

REGULAR MEETING
Monday, June 6, 2022

The Franklin Township Committee held a Regular Monthly Meeting on Monday, June 6, 2022, at the hour of 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.

ROLL CALL OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Butler-Yes, Ferri-No, Guth-Yes, Herzer-Yes, Toretta-Yes. (4) Present; (1) Absent

Present were Kevin Benbrook, Municipal Attorney (joined meeting at approximately 7:40 p.m.), Mike Finelli, Municipal Engineer, Joe Biel, DPW Foreman, Jim Onembo, Zoning/Code Enforcement, Eddy Patient, FTCC, Kathy Reinalda, CFO, John Mooney, Municipal Auditor (Present for only Budget Adoption), Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF 2022 Budget

On motion by David Guth and seconded by Bonnie Butler to open the Public Hearing.

No Public Comments

On motion by Rich Herzer and seconded by David Guth to close the Public Hearing.

On motion by Committeeperson Bonnie Butler and seconded by Committeeperson Rich Herzer to adopt the municipal budget for 2022.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstain
Bonnie Butler	X		
Rich Herzer	X		
David Guth	X		
Michael Toretta	X		
Mike Ferri			X

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

Committeeperson Butler inquired as to how do we move forward to reconcile the Tax Collection posting of deposits. The CFO will be meeting with our previous Auditor, Anthony Ardito.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

2. APPROVAL

- a. Meeting Minutes **RE: May 2, 2022**
- b. Executive Minutes **RE: May 2, 2022**
- c. Joint Agreement Renewal **RE: Between the Township and Franklin Township Board of Education Snow/Ice removal in exchange for Community Center Floor cleaning/buffing**

3. RESOLUTIONS

- a. Resolution 2022-40 **RE: Group Affidavit**
- b. Resolution 2022-41 **RE: Corrective Action Plan**
- c. Resolution 2022-42 **RE: 2022-2023 Renewal of Liquor Licenses**
- d. Resolution 2022-43 **RE: Appointment of Fund Commissioner and Alternate to the (PAIC) Public Alliance Insurance Coverage Fund**

On motion by Committeeperson David Guth and seconded by Committeeperson Bonnie Butler, to approve the minutes/resolutions listed on the Consent Agenda above.

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 (1) Absent Motion carried

RESOLUTIONS

**GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT
FORM OF RESOLUTION 2022-40**

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 2021 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 of Franklin, Warren County, NJ, 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.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF THE RESOLUTION PASSED AT THE MEETING HELD ON Monday, June 6, 2022.

Municipal Clerk

**CERTIFICATION OF GOVERNING BODY OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT
GROUP AFFIDAVIT FORM
NO PHOTO COPIES OF SIGNATURES**

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
COUNTY OF Warren

We, members of the governing body of the Franklin Township, in the County of Warren, being duly sworn according to law, upon our oath depose and say:

1. We are duly elected (or appointed) members of Franklin Township, in the county of Warren;
2. In the performance of our duties, and pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5, we have familiarized ourselves with the contents of the Annual Municipal Audit filed with the Clerk pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-6 for the year 2021;
3. We certify that we have personally reviewed and are familiar with, as a minimum, the sections of the Annual Report of Audit entitled "Comments and Recommendations."

(L.S.)	(L.S.)
_____	_____
(L.S.)	(L.S.)
_____	_____
(L.S.)	(L.S.)
_____	_____
(L.S.)	(L.S.)
_____	_____

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____
Notary Public of New Jersey

Clerk

The Municipal Clerk (or Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders as the case may be) shall set forth the reason for the absence of signature of any members of the governing body.

IMPORTANT: This certificate must be sent to the Bureau of Financial Regulation and Assistance, Division of Local Government Services, P.O. Box 803, Trenton, New Jersey 08625.

On motion by David Guth and seconded by Bonnie Butler the aforementioned **Resolution 2022-40** be adopted as read.

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

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

CERTIFICATION

I, Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, and State of New Jersey hereby certify the foregoing Resolution is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, at a meeting held on Monday, June 6, 2022.

