimated” tax bills, due August 1, 2020**
  - f. Res. 2020-45 **RE: Millbrook Road, Section 1, 2021 State Aid Application**
  - g. Res. 2020-46 **RE: Willow Grove Road, 2021 State Aid Application**

On motion by David Guth and seconded by Mike Ferri approving the Meeting Minutes, Junkyard Renewal, Contract Agreement with FTBOE and Franklin Township, listed above.

<b>Roll Call Vote</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Absent/Abstained</b>
Mike Ferri	X		
David Guth	X		
Rich Herzer	X		
Michael Toretta	X		
Mayor, Jeff DeAngelis	X		
		<b>(5) Yes (0) No (0) Absent</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>

On motion by Mike Ferri and seconded by Mike Toretta approving the Resolutions listed above.

<b>Roll Call Vote</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Absent/Abstained</b>
Mike Ferri	X		
David Guth	X		
Rich Herzer	X		
Michael Toretta	X		
Mayor, Jeff DeAngelis	X		
		<b>(5) Yes (0) No (0) Absent</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>

**RESOLUTIONS**

**First Reading/Introduction: Res. 2020-40**

**GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF THE ANNUAL  
AUDIT FORM OF RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION 2020-40**

**WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 5-4** requires the governing body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions, and

**WHEREAS,** the Annual Report of Audit for the year 2018 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the Municipal Clerk pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body; and

**WHEREAS, R.S. 52:27BB-34** authorizes the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs; and

**WHEREAS,** the Local Finance Board has promulgated N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5, a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall, by resolution, certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the governing body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled "Comments and Recommendations; and

**WHEREAS,** the members of the governing body have personally reviewed, as a minimum, the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled "Comments and Recommendations, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto; and

**WHEREAS,** such resolution of certification shall be adopted by the Governing Body no later than forty-five days after the receipt of the annual audit, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5; and

**WHEREAS,** all members of the governing body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board; and

**WHEREAS,** failure to comply with the regulations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the local governing body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52, to wit:

R.S. 52:27BB-52: A local officer or member of a local governing body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the director (Director of Local Government Services), under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his office.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** That the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

On motion by Mike Ferri and seconded by Mike Toretta the aforesaid **Resolution 2020-40** be adopted as read.

<b>Roll Call Vote</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Absent/Abstained</b>	
Rich Herzer	X			
Mike Ferri	X			
David Guth	X			
Michael Toretta	X			
Mayor Jeff DeAngelis	X	(5) Yes	(0) No	(0) Absent Motion Carried

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF THE RESOLUTION PASSED AT THE MEETING HELD ON June 1, 2020.**

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Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk

Dated: June 1, 2020

**First Reading/Introduction: Res. 2020-41**

**TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN  
WARREN COUNTY  
AUDIT REPORT YEAR: 2019**

**CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN  
RESOLUTION 2020-41**

Whereas, the Township Committee of Franklin has received and reviewed the Annual Audit Report for the Year 2019 and;

Whereas, the Chief Financial Officer has prepared the following corrective action plan in accordance with the reports findings as follows;

***Tax Office***

**Finding/Condition #1:**

Various differences between the Collector’s tax system cash book and the bank deposits in the cumulative amount of \$26,184 where bank deposits were in excess of the collector’s cash book. Collector’s cash book postings for date and amount frequently do not match the bank deposit, but instead are separated over various dates and amounts.

**Recommendation:**

We recommend that the Collector post deposit transactions in the tax system to correspond to the actual bank deposit date and amount. Also, the Collector’s cash book deposits should be reconciled to the bank statements on a monthly basis and any discrepancies should be reconciled on a timely basis.

**Explanation and Corrective Action:**

The Township will investigate the Tax Collector’s cash book/bank deposits and reconcile monthly on a consistent basis.

**Implementation Date:**

Immediately

Now, therefore be it resolved by the Township Committee of Franklin that a certified copy of this corrective action plan resolution be transmitted to the Director of Local Government Services.

On motion by Mike Ferri and seconded by Mike Toretta the aforesaid **Resolution 2020-41** be adopted as read.

<b>Roll Call Vote</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Absent/Abstained</b>
Rich Herzer	X		
Mike Ferri	X		
David Guth	X		
Michael Toretta	X		
Mayor Jeff DeAngelis	X	(5) Yes	(0) No (0) Absent Motion Carried

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF THE RESOLUTION PASSED AT THE MEETING HELD ON June 1, 2020.**

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Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk

Dated: June 1, 2020

**First Reading/Introduction: Res. 2020-42**

**TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN  
COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION 2020-42**

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING GOVERNOR MUPRHY RELEASE DISCRETIONARY FUNDS FOR THE RELIEF OF COVID-19 EXPENSES IN WARREN COUNTY AND THEIR MUNICIPALITIES**

**WHEREAS**, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was passed by Congress with overwhelming, bipartisan support and was signed into law by the President on March 27th, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the CARES Act provided payments to State, Local, and Tribal governments navigating the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak in the following amounts to counties in NJ:

Bergen	\$162,000,000
Camden	\$88,000,000
Essex	\$139,000,000
Hudson	\$117,000,000
Middlesex	\$143,000,000
Monmouth	\$107,000,000
Ocean	\$105,000,000
Passaic	\$87,000,000
Union	\$97,000,000

**WHEREAS**, On April 24, 2020, the President signed into law a second federal package of funding intended to provide relief from COVID expenses, known as the “COVID-19 3.5” relief package, which provided the following funds to NJ counties:

Atlantic	\$704,535
Bergen	\$8,310,445
Burlington	\$876,000
Camden	\$2,186,348
Essex	\$4,792,503
Gloucester	\$804,857
Hudson	\$1,874,303
Mercer	\$TBD
Middlesex	\$1,739,905
Monmouth	\$2,348,328
Morris	\$2,182,700
Ocean	\$820,000
Passaic	\$537,434
Somerset	\$646,398
Union	\$4,139,331

**WHEREAS**, Warren County and their respective municipalities have not yet received any federal funding despite being located in the so-called “hot” region of the COVID-19 outbreak and despite having case counts of Covid higher than many counties that were awarded funds through antiquated and pre-determined formulas; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of the CARES Act, the State of NJ received certain non-entitlement funding through the CDGB (\$4 million) and ESG (more than \$11 million) that could be used for discretionary needs throughout the state; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 4, 2020, Congressman Josh Gottheimer and Senator Steven Oroho wrote to Governor Murphy requesting that these discretionary funds be allocated to Warren and Sussex Counties and their respective municipalities; and

**WHEREAS**, to date plans for those discretionary funds have not been announced; and

**WHEREAS**, to date Warren County has spent \$919, 849 on operations of a COVID-19 testing facility for New Jersey residents; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of the plan to re-open the state, the Governor has asked for increased COVID-19 testing, but Warren County’s testing site must cease operations at the end of May due to the total lack of federal or state funding.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Township Committee of Franklin Township, Warren County, NJ hereby requests that Governor Murphy allocate discretionary funds to the County of Warren for the reimbursement of expenses related to its significant number of Covid-19 cases and to aid with the Governor’s goal of continuing and increasing testing required for the re-opening of the state.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Warren County’s federal delegation with a request for their support and advocacy for New Jersey residents who reside here.

On motion by Mike Ferri and seconded by Mike Toretta the aforesaid **Resolution 2020-42** be adopted as read.

<b>Roll Call Vote</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Absent/Abstained</b>
Rich Herzer	X		
Mike Ferri	X		
David Guth	X		
Michael Toretta	X		
Mayor Jeff DeAngelis	X	(5) Yes (0) 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 June 1, 2020.

