

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

The Franklin Township Committee held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, June 5, 2023, at the hour of approximately 7:00 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.

Following the flag salute, **Roll Call of Committeepersons present:** Bonnie Butler, David Guth, Richard Herzer, Mike Toretta, Mayor (4)Yes, (0) No, (1) Absent, Mike Ferri.

Present were: Mike Finelli, Municipal Engineer, John Mooney, Municipal Auditor, Judith Curran, CFO, Jim Onembo, Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer, Joe Biel DPW Foreman, Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk

2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET Public Hearing and Consideration

-Motion to open Public Hearing – Committeeperson Bonnie Butler made the motion and seconded by Committeeperson Rich Herzer, Unanimous Vote.

-Public Comments – none heard

-Motion to close Public Hearing - Committeeperson David Guth made the motion and seconded by Committeeperson Bonnie Butler, Unanimous Vote.

-Motion to adopt (Resolution 2023-42)

RESOLUTION 2023-42

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 \$1,358,483.06 amount to be raised by taxation for municipal purposes, and \$10,330.70 Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Levy.

On motion by Bonnie Butler and seconded by Rich Herzer the aforementioned **Resolution 2023-42** be adopted as read.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstained
Mike Ferri			X
David Guth	X		
Bonnie Butler	X		
Rich Herzer	X		
Mike Toretta, Mayor	X	(4)Yes (0) No	(1) Absent (0) Abstained

motion carried

PUBLIC HEARING:

ORDINANCE 2023-6 CALENDAR YEAR 2023

ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

-Motion to open Public Hearing - Committeeperson David Guth made the motion and seconded by Committeeperson Bonnie Butler, Unanimous Vote.

-Public Comments - none heard

-Motion to close Public Hearing - Committeeperson David Guth made the motion and seconded by Committeeperson Bonnie Butler, Unanimous Vote.

-Motion to adopt

On motion by David Guth and seconded by Rich Herzer the aforementioned **Ordinance 2023-6** be adopted as read.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstained
Mike Ferri			X
David Guth	X		
Bonnie Butler	X		
Rich Herzer	X		
Mike Toretta, Mayor	X	(4)Yes (0) No (1) Absent (0) Abstained	

motion carried

CONSENT AGENDA:

(One Roll Call to approve the following agenda items 4-5)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES/AGREEMENTS

- a. Regular Meeting **RE: May 1, 2023**
- b. Executive Meeting **RE: May 1, 2023**
- c. Snow/ice removal in exchange for Community Center floor cleaning/buffing agreement between Franklin Township and Franklin Township Board of Education July 1, 2023-June 20, 2024

RESOLUTIONS – FIRST READING/ADOPTION

- a. Res. 2023-37 **RE: Resolution of the Municipality of Franklin Township, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, authorizing the appointment of Craig R. Brotons as Tax Assessor**
- b. Res. 2023-38 **RE: Renewal of Liquor Licenses 7/01/2023-6/30/2024**
- c. Res. 2023-39 **RE: Resolution to hire a Certified Financial Officer (memorialized 5/1/2023)**
- d. Res. 2023-40 **RE: Designating Block 41 Lots 12, 12.01 & 12.02 & Block 27 Lots 1 & 1.01 on the Township Tax Map as area in need of redevelopment**
- e. Res. 2023-41 **RE: Designating Block 34 Lot 20 on the Township Tax Map as an area in need of redevelopment**
- f. Res. 2023-43 **RE: Removal of brush/noxious weeds/grass (various blocks/lots)**

On motion by Rich Herzer and seconded by David Guth the above Consent Agenda items were approved.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstained
Bonnie Butler	X		
David Guth	X		
Rich Herzer	X		
Michael Ferri			X
Mike Toretta, Mayor	X	(4)Yes (0) No (1) Absent	Motion carried

INTRODUCTION OF:

Resolution 2023-37

RESOLUTION NO. #2023-37

**RESOLUTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP,
COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE
APPOINTMENT OF CRAIG R. BROTONS AS TAX ASSESSOR**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:9-148 requires every Municipality to provide for the appointment of a Tax Assessor; and

WHEREAS, the current Tax Assessor is being re-appointed to their position; and

WHEREAS, IT IS THE DESIRE OF THE Mayor and Council of Franklin Township to re-appoint Craig R. Brotons for the term of office starting on July 1, 2023, which will **grant the assessor tenure in his/her position, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-148.**

WHEREAS, the assessor will hold public office hours on Monday from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Resolution #2023-37 was duly adopted by the Township Committee at a public meeting held on June 5, 2023, to re-appoint a part time Tax Assessor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, certified copies of said Resolution shall be forwarded to the following:

1. Director, Division of Taxation
2. Administrator, Board of Taxation
3. Administrator of the Municipality
4. Tax Assessor

On motion by Rich Herzer and seconded by David Guth the aforementioned **Resolution 2023-37** be adopted as read.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstained
Mike Ferri			X
David Guth	X		
Bonnie Butler	X		
Rich Herzer	X		
Mike Toretta, Mayor	X		

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

Resolution 2023-38

RESOLUTION 2023-38

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, has received applications for the renewal year 07/01/2023 to 06/30/2024 of liquor licenses; and

WHEREAS, each application for renewal was accompanied by the following municipal fees: Plenary Retail Consumption \$826.80, Plenary Retail Distribution \$609.60 and Club License \$63.00; and

WHEREAS, each application also electronically submitted to the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control a \$200.00 check; and

WHEREAS, the following submitted electronically to the State of New Jersey **Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor License** retail applications;

Wedgewood Inn, LLC, 2165 Rt. 57, Broadway, NJ, 08808
License# 2105-33-001-005

Playmakers Sports Bar & Grill, LLC, 288 Anderson Rd, Asbury, NJ,
License# 2105-33-003-012

WHEREAS, the following electronically submitted to the State of New Jersey a **Plenary Retail Distribution License** renewal application;

Village Discount Liquors, LLC; 2299 Rt. 57, Broadway, NJ,
License# 2105-44-004-003;

WHEREAS, the following **Club License** was submitted to the Franklin Township, by Paper File Only, Application, municipal fees of \$63 and state fees of \$200. State Fee and Application mailed directly to the State of New Jersey for license renewal.

Warren County Rod & Gun Club No. 1, 279 Bloomsbury Rd., Asbury, NJ,
License# 2105-31-006-001

WHEREAS, the applicants received tax clearance issued by the New Jersey Division of Taxation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, and State of New Jersey, that the applications received for Plenary Retail Consumption and Plenary Retail Distribution and Club License have been duly inspected and that all appropriate documentation and fees have been submitted along with said applications and as such, the licensee applications are deemed complete and renewals of the same are hereby

granted and that aforementioned liquor licenses for the year July 1st 2023 to June 30th 2024 be accepted and approved for issue

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Municipality is directed to execute the license certificates and deliver the same on behalf of the Township of Franklin.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

The within **Resolution 2023-38** was moved by Committeeperson Rich Herzer and seconded by Committeeperson David Guth and upon roll call vote was passed.

Roll Call Vote:	Yes	No	Absent/Abstained
Bonnie Butler	X		
David Guth	X		
Rich Herzer	X		
Michael Ferri			X
Mayor Mike Toretta	X	(4) Yes (0) No (1) Absent Motion Carried	

Resolution 2023-39

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-39

RESOLUTION TO HIRE A CERTIFIED FINANCIAL OFFICER

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Franklin hereby authorizes the following:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Judith Curran	CFO	\$28,000.00 per annum <i>Effective 5/8/2023- 12/31/23 (Unexpired term)</i>	Monday Evenings