Dated: June 6, 2022

Denise L. Becton

Denise L. Becton, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN WARREN COUNTY AUDIT REPORT YEAR: 2021

CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN RESOLUTION 2022-41

Whereas, the Township Committee of Franklin has received and reviewed the Annual Audit Report for the Year 2021 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:

Finding 2021-001

Books of record of monies collected between departments are required to be reconciled to the underlying bank deposit detail. There were various differences between the Collector's tax system cash book and the bank deposits in the cumulative amount of \$4,263 where the collector's cash book was in excess of bank deposits. 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.

The within **Resolution 2022-41** was moved by Committeeperson David Guth and seconded by Committeeperson Bonnie Butler and upon roll call vote was passed.

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

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF THE RESOLUTION PASSED AT THE MEETING HELD ON June 6, 2022.

Denise L. Becton

Denise L. Becton,
Municipal Clerk

RESOLUTION 2022-42

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, has received applications for the renewal year 07/01/2022 to 06/30/2023 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, 2022, to June 30th 2023 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 2022-42** was moved by Committeeperson David Guth and seconded by Committeeperson Bonnie Butler 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

Dated: June 6, 2022

CERTIFICATION

I, Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the resolution adopted by the Franklin Township Committee on Monday, June 6, 2022.

Denise L. Becton

Denise L. Becton, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk

Dated: June 6, 2022

RESOLUTION 2022-43

**APPOINTMENT OF A FUND COMMISSIONER TO THE
PUBLIC ALLIANCE INSURANCE COVERAGE FUND**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that it hereby appoints Mike Ferri as the Fund Commissioner and Denise L. Becton as the Alternate Fund Commissioner for the Public Alliance Insurance Coverage Fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the following:

1. Mike Ferri
(Fund Commissioner)
2. Denise L. Becton
(Alternate Fund Commissioner)
3. Public Alliance Insurance Coverage Fund

The within **Resolution 2022-43** was moved by Committeeperson David Guth and seconded by Committeeperson Bonnie Butler 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

Dated: June 6, 2022

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Municipal Clerk

NEW BUSINESS

**ORDINANCES – First Reading/Introduction
Ordinance 2022-7**

Ordinance 2022-7

**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 Sate 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	\$71,631.00
Office Assistant, per year	\$20.00/hour
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 Clerk, per year	\$100/per meeting
Maintenance/Event Supervisor	\$ 10.00/hour
Emergency Management Co-Ord., per year	\$ 4,000.00
Deputy OEM	\$ 1,255.00
911 Co-Ord., per year	\$ 1,000.00
Recycling, per year	\$ 6,000.00
DPW Foreman	\$ 69,978.00
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	\$ 20.00/hour
Emergency Call Out – Snowplow Drivers	\$ 20.00/hour-NON CDL \$ 25.00/hour-CDL

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 June 6th, 2022, 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 Bonnie Butler the aforementioned Ordinance **2022-7** be adopted as read. Final reading and adoption to take place on July 11, 2022, **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 6, 2022. Second reading, public hearing will be held on July 11, 2022, at or near 7:00 PM in the Franklin Township Municipal Building, 2093 Rt. 57, Broadway, New Jersey.

Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk

ORDINANCES – First Reading/Introduction
Bond Ordinance 2022-8

ORDINANCE 2022-8

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$3,000,000 IN CONNECTION WITH THE INSTALLATION OF A WATER LINE EXTENSION IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPERTIES LOCATED IN WILLOW GROVE ROAD AND GOOD SPRINGS ROAD PROJECT AREA FOR AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY AND, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,850,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN, IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1:

The improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance (the “Improvements”) are hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Franklin, New Jersey (the “Township”) as general improvements. For the said Improvements there is hereby appropriated the amount of \$3,000,000, such sum includes the sum of \$150,000 as the down payment (the “Down Payment”) required by the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey, constituting Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes, as amended and supplemented (the “Local Bond Law”). The Down Payment is now available by virtue of provision in one or more previously adopted budgets for down payment or for capital improvement purposes.

SECTION 2.

In order to finance the cost of the Improvements not covered by application of the Down Payment, negotiable bonds of the Township are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$2,850,000 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law

(the “Bonds”). In anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements or purposes, negotiable bond anticipation notes of the Township are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount not exceeding \$2,850,000 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law (the “Bond Anticipation Notes” or “Notes”).

