

**REGULAR MEETING**

The Franklin Township Committee held its regular monthly meeting, via ZOOM, on Monday, May 3, 2021, hosted by Jean Paul Reece of ARAE Network. Mayor Mike Ferri opened the meeting, at approximately 7:06 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:** Bonnie Butler, Rich Herzer, Mike Toretta, Mayor Mike Ferri, (4) Present. Jeff DeAngelis, (1) Absent

Present were: Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk, Jim Onembo, Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer, Mike Finelli, Municipal Engineer, Kevin Benbrook, Municipal Attorney, Joe Biel DPW, Kathleen Reinalda, CFO, Anthony Ardito, Municipal Auditor (For Budget Discussion Only)

**INTRODUCTION OF Resolutions- 2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET (By Title Only)**

After an extensive discussion with the committee, CFO and Auditor a removal of \$15,000 from the Land Use Board line item and \$5,000 from the DPW line item were decided. Amending Res. 2021-36 to reflect discussion of May 3<sup>rd</sup> removing an additional \$20,000 equating to an increase of \$47 annually to the average taxpayer of a \$306,000 home a 1.53 cents increase.

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

**RESOLUTION #2021-35**

WHEREAS, the 2021 Local Municipal Budget was introduced on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, during the fiscal year 2021 the Township of Franklin has been allocated a state grant for various programs in the amount of \$148,787.00

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that petition be made herewith to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services that the 2021 Local Municipal Budget include a special item of revenue under the heading of "**Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services-Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:**"

|   |                             |
|---|-----------------------------|
| <b>NJ DOT Grant – Millbrook Road</b>                    | <b>\$ 136,700.00</b>        |
| <b>Clean Communities Program - Prior Year Unapprop.</b> | <b><u>12,087.00</u></b>     |
|   | <b><u>\$ 148,787.00</u></b> |

On Motion by Bonnie Butler and seconded by Mike Toretta the aforementioned **Resolution 2021-35** be adopted as read.

| <b>Roll Call Vote</b> | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b>     | <b>Absent/Abstained</b> |
|-----------------------|------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| Mayor Mike Ferri      | X          |               |                         |
| Jeffrey DeAngelis     |            |               | X                       |
| Bonnie Butler         | X          |               |                         |
| Michael Toretta       | X          |               |                         |
| Richard Herzer        | 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 May 3, 2021.

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-#2021-36**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Franklin is holding a meeting on May 3, 2021, for the purpose of introducing the 2021 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 2021 Local Municipal Budget be introduced and approved on April 5, 2021.

**2021 FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

|                                      |                       |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Surplus anticipated general revenues | \$ 591,650.00         |
| Total Miscellaneous revenue          | 492,177.00            |
| Receipts from Delinquent Taxes       | 180,000.00            |
| Local Property Taxes                 | <u>1,292,537.00</u>   |
| Total General Revenues               | <u>\$2,556,364.00</u> |
|                                      |                       |
| Total Operations                     |                       |
| Salaries and Wages                   | \$ 443,415.00         |
| Other Expenses                       | 818,836.00            |
| Capital Improvements                 | 136,700.00            |
| Statutory Expenditures               | 94,633.00             |
| Debt Service                         | 388,728.00            |
| Reserve for Delinquent Taxes         | <u>674,052.00</u>     |
| Total 2021 Municipal Budget          | <u>\$2,556,364.00</u> |
| 2021 Municipal Tax Rate              | \$0.31                |

On Motion by Bonnie Butler and seconded by Rich Herzer the aforementioned **Resolution 2021-36** be adopted as read.

| <b>Roll Call Vote</b> | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | <b>Absent/Abstained</b> |
|-----------------------|------------|-----------|-------------------------|
| Mayor Mike Ferri      | X          |           |                         |
| Jeffrey DeAngelis     |            |           | X                       |
| Bonnie Butler         | X          |           |                         |
| Michael Toretta       | X          |           |                         |
| Richard Herzer        | 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 May 3, 2021, at the Municipal Building, Broadway, New Jersey.

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 #2021-37**

WHEREAS, the 2021 Local Municipal Budget was introduced on the 3rd day of May, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, during the fiscal year 2021 the Township of Franklin will receive revenue for various other special items in the amount of \$8,000.00

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that petition be made herewith to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services that the 2021 Local Municipal Budget include a special item of revenue under the heading of "**Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services-Other Special Items:**

|  |                           |
|--|---------------------------|
| <b>Vacant Property Registration Fees</b> | <b><u>\$ 8,000.00</u></b> |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b><u>\$ 8,000.00</u></b> |

On Motion by Rich Herzer and seconded by Mike Toretta the aforementioned **Resolution 2021-37** be adopted as read.

| <b>Roll Call Vote</b> | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | <b>Absent/Abstained</b> |                |
|-----------------------|------------|-----------|-------------------------|----------------|
| Mayor Mike Ferri      | X          |           |                         |                |
| Jeffrey DeAngelis     |            |           | X                       |                |
| Bonnie Butler         | X          |           |                         |                |
| Michael Toretta       | X          |           |                         |                |
| Richard Herzer        | 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 May 3, 2021.

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-#2021-38**

**WHEREAS**, under provisions of N.J.S.A.40A:4-5, a municipality shall introduce the Local Municipal Budget no later than March 30 of the fiscal year; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Franklin has delayed the introduction of the 2021 Municipal Budget past the statutory deadline; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, Warren County, New Jersey, that the Township of Franklin hereby petitions the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to allow a delayed introduction of the 2021 Franklin Township Municipal Budget; and,

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

On Motion by Mike Toretta and seconded by Bonnie Butler the aforementioned **Resolution 2021-38** be adopted as read.

| <b>Roll Call Vote</b> | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | <b>Absent/Abstained</b> |                |
|-----------------------|------------|-----------|-------------------------|----------------|
| Mayor Mike Ferri      | X          |           |                         |                |
| Jeffrey DeAngelis     |            |           | X                       |                |
| Bonnie Butler         | X          |           |                         |                |
| Michael Toretta       | X          |           |                         |                |
| Richard Herzer        | 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 May 3, 2021.

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 #2021-39**

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

**WHEREAS**, the township committee desires to set municipal open space tax rate at **\$0.00** per \$100 of assessed valuation for the 2021 calendar year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin that election be made to set the municipal open space tax rate at **zero** per \$100 of assessed valuation for the 2021 calendar year.

On Motion by Mike Toretta and seconded by Rich Herzer the aforementioned **Resolution 2021-39** be adopted as read.

| <b>Roll Call Vote</b> | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | <b>Absent/Abstained</b> |                |
|-----------------------|------------|-----------|-------------------------|----------------|
| Mayor Mike Ferri      | X          |           |                         |                |
| Jeffrey DeAngelis     |            |           | X                       |                |
| Bonnie Butler         |            |           |                         | X              |
| Michael Toretta       | X          |           |                         |                |
| Richard Herzer        | X          | (3)Yes    | (0) No                  | (1) Absent     |
|                       |            |           |                         | (1) Abstained  |
|                       |            |           |                         | 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 May 3, 2021.

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

SEAL:

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

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**(One Roll Call to approve the following agenda items 3-5)**

**3. APPROVAL**

- a. Meeting Minutes **RE: April 5, 2021**

**4. RESOLUTIONS – FIRST READING/ADOPTION**

- a. Res. 2021-40 **RE: WC Shared Services Agreement sharing Public Works Equipment**
- b. Res. 2021-41 **RE: MCCPC Renewal of Membership Oct. 1, 2021-Sept. 30, 2026**
- c. Res. 2021-42 **RE: Discouraging the impoundment of stray cats**
- d. Proclamation **RE: Older Americans Month**
- e. Res. 2021-43 **RE: Municipal Alliance Form 1B**

**5. APPROVALS**

- a. Musconetcong Watershed **RE: Annual Membership Stormwater Education Program**

The approval of the April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting minutes, on motion by Rich Herzer seconded by Mike Toretta by a unanimous vote.

The approval of the above Proclamation, Resolutions 2021-40 – 42 and the annual membership for the Stormwater Education Program through the Musconetcong Watershed, on motion by Bonnie Butler and seconded by Mike Ferri.

| <b>Roll Call Vote</b> | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | <b>Absent/Abstained</b> |
|-----------------------|------------|-----------|-------------------------|
| Mayor Mike Ferri      | X          |           |                         |
| Jeffrey DeAngelis     |            |           | X                       |
| Bonnie Butler         | X          |           |                         |
| Michael Toretta       | X          |           |                         |
| Richard Herzer        | X          | (4)Yes    | (0) No (1) Absent       |

Motion carried

**RESOLUTIONS: Res. 2021-40 – Res. 2021-43**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-40**

**A Resolution Authorizing A Shared Service Agreement for Sharing Public Works Equipment  
between The Township of Franklin and The County of Warren, State of New Jersey**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Warren adopted Resolution 314-14 on May 28, 2014 authorizing master public works shared services agreement for sharing public works equipment between Warren County municipalities and the County of Warren; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Franklin desires to utilize such services in accordance with the terms of an agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Uniform Shared Services & Consolidation Act (N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq.) authorizes the County of Warren and Franklin Township to enter into such an agreement.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Franklin Township Committee of the County of Warren does hereby authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute agreements to provide the services to the Township of Franklin as described in said agreements.

On motion by Bonnie Butler and seconded by Mike Ferri the aforementioned **Resolution 2021-40** be adopted as read.

| <b>Roll Call Vote</b> | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b>                 | <b>Absent/Abstained</b> |
|-----------------------|------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Bonnie Butler         | X          |                           |                         |
| Jeff DeAngelis        |            |                           | X                       |
| Rich Herzer           | X          |                           |                         |
| Michael Toretta       | X          |                           |                         |
| Mayor Mike Ferri      | 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 May 3, 2021.

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

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Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk

**RESOLUTUION 2021-41**

**AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING COUNCIL TO RENEW MEMBERSHIP THEREIN FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2021 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2026**

**WHEREAS**, the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council (“MCCPC”) was created in

1974 to conduct a voluntary cooperative pricing system with municipalities, boards of education, and other public bodies located in the County of Morris and adjoining counties; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the MCCPC is to provide substantial savings on various goods and services to its members through the cooperative public bidding process; and

**WHEREAS**, Franklin Township, Warren County, NJ desires to enter into an Agreement with the MCCPC, which is administered by Randolph Township as Lead Agency, to **renew** its membership in the MCCPC for the period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2026.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Franklin Township Mayor and Committee, County of Warren, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Mayor and Committee of Franklin Township, Warren County, NJ hereby authorizes the execution of an Agreement with the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council by the Township of Randolph as Lead Agency dated October 1, 2021, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5). Said Agreement is for **renewal** of

membership in the MCCPC for a five (5) year period from October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2026.

2. The Franklin Township Municipal Clerk is hereby directed to submit a copy of this adopted Resolution, along with an executed Agreement, to Randolph Township as Lead Agency of the MCCPC.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon final passage according to law.
4. All appropriate Franklin Township officials are authorized and directed to perform all required acts to affect the purpose of this Resolution.

On motion by Bonnie Butler and seconded by Mike Ferri the aforementioned **Resolution 2021-41** be adopted as read.

| <b>Roll Call Vote</b> | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b>                 | <b>Absent/Abstained</b> |
|-----------------------|------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Bonnie Butler         | X          |                           |                         |
| Jeff DeAngelis        |            |                           | X                       |
| Rich Herzer           | X          |                           |                         |
| Michael Toretta       | X          |                           |                         |
| Mayor Mike Ferri      | 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 May 3, 2021.

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

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Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk

#### **RESOLUTION 2021-42**

##### **RESOLUTION DISCOURAGING THE IMPOUNDMENT OF STRAY CATS**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Franklin has not adopted any Ordinances regulating the licensing or keeping of domestic cats; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 4:19-15.16 does not require an Animal Control Officer (“ACO”) to impound any stray animal unless observed to be ill, injured or creating a threat to public health, safety, or welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township has incurred substantial expense with respect to the impoundment of stray cats.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that, the Township’s designated ACO as established pursuant to the Interlocal Service Agreement with the Borough of Washington be and hereby is encouraged not to expend resources on the capture, custody or impoundment of stray cats, except when suspected of being rabid or observed to be otherwise creating a direct threat to public health, safety and welfare.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Township Clerk shall provide a copy of this Resolution to the Borough of Washington and to the ACO currently providing services to the Township.

On motion by Bonnie Butler and seconded by Mike Ferri the aforementioned **Resolution 2021-42** be adopted as read.

| <b>Roll Call Vote</b> | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b>                 | <b>Absent/Abstained</b> |
|-----------------------|------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Bonnie Butler         | X          |                           |                         |
| Jeff DeAngelis        |            |                           | X                       |
| Rich Herzer           | X          |                           |                         |
| Michael Toretta       | X          |                           |                         |
| Mayor Mike Ferri      | X          | (4) Yes (0) No (1) Absent | Motion Carried          |

Dated: May 3, 2021

### **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 May 3, 2021.

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Denise L. Becton RMC/CMR

### **Proclamation**

#### **Older Americans Month**

**May 2021**

**Whereas, the month of May is traditionally designated Older Americans Month by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; and**

**Whereas**, the theme for Older Americans Month 2021 is **“Communities of Strength”**, which highlights the strengths of older adults and the aging network, with special emphasis on the power of connection and engagement in building strong communities.

**Whereas**, Franklin Township, Warren County, NJ includes countless older Americans who enrich and strengthen our community; and

**Whereas**, Franklin Township is committed to engaging and supporting older adults, their families, and caregivers; and

**Whereas**, we acknowledge the importance of taking part in activities that promote physical, mental, and emotional well-being—no matter your age; and

**Whereas**, Franklin Township can enrich the lives of individuals of *every age* by:

- promoting home- and community-based services that support independent living;
- involving older adults in community planning, events, and other activities; and
- providing opportunities for older adults to work, volunteer, learn, lead, and mentor.

**Now therefore, The Mayor and Township Committee** of The Township of Franklin, Warren County, NJ does hereby proclaim May 2021 to be Older Americans Month. Residents are encouraged to take time during this month to acknowledge and recognize older adults as vital members of our community.

Dated this 3rd day of May, 2021

The aforementioned **Proclamation** be adopted by unanimous vote.



I, Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk, for the Township of Franklin, Warren County, NJ, hereby certify that this is a true copy of a Proclamation adopted by the Franklin Township Committee, May 3, 2021.

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Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk

**RESOLUTION 2021-43**

**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 Council does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Franklin/Mansfield/Washington Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2022 in the amount of:

|            |          |
|------------|----------|
| DEDR       | \$938.00 |
| Cash Match | \$234.50 |
| In-Kind    | \$703.50 |

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

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Mike Ferri, Mayor of Franklin Twp., Warren Cty, NJ**

On motion by Bonnie Butler and seconded by Mike Ferri the aforementioned **Resolution 2021-43** be adopted as read.

| <b>Roll Call Vote</b> | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | <b>Absent/Abstained</b> |                           |
|-----------------------|------------|-----------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Bonnie Butler         | X          |           |                         |                           |
| Jeff DeAngelis        |            |           | X                       |                           |
| Rich Herzer           | X          |           |                         |                           |
| Michael Toretta       | X          |           |                         |                           |
| Mayor Mike Ferri      | X          |           |                         |                           |
|                       |            | (4) Yes   | (0) No                  | (1) Absent Motion Carried |

Dated: May 3, 2021

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk of 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 Council on this 3rd day of May, 2021.

