

REGULAR MEETING

The Franklin Township Committee, due to lack of quorum, canceled its regular monthly meeting on Monday, July 6, 2020. All agenda items have been carried over to the August 3, 2020 meeting. Mayor Jeff DeAngelis opened the meeting, via “ZOOM”, 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: Mike Finelli & Joe Vuich, Municipal Engineers, Kevin Benbrook, Municipal Attorney, Anthony Ardito, Auditor (joined meeting for 2020 Budget Hearing), Ron Read, Road Foreman (joined at approximately 8:00 pm)

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

2. APPROVAL

- a. Meeting Minutes **RE: June 1, 2020**
- b. Deer Carcass Removal **RE: Space Farms from Municipal Right of Ways through December 31, 2021, Morris County Co-Op**
- c. Heating/AC Renewal **RE: Service Experts Maintenance Agreement renewal for Sept 1st – August 31st, 2021**

3. RESOLUTIONS

- a. Res. 2020-53 **RE: Ratification of Temporary Outdoor Dining**
- b. Res. 2020-54 **RE: Debris, Brush, Noxious Growth**
- c. Res. 2020-55 **RE: Tax Refund Block 50 Lot 12**
- d. Res. 2020-56 **RE: Municipal Alliance Form 1B-FY2020 5th Qtr. DEDR**
- e. Res. 2020-58 **RE: A Resolution of Award, Montana Road Sections 1&2 Resurfacing**
- f. Res. 2020-59 **RE: 2020 Liquor License Renewals – Wedgewood Inn, LLC and Village Discount Liquors, LLC, Warren County Rod & Gun Club**

On motion by Mike Ferri and seconded by Rich Herzer approving the meeting minutes and annual vendor agreements, listed above.

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

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

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

RESOLUTIONS

First Reading/Introduction: Res. 2020-53

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-53

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY OUTDOOR DINING

WHEREAS, since March 15, 2020, restaurants in Franklin Township have been greatly impacted due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, Governor Murphy issued Executive Order No. 104 which limited restaurants to providing take-out food only, and on June 3, 2020, Governor Murphy issued Executive Order No. 150 which provided for the ability of restaurants to open outdoor dining for food and beverage consumption, including alcoholic beverages, subject to municipal approval; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin Township Committee wishes to provide relief to those restaurants being impacted by COVID-19 by allowing temporary outdoor seating in accordance with Executive Order No. 150.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Franklin Township Committee, in the County of Warren, State of Jersey, hereby authorizes the Zoning Officer to issue outdoor dining permit approvals for in-person service by all food and beverage establishments within the Township at contiguous outdoor areas under the possession and control of the owner or licensee of the food and beverage establishment, including but not limited to potential expansion of such dining onto sidewalks, parking lots and other public rights of way; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all holders of liquor licenses with retail consumption privileges are hereby approved for an ABC COVID-19 Expansion of Premises Permit, in accordance with the rules and regulations established by the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, and the Township Clerk and the appropriate Law Enforcement Official be and hereby are authorized to endorse any such application; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all food and beverage establishments within the Township that wish to incorporate the use of outdoor dining must continue to follow the rules and regulations set forth by Governor Murphy, the New Jersey Department of Health’s Executive Directive 20-014, as the same may be amended from time to time, the Warren County Department of Health, as well as all other applicable local, state and federal laws; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the total number of seats/customers at one time must not exceed the total permitted restaurant capacity and must not impede pedestrian circulation, parking, or the public right-of-way; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, restaurants may display one temporary sign to notify the public of dining options and restrictions so long as the signage does not interfere with public safety; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that outdoor dining permitted by this Resolution shall be permitted to commence at 6:00 a.m. on Monday, June 15, 2020 and shall extend through November 30, 2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all municipal fees associated with the review and approval of outdoor dining shall be waived for the year 2020.

On Motion by Mike Ferri and seconded by Mike Toretta the aforementioned **Resolution 2020-53** be adopted as read.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstained
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

I, Denise L. Becton, Clerk for the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the Resolution approved by remote polling of the Franklin Township Committee on June 1, 2020, to be ratified by the Franklin Township Committee on August 3, 2020 as part of its regular public meeting.

Denise L. Becton, Township Clerk

RESOLUTION 2020-54

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 Department of Public Works 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:

Property Address	Block	Lot	Property Owner	Cost
36 Halfway House Rd. (05/19/20 & 06/04/20 & 06/19/20)	15	15	Richard & Lisa Standish	\$180
2511 Rt. 57 (06/25/2020 High grass 18" + & required a Tractor & brush hog)	34	13.01	Floyd & Alice Stecker	\$250

On Motion by Mike Ferri and seconded by Mike Toretta the aforementioned **Resolution 2020-54** be adopted as read.

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

Dated: August 3, 2020

Certification

I, Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Franklin, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and exact copy adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin on August 3, 2020.

Denise L. Becton, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-55

WHEREAS, an erroneous 2nd quarter 2020 tax payment was made by Quicken Loans on Block 50 Lot 12 and,

WHEREAS, Quicken Loans has furnished the Tax Office with proof of this payments and has requested a refund check be issued,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Committee authorize the Tax Collector to refund the sum of \$2,164.59 to Quicken Loans, 635 Woodard Ave., Detroit, MI 48226.

On Motion by Mike Ferri and seconded by Mike Toretta the aforementioned **Resolution 2020-55** be adopted as read.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstained
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

I, Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Franklin, Warren County, New Jersey is a true and correct copy of a resolution approved by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin at a regular meeting held on August 3, 2020.

Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk
Franklin Township

RESOLUTION 2020-56

FORM 1B

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey.

WHEREAS, The Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has applied for funding to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Warren;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Township of Franklin does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Franklin/Mansfield/Washington Borough Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2020 in the amount of:

DEDR	\$ 519.80
Cash Match	\$ 129.95
In-Kind	\$ 389.85

2. The Township Committee acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

APPROVED: _____
Jeff DeAngelis, Mayor

On Motion by Mike Ferri and seconded by Mike Toretta the aforementioned **Resolution 2020-56** be adopted as read.

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

Dated: August 3, 2020

CERTIFICATION

I, Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and exact copy of a resolution duly authorized by the Township Committee on this 3rd day of August, 2020.

Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
WARREN COUNTY/STATE OF NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION 2020-58**

A RESOLUTION OF AWARD, MONTANA ROAD SECTIONS 1 & 2 RESURFACING

Be it resolved, that on August 3, 2020 the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin adopted Resolution 2020-58 to award unit bid prices for individual construction items to perform the necessary construction to complete the Montana Road Sections 1 & 2 Resurfacing Projects, a New Jersey Department of Transportation Local Aid funded project with a total project grant award in the amount of \$252,000.

Be it further resolved, that the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin does hereby award unit prices for individual construction items based unit prices as awarded under the individual contracts awarded by the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council bidding process with a total cost of \$161,367.15. The award is made to the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council vendor, Tilcon New York, which included the following items and unit prices:

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION UNIT	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL EXTENSION
1,2,3	Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) 12.5M64 Surface Course	2,191	TN	\$73.65	\$161,367.15
TOTAL					\$161,367.15

Be it further resolved, that the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin does hereby award unit prices for individual construction items based unit prices as awarded under the individual contracts awarded by the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council bidding process with a total cost of \$4,179.00. The award is made to the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council vendor, Denville Line Painting, Inc., which included the following items and unit prices:

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION UNIT	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL EXTENSION
4	Traffic Stripes,4" Yellow	13,930	LF	\$0.30	\$4,179.00
TOTAL					\$4,179.00

Be it further resolved, that the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin does hereby award unit prices for individual construction items based unit prices as awarded under the individual contracts awarded by the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council bidding process with a total cost of \$180,385.00. The award is made to the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council vendor, Road Safety Systems, LLC, which included the following items and unit prices:

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION UNIT	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL EXTENSION
5	Beam Guide Rail	3047	LF	\$35.00	\$106,645.00
6	Tangent Guide Rail Terminal 50'	21	EA	\$3,000.00	\$63,000.00
7	Control Release	2	EA	\$795.00	\$1,590.00

	Terminal				
8	Control Release Anchorage	2	EA	\$295.00	\$590.00
9	Removal of Beam Guide Rail	856	LF	\$10.00	\$8,560.00
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				TOTAL	\$180,385.00

ATTEST:

Denise Becton
Municipal Clerk

Mayor

On Motion by Mike Ferri and seconded by Mike Toretta the aforementioned **Resolution 2020-58** be adopted as read.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstained
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

I, Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Franklin, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and exact copy adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin on August 3, 2020.

Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk

First Reading/Introduction: Res. 2020-59

RESOLUTION 2020-59

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, has received applications for the renewal year 07/01/2020 to 06/30/2021 of liquor licenses; and

WHEREAS, each application for renewal was accompanied by the following 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

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 and State fee of \$200 received and 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 for renewals have provided proof of tax clearance as 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 2020 to June 30th 2021 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.

On Motion by Mike Ferri and seconded by Mike Toretta the aforementioned **Resolution 2020-59** be adopted as read.

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

Dated: August 3, 2020

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, August 3, 2020.

Denise L. Becton, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk

NEW BUSINESS

NJSP – no representation or report

**Adoption OF Resolutions
2020 MUNICIPAL BUDGET (By Title Only)**

PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION 2020 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Mayor DeAngelis opened the hearing for the **2020 Municipal Budget**, for the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, State of New Jersey. On motion by David Guth and seconded by Rich Herzer to open the public hearing.

Hearing no questions or comments from the public a motion by Rich Herzer and seconded by Mike Ferri to close the Public Hearing of the 2020 Municipal Budget.

On Motion by Mike Ferri and seconded by David Guth to adopt the 2020 Municipal Budget.

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

First Reading- Adoption - Resolution 2020-52

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

**A RESOLUTION
2020-52**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A.40A:4-78b has authorized the Local Finance Board to adopt rules that permit municipalities in sound fiscal condition to assume the responsibility, normally granted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, of conducting the annual budget examination; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C.5:30-7 was adopted by the Local Finance Board on February 11, 1997; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C.5:30-7.2 thru 7.5 the Township of Franklin has been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local Government Services, and the Chief Financial Officer has determined that the Township of Franklin meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2020 budget year, so now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin that in accordance with N.J.A.C.5:30-7.6a & b, and based upon the Chief Financial Officer's certification, the governing body has found the budget has met the following requirements:

1. That with reference to the following items, the amounts have been calculated pursuant to law and appropriated as such in the budget:

- a. Payment of interest and debt redemption charges
 - b. Deferred charges and statutory expenditures
 - c. Cash deficit of preceding year
 - d. Reserve for uncollected taxes
 - e. Other reserves and non-disbursement items
 - f. Any inclusions of amounts required for school purposes
2. That the provisions relating to limitation on increases of appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:45.2 and appropriations for exceptions to limits on appropriations found at 40A:4-45.3 et seq. are fully met. (Complies with the "CAP" law.)
 3. That the budget is in such form, arrangement and content as required by the Local Budget Law and N.J.A.C.5:30-4 and 5:30-5.
 4. That pursuant to the Local Budget Law:
 - a. All estimates of revenue are reasonable, accurate and correctly stated;
 - b. Items of appropriation are properly set forth;
 - c. In itemization, form, arrangement and content, the budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the municipality.
 5. The budget and associated amendments have been introduced, publicly advertised and adopted in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Budget Law, except that failure to meet the deadlines of N.J.S.A.40A:4-5, shall not prevent such certification.
 6. That all other applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

On Motion by Mike Toretta and seconded by David Guth the aforementioned **Resolution 2020-52** be adopted as read.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstained	
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 meeting held on August 3, 2020.

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

Denise L. Becton
Municipal Clerk

Certification of Approved Budget

It is hereby certified that the Approved Budget complies with the requirements of the law and approval is given pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:4-78(b) and NJAC 5:30-7.

It is further certified that the municipality has met the eligibility requirements of NJAC 5:30-7.4 and 7.5, and that I, as Chief Financial Officer, have completed the local examination in compliance with NJAC 5:30-7.6.

Dated: August 3, 2020

BY: _____
Kathleen Reinalda
Chief Financial Officer

ORDINANCES

First Reading/Introduction: Ordinance 2020-7

Ordinance 2020-7
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	\$ 4,664.00
Municipal Clerk, per year	\$68,094.00
Office Assistant, per year	\$16,095.00
Dog Licensing Official, per year	\$ 2,132.00
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	\$ 5,438.00
Maintenance/Event Supervisor	\$ 10.00/hour
Emergency Management Co-Ord., per year	\$12,798.00
Deputy OEM	\$ 1,255.00
911 Co-Ord., per year	\$ 2,509.00
Recycling, per year	\$ 7,743.00

DPW Foreman	\$ 62,478.00
DPW Asst. Foreman	\$ 59,501.00
DPW Road Repairer I	\$ 47,842.00
All Department of Public Works. - Employees time and a half over 8 hour day.	
Day Laborer	\$ 18.00/hour
Emergency Call Out – Snow Plow 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 August 3rd, 2020 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 Mike Ferri the aforementioned **Ordinance 2020-7** be adopted as read. Final reading and adoption to take place on September 8th, 2020 **at 7:00 p.m. or near that hour.**

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstain	
Mike Ferri	X			
David Guth	X			
Rich Herzer	X			
Michael Toretta	X			
Jeff DeAngelis, Mayor	X			
		(5) Yes	(0) No	(0) Absent
				Motion carried

On motion by Committeeperson _____ and seconded by _____ the aforenoted **Ordinance 2020-7** be adopted.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstain	
Mike Ferri				
David Guth				
Rich Herzer				
Michael Toretta				
Jeff DeAngelis, Mayor				
				() Yes () No () 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 August 3, 2020. Second reading, public hearing will be held on September 8, 2020 at or near 7:00 PM in the Franklin Township Municipal Building, 2093 Rt. 57, Broadway, New Jersey.

Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk

PRESENTATIONS/APPROVALS/DISCUSSIONS

Farming of Block 16 Lot 51 – Farming Contract will soon expire at the end of the Harvest Season in 2020 between the Township of Franklin and Sam Santini, Jr. Attorney Benbrook will look into if this contract can be extended for one more contract period, if not he will prepare Bid documentation, to go out to Bid, accordingly.

On motion by Rich Herzer and seconded by Mike Toretta to either extend the contract or go out to Bid.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstain	
Mike Ferri	X			
David Guth	X			
Rich Herzer	X			
Michael Toretta	X			
Jeff DeAngelis, Mayor	X	(5) Yes	(0) No	(0) Absent Motion carried

OLD BUSINESS - none

REPORTS/UPDATES:

Engineer Report – No formal report submitted this month

Engineer Finelli introduced the newest member of the Finelli team, Joe Vuich, who joined us this evening. No formal report submitted, however, a discussion ensued as to the OU2 Project disturbing the milling/paving of township roads, as part of the OU2 water main extension project. Additional discussions addressing Montana Road Sections 1&2, Stewartville Road, Third Street, Thatcher Avenue and Second Street and the funds available. Engineer Finelli will reach out to our CFO as to available Capital or Bond monies to help cover cost and Grant monies are exhausted.

Attorney Report – report submitted –

Attorney Benbrook reached out to committee members separately, not including David Guth, and it was unanimous, to use existing road improvement bond anticipation note funds to pay for our portion of the OU2 roadway project.

On motion by Rich Herzer and seconded by Mike Ferri to ratify Bond monies to be used to mill and overlay subdivision roads.

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

A draft court agreement was distributed from the Town of Belvidere with some modest changes needed per the AOC. Belvidere has already started making interior modifications to their building required by the AOC, as well as, advertising for a full-time deputy. This will be a three year contract with an annual contribution for 2021, \$35,000, 2022, \$35,700 and 2023, \$36,414. Belvidere to retain all ticket revenues in the event fines/costs less than annual contribution, Franklin will pay Belvidere the difference. We received other offers from neighboring municipalities as to a shared court, but, didn't entertain, since already in contract negotiations with the Town of Belvidere.

Mr. Benbrook is working with our Zoning Officer, Jim Onembo, as to 26 VanSyckle Road and their attorney to execute a Certification that the third party can utilize to expedite the filing of foreclosure this fall.

Ms. Chen has a potential buyer for the old Rossini building for a small convenience store.

Due to a Response Action Outcome issued by Victaulic's Licensed Site Remediation Professional, it has been found that the Dioxane is not from their site, but, rather coming from an off-site location.

A discussion ensued as to delinquent taxes in the township. A foreclosure list, was received by the tax collector, holding tax sale certificates. Attorney Benbrook will coordinate with the collector, order searches, some dating back to 1973. Further discussion to ensue next month.

Township Committee Reports:

Jeff DeAngelis, Mayor

Mayor DeAngelis has been in contact with Tim Duryea, Franklin Township Elementary School, Board Secretary, as to a new Tax Levy Schedule. After discussions a new schedule was agreed upon helping reduce upfront payments for August through December, spreading funds more evenly and the cash flow on our budget's end.

Mike Ferri

Stewartsville Road shoulders need to be cut back for water runoff, from the railroad culvert to the Greenwich line, prior to paving.

Rich Herzer –

Franklin Township Elementary contemplating for half day sessions in September, but, not finalized at this time.

Mike Toretta

Road Foreman should be keeping a list of Open Space Expenses so that money can be replenished in the DPW budget. Would like to see the next meeting, in house with committee/staff/professionals, Public can still join in via Zoom. Also, staff should be back in the municipal building, full-time. Mayor DeAngelis invited him to join the next Mayor's Conference call as to how other municipalities are handling meetings and day to day operations.

David Guth

DPW is in Harmony today helping their DPW, as a tradeoff coming in to help us. Tar and chipping of the roads is now complete.

Jim Onembo – Code Enforcement/Zoning - absent

Peggy Housman – Recycle Coordinator – no report submitted

Fire Department/OEM – Raymond Read – absent due to an OEM meeting for storm preparation

Deputy OEM Becton informed there were 123 total fire/ems calls for the month of July.

Beth Barry – Open Space Commission – not present this evening

DPW REPORT – Ron Read – Report submitted and on file –

A mudslide had to be cleaned up at 80 Mountain View Road East. Engineer Finelli has visited the site and evaluating, damage caused to the oil/chip and whether the owner should be billed for damages. 2020 Oil/Chip is completed, Mountain View Road East, Mountain View Road West, Butler and Woolverton. Catch basins/curb boxes have been worked on in Edison Lakes and Copperfield Developments. Brush pile keeps getting bigger, this has increased from years past. Committeeman Toretta has heard numerous complaints as to the closing of the recycle center. This will have to be revisited. Someone, on site, when gates are open, to keep track of what is coming in might be a solution. A Subcommittee of Toretta, Guth, Ms. Housman and Foreman Read to address the recycle yard and the brush area further.

Franklin Township Community Center – Eddy Patient- no report

Franklin Township Youth Association – No one present

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

At this time, on motion by David Guth and seconded by Jeff DeAngelis, the mayor opened the floor for Public Session at 8:41 pm, all in favor.

Tracey Heisler commented as to why others should be punished that utilize the brush and recycle area because of one bad apple. Mayor DeAngelis advised that this will be revisited.

At this time, on motion by David Guth and seconded by Mike Ferri to close Open Public Session at 8:44 pm, all in favor.

MOTION FOR PAYMENT OF BILL LIST:

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

Roll Call:	Yes	No	Absent/Abstained	
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 David Guth and seconded by Rich Herzer, hearing no objection, meeting stands adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Roll Call:	Yes	No	Absent	Abstained
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