SECTION 3:

(a) The Improvements authorized and the purpose for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued is for the installation of a water line extension in connection with the properties located in Willow Grove Road and Good Springs Road project area, including engineering and all equipment, costs, improvements and appurtenances necessary therefor or related thereto.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of Bonds or Notes to be issued for the purpose of financing a portion of the cost of the Improvements is \$2,850,000.

(c) The estimated cost of the Improvements is \$3,000,000 which amount represents the initial appropriation made by the Township.

SECTION 4:

All Bond Anticipation Notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer of the Township (the “Chief Financial Officer”); provided that no Note shall mature later than one year from its date. The Notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with Notes issued pursuant to this ordinance, and the signature of the Chief Financial Officer upon the Notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All Notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of Section 8(a) of the Local Bond Law. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the Notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the Township Committee of the Township at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the Notes pursuant to this ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the Notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

SECTION 5:

The capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey is on file with the Township Clerk and is available for public inspection.

SECTION 6:

The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The Improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses and are capital improvements or properties that the Township may lawfully make or acquire as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of the Improvements, within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, and according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the Bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 40 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Township Clerk and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township, as defined in the Local Bond Law, is increased by the authorization of the Bonds and Notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$2,850,000 and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$900,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under Section 20 of the Local Bond Law is included in the estimated cost of the Improvements, as indicated herein.

SECTION 7:

Any funds received from time to time by the Township as contributions in aid of financing the purposes described in Section 3 of this Ordinance shall be used for financing said Improvements by application thereof either to direct payment of the cost of said Improvements or to the payment or reduction of the authorization of the obligations of the Township authorized therefor by this Bond Ordinance. Any such funds received may, and all such funds so received which are not required for direct payment of the cost of said Improvements shall, be held and applied by the Township as funds applicable only to the payment of obligations of the Township authorized by this Bond Ordinance.

SECTION 8:

The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the Township for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

SECTION 9:

The Chief Financial Officer of the Township is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Township and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Township. The Chief Financial Officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Township pursuant to Rule 5c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Township and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Township fails to comply with its undertaking, the Township shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

SECTION 10:

This Bond Ordinance constitutes a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2. The Township reasonably expects to pay expenditures with respect to the Improvements prior to the date that Township incurs debt obligations under this Bond Ordinance. The Township reasonably expects to reimburse such expenditures with the proceeds of debt to be incurred by the Township under this Bond Ordinance. The maximum principal amount of debt expected to be issued for payment of the costs of the Improvements is \$2,850,000.

SECTION 11:

This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

On motion by David Guth and seconded by Rich Herzer the aforementioned Ordinance **2022-8** be adopted as read. Final reading and adoption to take place on July 11, 2022, **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

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Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk

DISCUSSIONS/APPROVALS

Letter of Support Solar – Will be addressed under Attorney Report

OLD BUSINESS – none

REPORTS/UPDATES

Engineer –

The NJDEP approval for Shurts Road was received today. Bid Specs will be completed to put this project out to bid. Engineer Finelli to coordinate with our DPW. Last month the committee authorized the engineer to submit Grant Applications to the DOT for 2023 for Millbrook Road Phase III and Willow Grove Road. A scope modification for Phase II of Millbrook Road is being executed this evening to shorten the length of road for this project. We can bond for tar and chip for the other roads as need be. Phase I of Millbrook Road can start at anytime money has been appropriated per the CFO. Shurts Road, Committeeperson Butler will coordinate with the CFO to keep track of what is to be reimbursed to the township for this project as well as the water main project. Committeeperson Guth will assist the clerk with SAM.gov to receive the federal grant for this project after months of unsuccessful attempts to renew or application.

Attorney – Report on File

Attorney Benbrook informed the committee that after speaking with Mark Bellin, Esq., he is looking for a letter of support to back recent aments to the existing solar legislation. Attorney will format a letter for the mayor to execute. Mr. Benbrook has also been in contact with Judge Miller as to the dismissal of Affordable Housing Litigation. Personnel Policy amendments are a

work in progress. The In-REM Notice of Foreclosure was sent to the newspaper today to publish in their next edition. We should be in a position to move forward after the 45 days if there should be redemptions or contest filed.

Open Space Commission – no one present

Jim Onembo – Code Enforcement/Zoning - Report submitted and on file

Committeeperson Butler asked about the former Easter Seals property and the sale of to convert the building to a multi-family dwelling. Can this go towards our COAH credits?

Recycling – Report on File

Fire Department/EMS – Karen Chiu

Informed nothing new to report per Chief Verkade.

Office of Emergency Management – nothing to report

DPW REPORT – Joe Biel – report submitted on file

A septic inspection has been completed by Delaware Valley Septic. Report shows that our septic at the municipal building is working properly, and all seven laterals are clean. Suggestion by Foreman Biel to remove the tree from the Historical Time Capsule monument as roots are not friendly to a septic. Deputy Mayor Guth informed that Willow Grove Road needs roadside mowing.

Franklin Township Youth Association – No one present

Franklin Township Community Center – Eddy Patient - Report submitted on file

Mr. Patient advised that the portable toilets will be delivered by the first of July. The increase of 25% has been put in to place for all new rentals. To date, there is a balance of \$22,000 in this budget.

Musconetcong River Management Council – MRMC – Beth Barry – not present

NJSP- no representation present

Township Committee Reports:

Bonnie Butler-

Committeeperson Butler thanked the DPW for a nice job sprucing up the Veterans and Historical Time Capsule monuments for Memorial Day. The fuel system access cards we presently are using at the DPW are antiquated and needs to be addressed, Foreman Biel will investigate this.

Mike Ferri – Absent

Rich Herzer – nothing further to report

David Guth – nothing further to report

Mayor Toretta – nothing further to report

At this time, the floor was open to Public Session at approximately 8:04 p.m., by Mayor Toretta.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

Don Gonczy –

Questioned how the missing document, Attachment “D”, will affect the water main project. As per Mr. Finelli this has no effect on the project. The Public Hearing for the Bond Ordinance will be at our July meeting.

Karen Chiu –

Requested an update as to the Montana Road retaining wall repair. Mayor Toretta informed this is being worked on, additional discussion in executive session.

Marlene Oberly –

Inquiring as to a rumor that the committee is getting rid of the Community Center. We need a place for our kids to go. Committeeperson Herzer advised per President Schlessinger the FTYA is not using the center. Eddy Patient informed that the FTYA’s biggest sport is basketball, and they are using the center. There are outside organizations that rent the center and have Franklin youth apart of them. Committeeperson Herzer addressed the cost of the fuel to heat the center and janitor to clean it. Mayor Toretta informed that the committee will not be closing the center, good for the rest of the year.

At this time, close the floor to Public Session at 8:18 p.m., all in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

BE IT RESOLVED on this 6th day of June, 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

Contract Negotiations

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 2nd day of May 2022 by the Franklin Township Committee, that the matter stated will be discussed in executive session, said session to commence at approximately 8:20 p.m.

On Motion by Bonnie Butler and seconded by Rich Herzer to exit to executive session at 8:20 p.m. Unanimous Vote.

On motion by Bonnie Butler and seconded David Guth to return to the regular session at 8:49 p.m. Unanimous Vote.

Attorney Benbrook summarized the executive session discussions. Contract Negotiations for Good Springs Road, drainage still an issue after repair by contractor. Montana Road retaining wall repair, engineer signed a contract last fall, but work hasn’t started. Spring Clean Up it is the township committee’s consensus for our DPW to assist disabled and/or seniors to bring their unwanted items to the Pollution Control Authority to honor what is in the brochure if requested.

Good Springs Road Drainage – It is the Township Committee’s consensus to have Committeeperson Mike Ferri elaborate more as to this project which began last year while he was mayor prior to any decisions at this time.

Montana Road Retaining Wall Project – Engineer Finelli will supply a Notice to Proceed to the contractor since this repair has been delayed due to seasonal weather.

On motion by Rich Herzer and seconded by David Guth, to authorize the Engineer to send out the Notice.

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

MOTION FOR PAYMENT OF BILL LIST:

On motion by Bonnie Butler and seconded by Rich Herzer, to pay, the Bills as submitted by the CFO.

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

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:

On motion by David Guth and seconded by Rich Herzer, hearing no objection, meeting stands adjourned at 8:58 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Denise L. Becton, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk