

**REGULAR MEETING**

The Franklin Township Committee held its regular monthly meeting at 7:02 pm on Monday, March 4, 2019. Mayor Jeff DeAngelis 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 a roll call of committee members present.

**ROLL CALL OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** David Guth, Mike Toretta, Jeannene Butler, Mayor Jeff DeAngelis, **(4) Present.** Mike Ferri **(1) Absent**

Present were: Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk, Mike Finelli, Municipal Engineer, Kevin Benbrook, Municipal Attorney, Raymond Read, OEM, Jim Onembo, Zoning/Code Enforcement.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**(One Roll Call to approve the following agenda items 2-5)**

**2. APPROVAL**

- a. Meeting Minutes **RE: February 4, 2019**
- b. Executive Meeting Minutes **RE: February 4, 2019**

**3. RESOLUTIONS**

- a. Resolution 2019-35 **RE: Tax Sale Cert#2018-004 Block 34 Lot 1.12 authorize Tax Collector to refund a total of \$44,502.25**
- b. Resolution 2019-40 **RE: Certifying costs to remove garbage, rubbish and refuse, 8 Millbrook Road**

**4. RAFFLES**

- a. RA#2019-3 **RE: Huntington's Disease, #RA2019-3, On-Site Tricky Tray, April 7, 2019 at The Willows**
- b. RA#2019-4 **RE: Huntington's Disease #RA2019-4, On-Site 50/50, April 7, 2019 at The Willows**

On motion by Committeeperson Mike Toretta and seconded by Committeeperson David Guth all items on the Consent Agenda be adopted/approved as listed.

<b>Roll Call Vote</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Absent/Abstain</b>	
Jeannene Butler	X			
Jeff DeAngelis	X			
Mike Ferri			X	
Michael Toretta	X			
Dave Guth	X			
		(4) Yes	(0) No	(0) Absent (1) Absent Motion carried

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-35**

**WHEREAS,** US Bank-Cust for Tower DB VIII holds Tax Sale Certificate #2018-004 on Block 34 Lot 1.12 and,

**WHEREAS,** the property owner has redeemed this lien,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Mayor and Committee authorize the Tax Collector to refund the Tax Lien amount of \$ 21,402.25 plus the Tax Sale Premium amount of \$23,100.00 for a total of \$44,502.25 to US Bank-Cust for Tower DB VIII, 50 South 16th Street, Suite 2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102.

On motion by Mike Toretta and seconded by David Guth the aforementioned **Resolution 2019-35** be adopted as read.

<b>Roll Call Vote</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Absent/Abstained</b>
David Guth	X		
Jeannene Butler	X		
Mike Ferri			X
Michael Toretta	X		
Mayor Jeff DeAngelis	X	(4) Yes (0) No (1) Absent	Motion Carried

Dated: February 4, 2019

**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 March 4, 2019.

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Denise L. Becton, RMC/CMR  
Municipal Clerk

**RESOLUTION 2019-40**

**RESOLUTION TO CERTIFYING COSTS TO REMOVE GARBAGE, RUBBISH AND REFUSE, 8 MILLBROOK ROAD**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Township Committee have reviewed an invoice from Pleasant Valley Property Maintenance in the amount of \$350.00 for the removal of debris, trash, tires, used oil and other rubbish with respect to property identified as 8 Millbrook Road; and

**WHEREAS**, said rubbish was removed at the direction of the Township’s Zoning Officer and the work has been done to his satisfaction.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, that, pursuant to Ordinance 83-11 and applicable statutes, the invoice of Pleasant Valley Property Maintenance for garbage, rubbish, refuse removal, be and hereby is certified, and the Tax Collector shall forthwith establish the same as a lien upon 8 Millbrook Road to be added and become and form a part of the taxes next to be assessed and levied upon said lands, same to bear interest at the same rate as taxes and to be collected and enforced in the same manner as taxes.

On Motion by Mike Toretta and seconded by David Guth the aforementioned **Resolution 2019-40** be adopted as read.

<b>Roll Call Vote</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Absent/Abstained</b>
Mike Ferri			X
David Guth	X		
Michael Toretta	X		
Jeannene Butler	X		
Mayor Jeffrey DeAngelis	X	(4)Yes (0) No (1) Absent	Motion carried

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Franklin, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Franklin Township Committee at a meeting held on March 4, 2019.

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Denise L. Becton RMC/CMR

**NEW BUSINESS**

**REPORT/UPDATE:**

**New Jersey State Police** – Trooper Jenkins, present this evening, nothing pressing this past month. Due to weather, calls pertaining to wires down, be careful driving. Patrols on Anderson and Bloomsbury Roads due to speeding complaints.

**INTRODUCTION OF Resolutions  
2019 MUNICIPAL BUDGET (By Title Only)**

- a. Resolution. 2019-38 **RE: Budget Intro Special Items of General Revenue/Grants**
- b. Resolution. 2019-39 **RE: Budget Intro**

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

**RESOLUTION #2019-38**

WHEREAS, the 2019 Local Municipal Budget was introduced on the 4th day of March, 2019; and,

WHEREAS, during the fiscal year 2019 the Township of Franklin has been allocated a state grant for various programs in the amount of \$12,924.00

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that petition be made herewith to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services that the 2019 Local Municipal Budget include a special item of revenue under the heading of "**Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services-Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:**"

<b>Clean Communities Program</b>	<b>\$ 12,000.00</b>
<b>Recycling Tonnage - Prior Year Unapprop.</b>	<b><u>924.00</u></b>
	<b><u>\$ 12,924.00</u></b>

On Motion by Jeannene Butler and seconded by David Guth the aforementioned **Resolution 2019-38** be adopted as read.

<b>Roll Call Vote</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Absent/Abstained</b>	
Mike Ferri			X	
David Guth	X			
Michael Toretta	X			
Jeannene Butler	X			
Mayor Jeffrey DeAngelis	X			
		(4)Yes (0) No	(1) Absent	Motion carried

CERTIFICATION

It is hereby certified that this is a true and accurate copy of a Resolution adopted by the governing body of the Township of Franklin at a meeting held in the Municipal Building, on March 4, 2019.

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

SEAL:

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

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

**RESOLUTION-#2019-39**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Franklin is holding a meeting on March 4, 2019, for the purpose of introducing the 2019 Municipal Budget and conducting other matters; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, Warren County, New Jersey, that the Township of Franklin hereby petitions the Director of the Division of Local Government Services that the 2019 Local Municipal Budget be introduced and approved on March 4, 2019.

**2019 FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

Surplus anticipated general revenues	\$ 591,650.00
Total Miscellaneous revenue	348,314.00
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	180,000.00
Local Property Taxes	<u>1,150,131.00</u>
Total General Revenues	<u>\$2,270,095.00</u>
Total Operations	
Salaries and Wages	\$ 456,792.00
Other Expenses	658,694.00
Capital Improvements	0.00
Statutory Expenditures	96,877.00
Debt Service	398,729.00
Reserve for Delinquent Taxes	<u>659,003.00</u>
Total 2019 Municipal Budget	<u>\$2,270,095.00</u>
2019 Municipal Tax Rate	\$0.278

On Motion by Jeannene Butler and seconded by David Guth the aforementioned **Resolution 2019-39** be adopted as read.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstained	
Mike Ferri			X	
David Guth	X			
Michael Toretta	X			
Jeannene Butler	X			
Mayor Jeffrey DeAngelis	X			
		(4)Yes (0) No (1) Absent		Motion carried

**CERTIFICATION**

It is hereby certified that this is a true and accurate copy of a Resolution adopted by the governing body of the Township of Franklin at a regular meeting held March 4, 2019, at the Municipal Building, Broadway, New Jersey.

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

SEAL:

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

**FIRST READING/ADOPTION - RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION 2019-36**

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP  
COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH  
WASHINGTON BOROUGH FOR ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Franklin is mandated by statute to have an Animal Control Officer (“ACO”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Washington has proposed an Interlocal Service Agreement pursuant to which the Borough would supply the Township with an ACO to perform all statutory responsibilities required of that position; and

**WHEREAS**, the Franklin Township Council has determined it to be in the best interest of the residents of the Township to enter into the Interlocal Service Agreement with the Borough for the provision of ACO services to the residents.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Franklin, Warren County, New Jersey, that Mayor and Clerk be and hereby are authorized, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-5, to enter into and execute the Interlocal Service Agreement with the Borough of Washington, a copy of which shall be appended hereto as an attachment.

On motion by Jeannene Butler and seconded by Mike Toretta the aforementioned **Resolution 2019-36** be adopted as read.

<b>Roll Call Vote</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Absent/Abstained</b>
David Guth	X		
Jeannene Butler	X		
Mike Ferri			X
Michael Toretta	X		
Mayor Jeff DeAngelis	X	(4) Yes (0) No (1) Absent	Motion Carried

Dated: March 4, 2019

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Denise L. Becton, Township Clerk of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren and State of New Jersey, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that this is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Franklin at a regular meeting held on March 4, 2019.

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Denise L. Becton, RMC/CMR  
Municipal Clerk/Registrar

**RESOLUTION 2019-37**

**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**, previously adopted Resolution 2019-29 on January 7, 2019, is hereby rescinded and is being replaced by Resolution 2019-37, if adopted by majority vote;

**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 2019 in the amount of:

DEDR	\$ 3,948.00
Cash Match	\$ 1,184.00
In-Kind	\$ 2,961.00

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 David Guth and seconded by Jeannene Butler the aforementioned **Resolution 2019-37** be adopted as read.

<b>Roll Call Vote</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Absent/Abstained</b>
David Guth	X		
Jeannene Butler	X		
Mike Ferri			X
Michael Toretta	X		
Mayor Jeff DeAngelis	X	(4) Yes (0) No (1) Absent	Motion Carried

Dated: March 4, 2019

**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 4th day of March, 2019.

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Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk

**RESOLUTION 2019-41**

**RESOLUTION TO CERTIFYING COSTS TO REMOVE GARBAGE, RUBBISH AND REFUSE, 3 OLDE STREET**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Township Committee have reviewed an invoice from Pleasant Valley Property Maintenance in the amount of \$500.00 for the removal of debris, trash, tires, used oil, etc. with respect to property identified as 3 Olde Street; and

**WHEREAS**, said rubbish was removed at the direction of the Township’s Zoning Officer and the work has been done to his satisfaction.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, previously adopted Resolution 2019-32 on February 4, 2019, is hereby rescinded and is being replaced by Resolution 2019-41, if adopted by majority vote;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, that, pursuant to Ordinance 83-11 and applicable statutes, the invoice of Pleasant Valley Property Maintenance for garbage, rubbish, refuse removal, be and hereby is certified, and the Tax Collector shall forthwith establish the same as a lien upon 3 Olde Street to be added and become and form a part of the taxes next to be assessed and levied upon said lands, same to bear interest at the same rate as taxes and to be collected and enforced in the same manner as taxes.

On Motion by Jeannene Butler and seconded by David Guth the aforementioned **Resolution 2019-41** be adopted as read.

<b>Roll Call Vote</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Absent/Abstained</b>
Mike Ferri			X
David Guth	X		
Michael Toretta	X		
Jeannene Butler	X		
Mayor Jeffrey DeAngelis	X	(4)Yes (0) No (1) Absent	Motion carried

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Franklin, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Franklin Township Committee at a meeting held on March 4, 2019.

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Denise L. Becton RMC/CMR

**FIRST READING/INTRODUCTION – ORDINANCES**

**ORDINANCE 2019-5**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$14,000.00  
CURRENTLY LOCATED WITHIN THE CAPITAL  
IMPROVEMENT FUND OF FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP  
FIRE DEPARTMENT – BREATHING AIR CYLINDERS**

**WHEREAS**, there are currently funds, raised by the Current and previous, budgets within the Capital Improvement Fund of Franklin Township, and

**WHEREAS**, it is deemed appropriate to make use of \$14,000.00 of the allowable Capital improvements for Breathing Air Cylinders

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, as follows:

- Section 1. The sum of \$14,000.00 presently located in the Capital Improvement Fund is hereby appropriated for Breathing Air Cylinders.
- Section 2. In connection with the amount authorized in Section 1 hereof, the Township Committee makes the following determinations.
  - A) The purpose described in Section 1 hereof is not a Current Expense and is an improvement which the Township may lawfully take as a general capital improvement
  - B) The period of usefulness of the purpose described in Section 1 hereof is not in the limitation of the Local Bond Law and the reasonable life thereof is at least five (5) years. There is a 15 year shelf life expectancy for the cylinders
- Section 3. All ordinances 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.
- Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately after final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.



**NOTICE**

The foregoing ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the Franklin Township Committee held on March 4, 2019 and was read for the first time. This ordinance will be further considered for final adoption by the Franklin Township Committee at a meeting to be held on April 1, 2019 at the Franklin Township Municipal Building, 2093 Route 57, Broadway, NJ at or near 7:00 P.M. or at any time and place to which said meeting may be adjourned. All interested persons will be given the opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance at that time. Any member of the general public can obtain a copy of said ordinance at no cost at the Municipal Clerk’s Office, 2093 Route 57, Broadway, New Jersey, Monday through Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

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Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk

On motion by Committeeperson David Guth and seconded by Committeeperson Mike Toretta the aforementioned **Ordinance 2019-5** be adopted at first reading. Final reading and adoption to take place on **April 1, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.**

<b>Roll Call Vote</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Absent/Abstain</b>	
David Guth	X			
Jeannene Butler	X			
Mike Ferri			X	
Michael Toretta	X			
Jeff DeAngelis, Mayor	X	(4)	Yes (0) No (1)	Absent Motion carried

On motion by Committeeperson \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by Committeeperson \_\_\_\_\_ the aforementioned **Ordinance 2019-5** be adopted at final reading.

<b>Roll Call Vote</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Absent/Abstain</b>	
David Guth				
Jeff DeAngelis				
Mike Ferri				
Michael Toretta				
Jeannene Butler		( )	Yes (0) No (0)	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 March 4, 2019. Second reading, public hearing will be held on April 1, 2019 at or near 7:00 PM in the Franklin Township Municipal Building, 2093 Rt. 57, Broadway, New Jersey.

**Denise L. Becton, RMC/CMR**

**Ordinance 2019-6  
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	<b>\$27,488.00</b>
Collector, per year	\$28,676.00
Tax Searches	All fees
Chief Financial Officer, per year	\$27,888.00
Assistant Treasurer, per year	\$ 4,664.00
Municipal Clerk, per year	\$65,596.00
Office Assistant, per year	\$11,095.00
Registrar/Deputy Registrar/Alt. Deputy Registrar	\$3.00 per original Marriage Application/Certified Copies-All Fees
Assessment Searches	All fees
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	Out of Applicants Fee
Emergency Management Co-Ord., per year	\$12,798.00
Deputy OEM	\$ 1,255.00
911 Co-Ord., per year	\$ 2,509.00
Recycling Co-Ord., per year	<b>\$ 7,743.00</b>
DPW Foreman	\$ 61,253.00
DPW Asst. Foreman	\$ 58,334.00
DPW Road Repairer I	\$ 46,904.00
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- <b>NON CDL</b> \$ 25.00/hour- <b>CDL</b>
Maintenance/Event Supervisor	\$10.00/hour
Open Space Clerk, per year	\$ 5,438.00

**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 April 1st, 2019 at or near the hour of 7:00 p.m. following publication in the Star-Gazette.

On motion by Jeannene Butler and seconded by Mike Toretta the aforementioned **Ordinance 2019-6** be adopted as read. Final reading and adoption to take place on April 1st, 2019 **at 7:00 p.m or near that hour.**

<b>Roll Call Vote</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Absent/Abstain</b>	
Jeannene Butler	X			
Jeff DeAngelis	X			
Mike Ferri			X	
Michael Toretta	X			
Dave Guth	X	(4) Yes (0) No	(1) Absent	Motion carried

On motion by Committeeperson \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ the aforementioned **Ordinance 2019-6** be adopted.

<b>Roll Call Vote</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Absent/Abstain</b>	
Jeannene Butler				
Jeff DeAngelis				
Mike Ferri				
Michael Toretta				
Dave Guth			( ) Yes ( ) 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 March 4, 2019. Second reading, public hearing will be held on April 1, 2019 at or near 7:00 PM in the Franklin Township Municipal Building, 2093 Rt. 57, Broadway, New Jersey.

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Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk

### **DISCUSSIONS/APPROVALS/EXECUTIONS**

**Musconetcong Watershed Association** – Proposed exterior stair and elevator access at the Asbury Graphite Mill. – No representative from the MWA attended this evening for this discussion.

#### **The Land Conservancy of NJ – Memorialization of executed Open Space and Recreation Plan**

Mayor DeAngelis informed the committee he received a proposal from the Conservancy to update the 2006 Open Space and Recreation Plan. Requirement is to update every ten years and our plan is now out of date. The deadline for Green Acres funding is March 20<sup>th</sup>, however, if the township shows we are moving forward with the update this should satisfy the state and won't cancel Franklin Township's Planning Incentive Account. It is the consensus of the township committee to update the Plan as per proposal received from The Land Conservancy.

#### **Pohatcong Creek Solar – Solar License Agreement**

The agreement between Franklin Township and Pohatcong Creek Solar, is ready for execution, which will provide solar panels at the municipal building in lieu of allowing a Right of Way thru the old Brandywine Property. Not to exceed 10% of our CAP, and free up our budget by \$12,000 annually, per Mayor DeAngelis.

On motion by Jeannene Butler and seconded by David Guth, allowing the mayor/clerk to execute the Solar License Agreement, accordingly.

<b>Roll Call Vote</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Absent/Abstain</b>	
Jeannene Butler	X			
Jeff DeAngelis	X			
Mike Ferri			X	
Michael Toretta	X			
Dave Guth	X			(4) Yes (0) No (1) Absent Motion carried

**OLD BUSINESS**

**PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF:**

Attorney Benbrook informed that this Ordinance was amended to eliminate one paragraph that had a grandfathering provision. This recommendation came from our Land Use Board and is now being adopted as the township committee intended.

**Final Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 2019-4**

**ORDINANCE 2019-4**

**AN ORDINANCE TO CORRECT ORDINANCE 2018-9 ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 90, ARTICLE VIII, ZONING, SECTION 90-53B TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP, ARTICLE VIII, ZONING, SECTION 90-56A TO AMEND THE SCHEDULE OF USE REGULATIONS**

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

No Public Comments

On motion by David Guth and seconded by Jeannene Butler to close the Public Hearing.

On motion by Committeeperson Jeannene Butler and seconded by Committeeperson Mike Toretta the aforementioned **Ordinance 2019-4** be adopted at final reading.

<b>Roll Call Vote</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Absent/Abstain</b>	
David Guth	X			
Jeannene Butler	X			
Mike Ferri			X	
Michael Toretta	X			
Jeff DeAngelis, Mayor	X			(4) Yes (0) No (1) Absent Motion carried

**REPORTS/UPDATES:**

**Engineer Report – No Formal Report submitted/on file**

Engineer Finelli updated the committee on a few items. OU2, water main project, still issues with the air releases and may need to request a DOT extension for the paving of Stewartsville Road once this project finally gets completed. Working with Attorney Benbrook as to the Beidleman Road Habitat Subdivision project, a guide pole is in the middle of one of the lots. Committeeperson Butler asked for an update on the Walking Path. Brief discussions ensued as to the water main project and the hold up through the county engineer’s office and the paving of Stewartsville Road with our Grant. Also, the Walking Path, procedurally by next month, we might be able to go out to bid. When we go out to bid our DPW will be able to put the path in with the help from other townships to assist us, no reason to hire a general contractor.

**Attorney Report – Report on file**

Attorney Benbrook coordinating with our municipal assessor to designate a block/lot as to the donated Lipari properties.

On motion by Jeannene Butler and seconded by David Guth, to authorize the mayor/clerk to execute the original deed.

<b>Roll Call:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Absent/Abstained</b>
Michael Toretta	X		
Jeannene Butler	X		
David Guth	X		
Mike Ferri		X	
Mayor, Jeff DeAngelis	X	(4) Yes (0) No (1) Absent	Motion carried

**Jim Onembo – Code Enforcement/Zoning**

Mr. Onembo updated the committee as to various Zoning matters this month as well as court hearings approaching. The registration of the vacated/abandoned properties, to date this year, approximately \$12,500 received for 2019 registrations. An ongoing problem and a constant hazard with bamboo growing on Buttermilk Bridge Road. Owner isn't taking care of this and our DPW ends up clearing from the roadway after a storm. Attorney Benbrook will look into an ordinance that addresses invasive species to respond to this problem.

**Open Space Commission – No representation**

**Fire Department/OEM – Raymond Read** – Chief Read informed the new pumper should be delivered before April. Fire and EMS have been very busy with calls and the weather. 2018 a total of 1056 calls, 735 EMS and 321 Fire. Chief recognized Karen Chiu and a few other EMT's our EMS Division is recognized as #1 in the county, backbone of the department answering 100% of calls.

**Franklin Township Community Center – Eddy Patient – Report submitted and on file**

Not present at this meeting.

**DPW REPORT – Ron Read – No present this evening**

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

## Township Committee Reports:

### David Guth

A call was received from a resident in Valley Greene Estates today, after the snow storm, as to a great job done by the DPW clearing the snow. A quote was received for the replacement of lighting at the DPW municipal garage. The proposal received is under the bid threshold of \$17,500 so we don't have to go out to BID. Quote received was \$20,025 with a rebate of \$2,600. Attorney Benbrook informed Mr. Guth to obtain one additional quote from another company for comparison.

On motion by Jeannene Butler and seconded by David Guth to obtain one more quote for the lighting project at the DPW Municipal Garage and authorize Committeeperson Guth to go with the lower of the two quotes.

<b>Roll Call:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Absent/Abstained</b>
Michael Toretta	X		
Jeannene Butler	X		
David Guth	X		
Mike Ferri			X
Mayor, Jeff DeAngelis	X	(4) Yes (0) No (1) Absent	Motion carried

### Jeannene Butler

Committeeperson Butler met with the Franklin Township Board of Education, solar project was discussed with them as well. A discussion of increased student enrollment will be addressed at the Land Use Board meeting.

### Mike Toretta

Mr. Toretta had nothing to report.

### Mike Ferri - absent

### Jeff DeAngelis, Mayor

Mayor DeAngelis informed he received a phone call from a resident living on Mineral Springs Road to downed wires, power out, requesting our DPW to plow this road. Peggy Housman researched and located the assessor's card, noting a private road and maintained by the owner. Also, the mayor has been working with Eddy Patient, our Community Center Coordinator, report submitted this month and on file. Annual income approximately \$28-\$30,000. This center can be more rewarding to our community. Committeeperson Butler and Mayor DeAngelis will have further discussions with Mr. Patient addressing this.

**OPEN PUBLIC SESSION** – Opened at 8:02 pm on motion by David Guth and seconded by Jeannene Butler, Unanimous Vote.

Karen Chiu – Ms. Chiu offered maybe a community dance or movie night for the community center. Any additional ideas forward to Committeeperson Butler.

**CLOSE PUBLIC SESSION** – at 8:03 pm on motion by David Guth and seconded by Mike Toretta. Unanimous Vote.

**MOTION FOR PAYMENT OF BILL LIST:**

On motion by Mike Toretta and seconded by Jeannene Butler, hearing no objection, to pay the bills from the bill list provided by the Chief Financial Officer.

<b>Roll Call:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Absent/Abstained</b>	
Michael Toretta	X			
Jeannene Butler	X			
David Guth	X			
Mike Ferri			X	
Mayor, Jeff DeAngelis	X	(4) Yes	(0) No (1) Absent	Motion carried

**MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:**

On motion by Mike Toretta and seconded by Jeannene Butler, hearing no objection, meeting stands adjourned at 8:03 pm.

<b>Roll Call:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Abstained</b>
Michael Toretta	X			
Jeannene Butler	X			
David Guth	X			
Mike Ferri			X	
Mayor, Jeff DeAngelis	X	(4) Yes	(0) No (1) Absent	Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Denise L. Becton  
Municipal Clerk