On motion by Rich Herzer and seconded by David Guth the aforementioned **Resolution 2023-39** be adopted as read.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstained
Mike Ferri			X
David Guth	X		
Bonnie Butler	X		
Rich Herzer	X		
Mike Toretta, Mayor	X	(4)Yes (0) No (1) Absent (0) Abstained Motion carried	

Resolution 2023-40

RESOLUTION 2023-40

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING BLOCK 41, LOTS 12, 12.01 AND 12.02 AND BLOCK 27, LOTS 1 AND 1.01 ON THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN TAX MAP AS AN AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, on February 6, 2023, the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin adopted Resolution 2023-26 directing the Land Use Board of the Township of Franklin to undertake the preliminary investigation, pursuant to the New Jersey Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq., to determine whether property designated as Block 41, Lots 12, 12.01 and 12.02 and Block 27, Lots 1 and 1.01 is a “non-condemnation area in need of redevelopment”; and

WHEREAS, the Board authorized its professional Planner, James T. Kyle, P.P., to prepare a preliminary investigation report which said report is dated March 16, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Board properly published and served notice of a public hearing as to whether the

subject property should be deemed a non-condemnation area in need of redevelopment, which said public hearing was held April 6, 2023; and

WHEREAS, at said public hearing, the Board reviewed the report prepared by Planner Kyle, accepted said report in evidence, heard testimony from Planner Kyle, and allowed members of the public to address questions to the Board’s Planner and the Board and to present their own testimony; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the reports and testimony of the Board’s professional Planner, the Board did determine at the conclusion of the public hearing that there is sufficient evidence to support the findings that the subject property satisfies the criteria set forth in Subsections a and b of N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5, and adopted a Resolution recommending that the Township Committee designate the subject property as a non-condemnation area in need of redevelopment.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, as follows:

1. The Township Committee hereby agrees with, adopts, and incorporates herein by reference the findings of fact and conclusions of law of the Board set forth in its Resolution dated May 4, 2023, regarding Block 41, Lots 12, 12.01 and 12.02 and Block 27, Lots 1 and 1.01.

2. The Township Committee, in furtherance of the recommendation of the Board, hereby designates Block 41, Lots 12, 12.01 and 12.02 and Block 27, Lots 1 and 1.01 in the Township of Franklin as a non-condemnation area in need of redevelopment and this property is accordingly a Redevelopment Area.

3. The Township of Franklin shall not use the power of eminent domain in connection with any future redevelopment of the subject property, and any redevelopment plan prepared and adopted shall so provide;

4. The Township Committee hereby authorizes, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7 the Township’s professionals to prepare a redevelopment plan for the subject property and present the same to the Township Committee, said plan to conform with all of the requirements set forth in said statute. A subcommittee of the Township Committee may be designated to work with the Township’s professionals, in furtherance of the preparation of the redevelopment plan.

5. This Resolution shall be transmitted to the Land Use Board of the Township of Franklin, and shall take effect immediately.

6. This Resolution shall be transmitted by the Township Clerk to the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6b(5)(c).

On motion by Rich Herzer and seconded by David Guth the aforementioned **Resolution 2023-40** be adopted as read.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstained
Mike Ferri			X
David Guth	X		
Bonnie Butler	X		
Rich Herzer	X		
Mike Toretta, Mayor	X		

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

Resolution 2023-41

RESOLUTION 2023-41

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING BLOCK 34, LOT 20 ON THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN TAX MAP AS AN AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, on February 6, 2023, the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin adopted Resolution 2023-25 directing the Land Use Board of the Township of Franklin to undertake the preliminary investigation, pursuant to the New Jersey Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq., to determine whether property designated as Block 34, Lot 20 is a “non-condemnation area in need of redevelopment”; and

WHEREAS, the Board authorized its professional Planner, James T. Kyle, P.P., to prepare a preliminary

investigation report which said report is dated March 16, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Board properly published and served notice of a public hearing as to whether the subject property should be deemed a non-condemnation area in need of redevelopment, which said public hearing was held April 6, 2023; and

WHEREAS, at said public hearing, the Board reviewed the report prepared by Planner Kyle, accepted said report in evidence, heard testimony from Planner Kyle, and allowed members of the public to address questions to the Board's Planner and the Board and to present their own testimony; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the reports and testimony of the Board's professional Planner, the Board did determine at the conclusion of the public hearing that there is sufficient evidence to support the findings that the subject property satisfies the criteria set forth in Subsections a and b of N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5, and adopted a Resolution recommending that the Township Committee designate the subject property as a non-condemnation area in need of redevelopment.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, as follows:

1. The Township Committee hereby agrees with, adopts, and incorporates herein by reference the findings of fact and conclusions of law of the Board set forth in its Resolution dated May 4, 2023 regarding Block 34, Lot 20.
2. The Township Committee, in furtherance of the recommendation of the Board, hereby designates Block 34, Lot 20 in the Township of Franklin as a non-condemnation area in need of redevelopment and this property is accordingly a Redevelopment Area.
3. The Township of Franklin shall not use the power of eminent domain in connection with any future redevelopment of the subject property, and any redevelopment plan prepared and adopted shall so provide;
4. The Township Committee hereby authorizes, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7 the Township's professionals to prepare a redevelopment plan for the subject property and present the same to the Township Committee, said plan to conform with all of the requirements set forth in said statute. A subcommittee of the Township Committee may be designated to work with the Township's professionals, in furtherance of the preparation of the redevelopment plan.
5. This Resolution shall be transmitted to the Land Use Board of the Township of Franklin and shall take effect immediately.
6. This Resolution shall be transmitted by the Township Clerk to the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6b(5)(c).

On motion by Rich Herzer and seconded by David Guth the aforementioned **Resolution 2023-41** be adopted as read.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstained
Mike Ferri			X
David Guth	X		
Bonnie Butler	X		
Rich Herzer	X		
Mike Toretta, Mayor	X	(4)Yes (0) No (1) Absent (0) Abstained	

Motion carried

Resolution 2023-43

RESOLUTION 2023-43

WHEREAS, the General Code of the Township of Franklin, Chapter 48, Article 1 and Article 2 Regulating the growth of Brush, Noxious Weeds and Grass, Etc. Authorizes the Township of Franklin to remove debris, brush and noxious growth after Providing the notice required by the ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the required notice was sent to the below properties by certified mail return receipt requested and regular mail; and

WHEREAS, ten days has elapsed since the notices were received; and

WHEREAS, the property owners failed to remove the debris, brush and noxious growth within ten days of their receipt of the notice; and

WHEREAS, the outside contractor, for Franklin Township, Warren County, NJ caused the debris, brush, and noxious growth to be removed; and

WHEREAS, the outside contractor, for Franklin Township, Warren County, NJ has certified to the Mayor and Committee the cost of the removal of the debris, brush and noxious growth.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE MAYOR AND COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The certification of the costs of removal of the debris, brush and noxious growth has been examined and found to be correct.
2. The tax collector is hereby directed that the following costs shall be charged against the land and shall be added to and become part of the taxes next to be assessed and levied upon such land, to bear interest at the same rate as taxes, and shall be collected and enforced by the tax collector in the same manner as taxes:

<u>Property Address</u>	<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Cost</u>
2517 Rt. 57 (04/24/23 & 05/13/23 & 05/28/23)	34	16	Amy Poleselli	\$360
2537 Rt. 57 (05/05/23 & 05/28/23)	34	20	Playmaker's	\$120
116 Edison Rd. (05/05/23 & 05/23/23)	41	12.02	T&M Pallet	\$155
2506 Rt. 57 (05/10/23 & 05/28/23)	3	11	Samuel & Kirtida Dalal	\$375
47 Halfway House Rd. (05/25/23)	18	38	Arthur Homeyer	\$300

On Motion by Rich Herzer and seconded by David Guth the aforementioned **Resolution 2023-43** be adopted as read.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstained
Bonnie Butler	X		
David Guth	X		
Rich Herzer	X		
Michael Ferri			X
Mike Toretta, Mayor	X	(4)Yes (0) No	(1) Absent Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS

Discussions/Presentations/Approvals

Public Hearing/Comment - Farmland Plan Public Hearing and Consideration-Barbara Heskins Davis presented.

Members of the Agriculture Advisory Committee present: Bonnie Butler, Sam Santini
 Member of the Open Space Committee present: Beth Barry

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP 2023 FARMLAND PRESERVATION PLAN

**PUBLIC MEETINGS ON THE FARM PLAN UPDATE:
THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 2023 - 7:30 PM, LAND USE BOARD
AND
MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2023 - 7:00 PM, TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**

FAST FACTS

Over the next 10 years Franklin Township would like to preserve an additional 1,000 acres of farmland.

- 72% of the town is assessed as farmland (10,839 ac).
- 3,736 acres (49 farms) are permanently preserved through the farmland preservation program.
- 95% of the funding to preserve farms in Franklin Township have come from outside sources.
- 22 farms (1,571 acres) have been preserved in Franklin Township since completion of the 2008 Farm Plan.



BENEFITS OF PRESERVATION

- Stabilizes property taxes
- Limits urban development and traffic
- Supports agri-tourism, local markets, and fresh produce
- Protects water resources and aquifer recharge
- Maintains rural character



FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

2023 FARMLAND PRESERVATION PLAN

FUNDING

Franklin Township Open Space Trust Fund

- 1998: established Trust Fund levy at two cents per \$100 property value
- 2023: currently collects 1/4 cent per \$100 property value

Cost Share - Farmland Preservation:

- Franklin Township: \$897,135 (5%)
- State: \$9,307,954 (49%)
- County: \$7,035,916 (37%)
- Other: \$1,631,052 (9%)

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Based on the State's Minimum Eligibility Criteria for productive soils and tillable land:

4,668 acres (90 farms) are potentially eligible for farmland preservation. This includes 27 multiple-lot farms and 63 single-lot farms.



FARM PRESERVATION IN FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BY PROGRAM				
Abbreviation	Program Name	Number of Farms	Acres	Percent of Preserved Farm Acres in Franklin
County EP	County Easement Purchase	29	2,379	64%
County PIG	County Planning Incentive Grant	5	336	9%
MUNI PIG	Municipal Planning Incentive Grant	8	593	16%
NP EP	Non-Profit Easement Purchase	4	298	8%
NP PIG Fee	Non-Profit Planning Incentive Grant (Fee)	1	1	0%
SADC EP	State Easement Purchase	2	128	3%

After the presentation, the mayor opened the floor for a Public Hearing at 7:25 pm on motion by Committeeperson Bonnie Butler seconded by Committeeperson Rich Herzer, unanimous vote.

-Public Comments – Is there a threshold to the amount of Municipal Open Space Tax collected that is a requirement to apply for Municipal PIG Funds? Ms. Davis will confirm with the state.

-Motion to close Public Hearing - Committeeperson Bonnie Butler made the motion and seconded by Committeeperson Rich Herzer, Unanimous Vote.

The Land Use Board adopted the Plan at their last meeting, Thursday, June 1st, 2023.

Introduction of Leaf Ordinance – Tabled until next month

Sprinkler System Inspection – Replacement of Water Motor Gong

Two quotes were received to replace the Water Motor Gong after a recent annual inspection of our Sprinkler System. S A Comunale, in the amount of \$2,225.00 and the other from RJM \$1895.00.