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Denise L. Becton RMC/CMR

Dated: June 1, 2020

RESOLUTION 2020-43

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FORM OF  
AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION/EXTRACT OF MINUTES

At a duly called meeting of the governing body of Franklin Township, Warren County, NJ, held in accordance with all applicable legal requirements, including open meeting laws, on the 1st day of Jun 2020, the following resolution was introduced and adopted:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, WARREN COUNTY, NJ AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A MASTER EQUIPMENT LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH PNC EQUIPMENT FINANCE, LLC, AS LESSOR, AND SEPARATE LEASE SCHEDULES THERETO FOR THE ACQUISITION, PURCHASE, FINANCING AND LEASING OF CERTAIN EQUIPMENT WITHIN THE TERMS HEREIN PROVIDED; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF OTHER DOCUMENTS REQUIRED IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND AUTHORIZING ALL OTHER ACTIONS NECESSARY TO THE CONSUMMATION OF THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED BY THIS RESOLUTION.**

WHEREAS, Franklin Township, (the "*Lessee*"), a body politic and corporate duly organized and existing as a political subdivision, municipal corporation or similar public entity of the State of New Jersey is authorized by the laws of the State of New Jersey to purchase, acquire and lease certain equipment and other property for the benefit of the Lessee and its inhabitants and to enter into contracts with respect thereto; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Lessee (the "*Board*") has determined that a true and very real need exists for the acquisition, purchase and financing of certain property consisting of 2019 Ford E-450 Custom Medallion Ambulance (collectively, the "*Equipment*") on the terms herein provided; and

WHEREAS, in order to acquire such Equipment, the Lessee proposes to enter into that certain Master Equipment Lease-Purchase Agreement (the "*Master Lease*") with PNC Equipment Finance, LLC, as lessor (the "*Lessor*"), substantially in the proposed form presented to the Board at this meeting, and separate Lease Schedules thereto substantially in the form attached to the Master Lease; and

WHEREAS, the Board deems it for the benefit of the Lessee and the efficient and effective administration thereof to enter into the Master Lease and the separate Lease Schedules relating thereto from time to time as provided in the Master Lease for the purchase, acquisition, financing and leasing of the Equipment to be therein more specifically described on the terms and conditions provided therein and herein;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HERBY RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LESSEE AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** It is hereby found and determined that the terms of the Master Lease (including the form of Lease Schedule and Payment Schedule attached thereto), in the form presented to this meeting, are in the best interests of the Lessee for the acquisition, purchase, financing and leasing of the Equipment.

**Section 2.** The form, terms and provisions of the Master Lease (including the form of Lease Schedule and Payment Schedule attached thereto) are hereby approved in the forms presented at this meeting, with such insertions, omissions and changes as shall be approved by the Franklin Township Committee of the Lessee (the "*Authorized Officers*") executing the same, the execution of such documents being conclusive evidence of such approval. The Authorized Officers of the Lessee are each hereby authorized and directed to sign and deliver the Master Lease, each Lease Schedule thereto, each Payment Schedule relating thereto and any related exhibits attached thereto if and when required; *provided, however*, that, without further authorization from the governing body of the Lessee, (a) the aggregate principal component of Rent Payments under all Leases entered into pursuant to the Master Lease shall not exceed \$245,620.00; (b) the maximum term under any Lease entered into pursuant to the Master Lease shall not exceed 6 (six) years; and (c) the maximum interest rate used to determine the interest component of Rent Payments under each Lease shall not exceed the lesser of the maximum rate

permitted by law or ten percent (10%) per annum. The Authorized Officers may sign and deliver Leases to the Lessor on behalf of the Lessee pursuant to the Master Lease on such terms and conditions as they shall determine are in the best interests of the Lessee up to the maximum aggregate principal component, maximum term and maximum interest rate provided above. The foregoing authorization shall remain in effect for a period of two years from the date hereof during which the Authorized Officers are authorized to sign and deliver Leases pursuant to the Master Lease on the terms and conditions herein provided and to be provided in each such Lease.

**Section 3.** The Authorized Officers and other officers and employees of the Lessee shall take all action necessary or reasonably required to carry out, give effect to and consummate the transactions contemplated by the Master Lease and each Lease Schedule (including, but not limited to, the execution and delivery of the certificates contemplated therein, including appropriate arbitrage certifications) and to take all action necessary in conformity therewith, including, without limitation, the execution and delivery of any closing and other documents required to be delivered in connection with the Master Lease and each Lease Schedule.

**Section 4.** If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Resolution.

**Section 5. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its approval and adoption.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Board of the Lessee this 1st Day of June, 2020.**

The undersigned further certifies that the above Resolution has not been repealed or amended and remains in full force and effect and further certifies that the Master Lease (including the form of Lease Schedule and Payment Schedule attached thereto) are the same as presented at said meeting of the governing body of Lessee, excepting only such changes, insertions and omissions as shall have been approved by the officers who executed the same.

Date: June 1, 2020

[SEAL]

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(Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk)

On motion by Mike Ferri and seconded by Mike Toretta the aforesaid **Resolution 2020-43** be adopted as read.

<b>Roll Call Vote</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Absent/Abstained</b>	
Rich Herzer	X			
Mike Ferri	X			
David Guth	X			
Michael Toretta	X			
Mayor Jeff DeAngelis	X	(5) Yes	(0) 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 June 1, 2020.

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Denise L. Becton RMC/CMR

**RESOLUTION 2020-44  
AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO PROCESS THIRD QUARTER  
“ESTIMATED” TAX BILLS, DUE AUGUST 1, 2020**

**WHEREAS**, in light of the disruption caused by the coronavirus outbreak, the State delayed the adoption of the State Fiscal Year 2021 Budget to September 30, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Division of Local Government Services (DLGS) cannot certify State Aid allocations to the municipal budgets until State Aid Appropriations are known; and

**WHEREAS**, the DLGS cannot approve municipal budgets and the County Board of Taxation cannot certify taxes until long after the June 30, 2020 deadline to process third quarter tax bills due August 1, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, without the adopted 2020 Municipal Budget and without a 2020 Certified Tax Rate, the Tax Collector cannot process the final 2020 Tax Levy; and

**WHEREAS**, the DLGS “*strongly recommends*” under Local Finance Notice 2020-07 “*that municipalities prepare to issue estimated property tax bills for 2020;*” and

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer, computed and certified an estimated Tax Levy necessary to bill third quarter taxes due August 1, 2020

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, in the County of Warren and the State of New Jersey on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020 that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to process estimated tax bills for the third quarterly installment of 2020 taxes; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, the third quarterly installment of 2020 taxes shall not be subject to interest until the later of August 10, 2020 or the twenty-fifth (25) calendar day after the date the estimated tax bills were mailed. The estimated tax bills shall contain a notice specifying the date on which interest may begin to accrue.

On motion by Mike Ferri and seconded by Mike Toretta the aforesaid **Resolution 2020-44** be adopted as read.

<b>Roll Call Vote</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Absent/Abstained</b>
Rich Herzer	X		
Mike Ferri	X		
David Guth	X		
Michael Toretta	X		
Mayor Jeff DeAngelis	X	(5) Yes	(0) 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 June 1, 2020.

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Denise L. Becton RMC/CMR



**Franklin Township, Warren County  
RESOLUTION 2020-45**

**Approval to submit a Grant application and execute a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Millbrook Road Resurfacing, Section 1 project.**

**WHEREAS**, Franklin Township, Warren County, New Jersey has given Finelli Consulting Engineers the approval to submit this grant on the behalf of the Township of Franklin,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Committee of the Township of Franklin formally approves the grant application for the above stated project,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as **MA-2021-Millbrook Road Resurfacing, Section-00240** to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Township of Franklin.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Township of Franklin and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

Certified as a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Council  
On this 1st day of June, 2020

\_\_\_\_\_  
Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk

My signature and the Clerk’s seal serve to acknowledge the above resolution and constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approve the execution of the grant agreement as authorized by the resolution above.

ATTEST and AFFIX SEAL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Clerk) (Presiding Officer)

On motion by Mike Ferri and seconded by Mike Toretta the aforesaid **Resolution 2020-45** be adopted as read.

<b>Roll Call Vote</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Absent/Abstained</b>
Rich Herzer	X		
Mike Ferri	X		
David Guth	X		
Michael Toretta	X		
Mayor Jeff DeAngelis	X	(5) Yes (0) 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 June 1, 2020.

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Denise L. Becton RMC/CMR

**Franklin Township, Warren County  
RESOLUTION 2020-46**

**Approval to submit a Grant application and execute a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Willow Grove Road Resurfacing project.**

**WHEREAS**, Franklin Township, Warren County, New Jersey has given Finelli Consulting Engineers the approval to submit this grant on the behalf of the Township of Franklin,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Committee of the Township of Franklin formally approves the grant application for the above stated project,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as **MA-2021-Willow Grove Road Resurfacing-00132** to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Township of Franklin.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Township of Franklin and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

Certified as a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Council  
On this 1st day of June, 2020

\_\_\_\_\_  
Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk

My signature and the Clerk’s seal serve to acknowledge the above resolution and constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approve the execution of the grant agreement as authorized by the resolution above.

ATTEST and AFFIX SEAL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Clerk) (Presiding Officer)

On motion by Mike Ferri and seconded by Mike Toretta the aforesaid **Resolution 2020-46** be adopted as read.

<b>Roll Call Vote</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Absent/Abstained</b>
Rich Herzer	X		
Mike Ferri	X		
David Guth	X		
Michael Toretta	X		
Mayor Jeff DeAngelis	X	(5) Yes (0) 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 June 1, 2020.

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Denise L. Becton RMC/CMR

**NEW BUSINESS**

NJSP – no representation or report

**INTRODUCTION OF Resolutions  
2020 MUNICIPAL BUDGET (By Title Only)  
Resolutions 2020-47 – 2020-51**

After a discussion by the Township Committee, Municipal Auditor and CFO, consensus of the following: decrease the court line item to \$8,000, 2% raise to our employees, \$8,000 from our Vacant Property Registration monies collected in this year’s budget and abolishing this year only, not suspend, the Open Space Tax. The tax rate for 2020 will be .72 cents and based on an average evaluation a home of \$300,000, an annual increase of \$22. July 6th will be the Public Hearing/Adoption of or 2020 Municipal Budget.

**First Reading/Introduction: Res. 2020-47**

**TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN  
COUNTY OF WARREN  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**RESOLUTION #2020-47**

WHEREAS, the 2020 Local Municipal Budget was introduced on the 1st day of June, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, during the fiscal year 2020 the Township of Franklin has been allocated a state grant for various programs in the amount of \$415,040.00

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that petition be made herewith to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services that the 2020 Local Municipal Budget include a special item of revenue under the heading of "**Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services-Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:**"

<b>NJ DOT Grant – Montana Road Sec 1</b>	<b>\$122,000.00</b>
<b>NJ DOT Grant – Montana Road Sec 2</b>	<b>130,000.00</b>
<b>NJ DOT Grant – Stewertsville Road</b>	<b>160,000.00</b>
<b>Clean Communities Program - Prior Year Unapprop.</b>	<b>1,408.00</b>
<b>Recycling Tonnage - Prior Year Unapprop.</b>	<b>1,632.00</b>
	<b><u>\$ 415,040.00</u></b>

On motion by Rich Herzer and seconded by Jeff DeAngelis the aforesaid **Resolution 2020-40** be adopted as read.

<b>Roll Call Vote</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Absent/Abstained</b>
Rich Herzer	X		
Mike Ferri	X		
David Guth	X		
Michael Toretta	X		
Mayor Jeff DeAngelis	X	(5) Yes (0) No	(0) Absent Motion Carried

**CERTIFICATION**

It is hereby certified that this is a true and accurate copy of a Resolution adopted by the governing body of the Township of Franklin at a meeting held in the Municipal Building, on June 1, 2020.

Witness my hand and the SEAL of the Township of Franklin.

SEAL:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Denise L. Becton, Township Clerk

**First Reading/Introduction: Res. 2020-48**

**TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN  
COUNTY OF WARREN  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**RESOLUTION-#2020-48**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Franklin is holding a meeting on June 1, 2020, for the purpose of introducing the 2020 Municipal Budget and conducting other matters; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, Warren County, New Jersey, that the Township of Franklin hereby petitions the Director of the Division of Local Government Services that the 2020 Local Municipal Budget be introduced and approved on June 1, 2020.

**2020 FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

Surplus anticipated general revenues	\$ 591,650.00
Total Miscellaneous revenue	855,248.00
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	180,000.00
Local Property Taxes	1,250,385.00
Total General Revenues	<u>\$2,877,283.00</u>
Total Operations	
Salaries and Wages	\$ 442,871.00
Other Expenses	732,044.00
Capital Improvements	516,818.00
Statutory Expenditures	94,005.00
Debt Service	422,129.00
Reserve for Delinquent Taxes	<u>669,416.00</u>
Total 2020 Municipal Budget	<u>\$2,877,283.00</u>
2020 Municipal Tax Rate	\$0.3023

On Motion by David Guth and seconded by Rich Herzer the aforementioned **Resolution 2020-48** be adopted as read.

<b>Roll Call Vote</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Absent/Abstained</b>	
Mayor Jeffrey DeAngelis	X			
Mike Ferri	X			
David Guth	X			
Michael Toretta	X			
Richard Herzer	X	(5)Yes	(0) No (0) Absent	Motion carried

**CERTIFICATION**

It is hereby certified that this is a true and accurate copy of a Resolution adopted by the governing body of the Township of Franklin at a regular meeting held June 1, 2020, at the Municipal Building, Broadway, New Jersey.

Witness my hand and the SEAL of the Township of Franklin.

SEAL:

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Denise L. Becton, Township Clerk

**TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN  
COUNTY OF WARREN  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**RESOLUTION #2020-49**

WHEREAS, the 2020 Local Municipal Budget was introduced on the 1st day of June, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, during the fiscal year 2020 the Township of Franklin will receive revenue for various other special items in the amount of \$104,818.00

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that petition be made herewith to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services that the 2020 Local Municipal Budget include a special item of revenue under the heading of "**Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services-Other Special Items:**

**Capital Fund Balance** **\$ 104,818.00**

On Motion by Rich Herzer and seconded by Mike Toretta the aforementioned **Resolution 2020-49** be adopted as read.

<b>Roll Call Vote</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Absent/Abstained</b>
Mayor Jeffrey DeAngelis	X		
Mike Ferri		X	
David Guth	X		
Michael Toretta	X		
Richard Herzer	X		

(4)Yes (1) No (0) Absent Motion carried

**CERTIFICATION**

It is hereby certified that this is a true and accurate copy of a Resolution adopted by the governing body of the Township of Franklin at a meeting held in the Municipal Building, on June 1, 2020.

Witness my hand and the SEAL of the Township of Franklin.

SEAL:

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Denise L. Becton, Township Clerk

**TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN  
COUNTY OF WARREN  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**RESOLUTION-#2020-50**

**WHEREAS**, under provisions of N.J.S.A.40A:4-5, a municipality shall introduce the Local Municipal Budget no later than April 28 of the fiscal year; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Franklin has delayed the introduction of the 2020 Municipal Budget past the statutory deadline; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, Warren County, New Jersey, that the Township of Franklin hereby petitions the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to allow a delayed introduction of the 2020 Franklin Township Municipal Budget; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, 101 South Broad Street, P.O. Box 803, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0803.

On Motion by Rich Herzer and seconded by Mike Toretta the aforementioned **Resolution 2020-50** be adopted as read.

<b>Roll Call Vote</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Absent/Abstained</b>	
Mayor Jeffrey DeAngelis	X			
Mike Ferri	X			
David Guth	X			
Michael Toretta	X			
Richard Herzer	X	(5)Yes	(0) No	(0) Absent
				Motion carried

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**First Reading/Introduction: Res. 2020-51**

### **TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN COUNTY OF WARREN STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

#### **RESOLUTION #2020-51**

**WHEREAS**, the provisions of the Township of Franklin's open space ordinance allows the township committee to set the open space tax rate annually within a specified range; and,

**WHEREAS**, the township committee desires to set municipal open space tax rate at **\$0.00** per \$100 of assessed valuation for the 2020 calendar year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin that election be made to set the municipal open space tax rate at **zero** per \$100 of assessed valuation for the 2020 calendar year.

On Motion by Mike Toretta and seconded by David Guth the aforementioned **Resolution 2020-51** be adopted as read.

<b>Roll Call Vote</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Absent/Abstained</b>
Mayor Jeffrey DeAngelis	X		
Mike Ferri	X		
David Guth	X		
Michael Toretta	X		
Richard Herzer	X	(5)Yes (0) No (0) Absent	Motion carried

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**OLD BUSINESS - none**

**REPORTS/UPDATES:**

**Engineer Report – No formal report submitted this month**

Engineer Finelli updated the committee as to the Montana Road, Sections I&II DOT Grants. Stewartsville Road OU2 project, connections still taking place with a decent amount of work still to be completed. Paving of the roads is a priority this year and being evaluated as to reimbursement due to the damage. Mayor DeAngelis has received several complaints as to breaking equipment and broken axels on trailer, when the mayor receives phone calls from the public this makes him very unhappy. Also, as to Edison Development, Mr. Toretta would like to know are we milling the road or just half of it. Engineer informed that last he heard Rio Tinto/Arcadis is evaluating. Mayor to follow up with Attorney Benbrook to send a letter of support from the township.

**Attorney Report – report submitted – Attorney Benbrook absent this evening**

Mayor DeAngelis was in contact with him prior to the meeting advised of no major updates on his end.

**Jim Onembo – Code Enforcement/Zoning-**

Mr. Onembo updated the township committee as to several matters. Including debris in a catch basin, a tree dispute, issuing a permit for one home for Habitat, potential new businesses showing interest on Rt. 57 in a few vacated buildings, Leyburn property possibility of veterans working the farm and putting up homes to live in, Boygos recreation vehicles will be scheduling a discussion through the Land Use Board and the Weiner property including the quarry is attempting to sell as a building lot. Mayor DeAngelis will follow up with Municipal Attorney in reference to the Weiner property.

**Peggy Housman – Recycle Coordinator**

Mrs. Housman informed the committee as to the repeated illegal dumping at the recycle yard/dumpster, counter tops, kitchen cabinets and pool covers to name a few items. Upon speaking with Sanico, this has always been a problem, in our township, and cost the township money to separate garbage from recycle materials. After a lengthy discussion as to the pros and cons to keep or not keep the center open the consensus of the committee to close our recycling center.

A motion was made by Mike Ferri and seconded by Mike Toretta to abolish the Municipal Recycle Center.

<b>Roll Call Vote</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Absent/Abstained</b>
David Guth		X	
Rich Herzer	X		
Mike Ferri	X		
Michael Toretta	X		
Mayor Jeff DeAngelis		X	(3) Yes (2) No (0) Absent Motion Carried

Spring Clean Up has been secured for October 5-10<sup>th</sup> through the Landfill. Residents will be issued two passes per household to be used anytime during that week.

**Fire Department/OEM – Raymond Read**

Chief Read advised that the department is running smooth. COVID-19 is starting to slow down, really good news in our area. His members are busting their humps and appreciates all their efforts. Thank you to our CFO, Kathleen Reinalda, for going out of her way to secure the financing for the new ambulance. The ambulance is expected to arrive the second week in June.

**Beth Barry – Open Space Commission – not present this evening**

**DPW REPORT – Ron Read – Report submitted and on file – not in attendance this evening**

**Franklin Township Community Center – Eddy Patient- no report**

**Franklin Township Youth Association – No one present**

**Township Committee Reports:**

**Mike Ferri**

Holes on Stewartsville Road being a township owned road and no excuse our DPW took time to circle them with white paint can take the time to fix them. Mayor DeAngelis and Engineer Finelli will discuss further with Municipal Attorney in reference to billing Rio Tinto/Arcadia to repair of this road. Also our DPW should start prepping this road, grading the shoulders before starting the reset of the work. Mr. Finelli inquired best time to pave, he is optimistic to be done this year.

**Mike Toretta**

Mr. Toretta would like to see the delinquent tax list to get back on our tax roles. CFO will speak with our attorney about this, as there is a cost to close. Also, next meeting he would like to see the staff/professionals at the municipal building, public via Zoom. Movement made by State today as to feels strongly by our next meeting, July 6<sup>th</sup>, we should be back in the meeting room. Would like to see the staff



back working at municipal offices, without public entering. Mayor DeAngelis informed that he has spoken with our OEM, best way to proceed, and doesn't want, with his mayor title, to put his job on the line or mandate above and beyond. Waiting to discuss this topic at his next meeting with the mayors as to their municipalities and guidance from the WC Health Department. Mayor has no problem/complaints from any resident as to how things are working at this time.

**Rich Herzer –**

Issue for NJSP, people driving like maniacs. Police are non-existent here unless there is a road job. Mr. Herzer advised of speeding on Good Springs Road needs to be policed.

**David Guth**

Mr. Guth informed it was requested to clean the black mold off the front façade of the municipal building. He received two quotes out of three requested to clean/restore down to the stone touching up additional spots around the building. Two prices received were \$600 and \$2300. Discussed as to our DPW doing the job of power washing, however, this needs a little more attention than using just water, needs certain chemicals to handle the mold and should be professionally done as to the health risk.

On motion by David Guth and seconded by Jeff DeAngelis to go with the quote from Sea Spray Pressure Washing out of Hackettstown, NJ for \$600.

<b>Roll Call:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Absent/Abstained</b>	
Michael Toretta	X			
Rich Herzer	X			
David Guth	X			
Mike Ferri	X			
Mayor, Jeff DeAngelis	X	(5) Yes	(0) No	(0) Absent      Motion carried

A NJDEP Hazardous Spill Substance Discharge Notification was received reporting a spill of liquid Dioxane at Victaulic on Edison Road. Whatever they are doing there that was not contained and seeped into the groundwater, 0.6 micrograms/liters only 0.4 allowed. The facility still there just utilized for testing a few years back. We need to reach out to the WC Health Department, make residents aware of this situation at Victaulic. Mayor advised no reason to bring this up to NJDEP handling OU2 project, public water and residents ear marked for public water, want to make sure the right people at the NJDEP are informed and the scenario. Mayor to reach out to our attorney for guidance and notification of residence, ASAP.

**Jeff DeAngelis, Mayor**

Bunch of calls/letter franklin township does not control school taxes just receive it. 66.11% controlled by the schools and zero control of how it is spent. Feel municipal taxes should go down call regional school boards. Mayor DeAngelis received a letter from a resident as to township/school taxes and what we spend it on after it is collected. We do not control school taxes and should speak directly to the regional school boards, township only collects the taxes and distributes. The governor only suggested not mandated the municipalities that we extend a grace period to receive taxes. Only municipality that I am aware of is Hackettstown that extended the grace period, we just can't afford to. WC has received \$0 funds by COVID-Cares Act, by our federal government. CFO in defense County has given us no leave way to pay them, we need full tax base to pay their taxes because the county will not work with us, not municipalities fault. 23.8% for county library and open space.

**OPEN PUBLIC SESSION**

**At this time, on motion by David Guth and seconded by Rich Herzer, the mayor opened the floor for Public Session at 8:45 pm, all in favor.**

Chief Read wanted to thank the Asbury Coffee Mill for the fund raiser and parade this past weekend, since they have been unable to due to COVID.

Karen Somers noticing people working on homes distressed or on market for a while is positive to see. Speeders/truck traffic/motorcycles has gotten worse on Bloomsbury Road. Mayor to follow up with NJSP as to Bloomsbury Road and Old Main Street.

**At this time the floor was closed to Public Session 8:50 pm.**

**MOTION FOR PAYMENT OF BILL LIST:**

On motion by David Guth and seconded by Rich Herzer, hearing no objection, to pay the bills from the bill list provided by the Chief Financial Officer.

<b>Roll Call:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Absent/Abstained</b>
Michael Toretta	X		
Rich Herzer	X		
David Guth	X		
Mike Ferri	X		
Mayor, Jeff DeAngelis	X	(5) Yes (0) No (0) Absent	Motion carried

**MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:**

On motion by Rich Herzer and seconded by Mike Toretta, hearing no objection, meeting stands adjourned at 8:51 pm.

<b>Roll Call:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Abstained</b>
Michael Toretta	X			
Rich Herzer	X			
David Guth	X			
Mike Ferri	X			
Mayor, Jeff DeAngelis	X	(5) Yes (0) No (0) Absent		Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Denise L. Becton  
Municipal Clerk