On Motion by Rich Herzer and seconded by David Guth to authorize/approve the quote received from RJM to replace the Water Motor Gong in the amount of \$1,895.00.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstained
Bonnie Butler	X		
David Guth	X		
Rich Herzer	X		
Michael Ferri			X
Mike Toretta, Mayor	X	(4)Yes (0) No	(1) Absent Motion carried

Discussion – WC Agriculture Development Board Special Occasion Event Application, 8 Wolverton Road

Zoning Officer, Jim Onembo recently became aware of a new regulation permitting Special Occasion Events on preserved farmland. Mr. Onembo informed the landowner that any use of the property other than what is permitted in a single-family residential zone will require Land Use Board approval.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion - Open Space Clerk (Re-Organization of Commission) and Agricultural Advisory Committee –

The mayor is still working on a secretary for both commissions.

REPORTS/UPDATES

Engineer – Millbrook Road Section I final paperwork is almost complete. The NJDOT 2024 Grants are due July 1st. Donna Becker and Forman Biel met and agreed to submit an application for funds for Good Springs Road West down Willow Grove Road. The MS4 Stormwater Project Tiers are approved for a \$75,000 Grant. We have already received \$25,000 to date and the remainder will be received after we supply a 40:29. The Dioxane project is moving ahead hopeful for a September shovel in the ground.

Attorney – Absent

Open Space- Beth Barry present waiting to reorganize the commission after a secretary has been hired.

Zoning Officer – Report submitted and on file. Mr. Onembo spoke to the owner of the group home located on Bickel Road. Neighbors are unsettled due to the excess of police/fire/ems activity at this home.

Recycling Coordinator – report submitted/filed.

Fire Department/EMS – Report submitted/filed. The fire department was dispatched in May to 13 calls responding to all. Year to date dispatched to 57 calls and responded to all 57. The rescue squad was dispatched to 21 calls in May and responded to 14. Year to date 129 calls dispatched to responded to 75.

DPW- Joe Biel – Report submitted/filed – Foreman Biel received an inquiry from Craig Brotons our Tax Assessor. He is looking to use a truck from our DPW to perform farm assessments. The consensus of the committee is to allow the assessor the use of a vehicle.

OEM/911 Coordinator – Deputy Guth advised that the 2023 EEMA Grants/paperwork are complete. OEM has participated in classes and an active shooter drill. Deputy OEM has also attended a class as well.

FTYA- no representation

FTCC – no representation

Committee Reports:

Bonnie Butler – Committeeperson Butler inquired as to the generator grants and if showers are a requirement for a shelter. Per Deputy Guth showers are not required at a designated shelter and there are no grants available for generators.

Spring Cleanup starts Monday, June 12th and goes to Saturday, June 17th. A Fall Cleanup has been secured for Monday, October 2nd through October 7th.

Rich Herzer –Committeeperson Herzer informed that T&M Pallet is operating at all hours of the day. Zoning Officer Onembo has been keeping an eye on the activity. Blocking access to this property must be done legally. Mayor Toretta will contact Attorney Benbrook to discuss it further.

David Guth – Nothing further to report.

Mike Ferri – Nothing further to report.

Michael Toretta – Nothing further to report.

Open Public Session:

At approximately 8:00 p.m. Mayor Toretta opened the floor to the Public. Unanimous vote.

Karen Chiu – Thank you to Committeeperson Butler and Foreman Biel for their coordination of a spot to plant the holiday tree. The annual Touch a Truck Fundraiser will be held in September.

Hearing no other public comments, the floor was closed at 8:15 p.m.

At this time, the committee will commence into an Executive Session on motion by David Guth and seconded by Rich Herzer at 8:16 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

BE IT RESOLVED on this 1st day of May 2023, 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 – DPW Road Laborer position
Contract Negotiations – Shared Services (Municipal Court)**

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 5th day of June 2023 by the Franklin Township Committee, that the matter stated will be discussed in executive session, said session to commence at approximately 8:16 p.m.

On Motion by David Guth and seconded by Rich Herzer to exit to executive session at 9:26 p.m. Unanimous Vote.

On motion by David Guth and seconded Rich Herzer to return to the regular session at 9:26 p.m. Unanimous Vote.

Introduction of:

Ordinance 2023-7

**SALARY ORDINANCE
TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN
WARREN COUNTY, NJ**

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that;

1. The Compensation of each member of the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren and State of New Jersey shall be and the same is hereby set at 2,900.00 per annum. payable quarterly, Mayor \$4,938.00 per yr.
2. The salaries and wages of the Officers and other employees of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, and State of New Jersey hereinafter set forth, shall be as follows:

Assessor, per year	\$27,488.00
Collector, per year	\$28,676.00
Assistant Treasurer, per year	\$ 6,000.00
Municipal Clerk, per year	\$73,780.00
Office Assistant, per year	\$20.00/hour
Certified Protecting Child from Abuse	\$250/annually
Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer, per year	\$24,585.00
Land Use Board Secretary, per year	\$21,394.00
LUB Special Meetings to be paid at \$150, per mtg.	Out of Applicants Escrow
Open Space/Agriculture Advisory Clerk, per year	\$100/per meeting
Maintenance/Event Supervisor	\$ 10.00/hour
Emergency Management Co-Ord., per year	\$ 5,000.00
Deputy OEM	\$ 1,255.00
911 Co-Ord., per year	\$ 1,000.00
Recycling, per year	\$ 6,000.00
DPW Foreman	\$ 71,378.00
DPW Asst. Foreman	\$ 59,501.00
DPW Road Laborer II	\$ 56,100.00
DPW Road Laborer I	\$ 51,000.00
All Department of Public Works. - Employees time and a half over 8- hour day	
Day Laborer	\$ 25.00/hour
Emergency Call Out – Snowplow Drivers	\$ 25.00/hour-NON CDL \$ 30.00/hour-CDL
Emergency Call Out – (NON-Snowplow related)	\$ 45.00/hour
Part-Time Seasonal Roadside/Lawnmowing	\$ 30.00/hour
Part-Time Road Laborer/Mechanic	\$ 30.00/hour

ALL AUTHORIZED TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS OR EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP WHILE ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS FOR THE TOWNSHIP, WHEN A SWORN VOUCHER IS APPROVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE, SHALL BE PAID PER THE IRS STANDARD MILEAGE RATE, PER MILE, FOR USE OF THEIR OWN PERSONAL VEHICLE.

3. All Ordinance or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent with the terms of this ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

That this Ordinance shall remain in effect for one year. That said Ordinance will be presented for final reading and adoption at a public meeting to be held on July 3, 2023, at or near the hour of 7:00 p.m. following publication in the Express Times/NJ Zone.

On motion by David Guth and seconded by Rich Herzer the aforementioned Ordinance **2023-7** be adopted as read. Final reading and adoption to take place on July 3, 2023, **at 7:00 p.m or near that hour.**

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstain
Bonnie Butler	X		
Rich Herzer	X		
David Guth	X		
Mike Ferri			X
Mike Toretta, Mayor	X		(4) Yes (0) No (1) 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 June 5, 2023. Second reading, public hearing/adoption will be held on July 3, 2023, at or near 7:00 PM in the Franklin Township Municipal Building, 2093 Rt. 57, Broadway, New Jersey.

Denise L. Becton

Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk

The Musconetcong Watershed Association inquired as to consideration for Clean Communities Funds. They organized a cleanup on Saturday, April 15th along the 42-mile stretch of the Musconetcong River throughout the Musconetcong Watershed collecting an estimated 2,544 pounds of trash and 180 pounds of recyclables and other miscellaneous items from the river and its banks. The committee will table this discussion/consideration for next month until the recycle coordinator informs of the availability of funds.

On motion by Bonnie Butler and seconded by David Guth to approve the bills to be paid per CFO's bill list submitted.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstain
Bonnie Butler	X		
David Guth	X		
Rich Herzer	X		
Michael Ferri			X
Mike Toretta, Mayor	X	(4) Yes (0) No (1) Absent	Motion carried

On motion by Bonnie Butler and seconded by Rich Herzer, hearing no objection, meeting stands adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise L. Becton

Denise L. Becton, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk