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ORDINANCES – FIRST READING/INTRODUCTION**

**ORDINANCE 2021-5  
Amendments to the Land Use and Development Ordinance  
of the Township of Franklin, Warren County, New Jersey**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE “CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN” WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 90, ARTICLE I, SECTION 90-3, DEFINITIONS, AND ARTICLE VIII, ZONING, SECTION 90-58B, OFF-STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Code of the Township of Franklin, Warren County, New Jersey, Chapter 90, Land Use and Development, Article I, Subsection §90-3, Definitions is hereby amended as follows:

**BUILDING HEIGHT**

The vertical distance measured from the average finished grade at the front of the building to the highest point of the roof for flat roofs, to the deck line of mansard roofs and to a point halfway between eaves and ridge for gable, hip and gambrel roofs as measured at the front of the building. For the purpose of calculating building height, the front of the building shall be considered the portion of the building facing a public street.

2. The Code of the Township of Franklin, Warren County, New Jersey, Chapter 90, Land Use and Development, Article VIII, Zoning, Subsection §90-58B(9), Off-Street Parking Requirements, is hereby amended as follows:

(9) For warehouses and storage buildings, one space for each 3,000 square feet of gross floor area devoted to warehouse and storage use. Office space within a warehouse or storage building shall provide one space for each 250 square feet of gross floor area devoted to office use.

The within Ordinance shall take effect immediately after final passage, approval and publication according to law.

On motion by Committeeperson Mike Ferri and seconded by Committeeperson Rich Herzer the aforementioned **Ordinance 2021-5** be adopted at first reading. Final reading and adoption to take place on **June 7, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**

| <b>Roll Call Vote</b> | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | <b>Absent/Abstain</b> |                           |
|-----------------------|------------|-----------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Bonnie Butler         | X          |           |                       |                           |
| Jeff DeAngelis        |            |           | X                     |                           |
| Rich Herzer           | X          |           |                       |                           |
| Michael Toretta       | X          |           |                       |                           |
| Mike Ferri, Mayor     | X          | (4) Yes   | (0) No                | (1) Absent Motion carried |

On motion by Committeeperson \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by Committeeperson \_\_\_\_\_ the aforementioned Ordinance 2021-5 be adopted at final reading.

| <b>Roll Call Vote</b> | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | <b>Absent/Abstain</b> |                           |
|-----------------------|------------|-----------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Bonnie Butler         |            |           |                       |                           |
| Jeff DeAngelis        |            |           | X                     |                           |
| Rich Herzer           |            |           |                       |                           |
| Michael Toretta       |            |           |                       |                           |
| Mike Ferri, Mayor     |            | (0) 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 May 3, 2021. Second reading, public hearing will be held on June 7, 2021 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, RMC/CMR**

**Date of Final reading: June 7, 2021**  
**Published in the Express Times NJ Zone**

**DISCUSSIONS/APPROVALS/EXECUTIONS**

**Montana Road Retaining Wall Repair –**

A preliminary concept design plan and cost estimate were prepared by Engineer Finelli, total estimated cost \$35,495.92.

On motion by Committeeperson Mike Ferri and seconded by Committeeperson Bonnie Butler to authorize the Engineer’s office to prepare advanced detailed plans to go out to solicit quotes.

| <b>Roll Call Vote</b> | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | <b>Absent/Abstain</b> |                           |
|-----------------------|------------|-----------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Bonnie Butler         | X          |           |                       |                           |
| Jeff DeAngelis        |            |           | X                     |                           |
| Rich Herzer           | X          |           |                       |                           |
| Michael Toretta       | X          |           |                       |                           |
| Mike Ferri, Mayor     | X          | (4) Yes   | (0) No                | (1) Absent Motion carried |

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Community Center Improvements –**

Updates and available funds were addressed after meeting with Eddy Patient earlier in the month. An ADA compliant bathroom to be installed in the center and the removal of the antiquated ramp replacing with stairs. The DPW can assist with the removal/building of the ramp and framing of the bathroom, keeping the cost down. A new platform and storage container were not entertained due to available funds. Money for this project will be used from the Open Space and Recreation Trust Fund.

On motion by Committeeperson Rich Herzer and seconded by Committeeperson Mike Toretta not to exceed \$10,000 for these renovations.

| <b>Roll Call Vote</b> | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | <b>Absent/Abstain</b> |                           |
|-----------------------|------------|-----------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Bonnie Butler         | X          |           |                       |                           |
| Jeff DeAngelis        |            |           | X                     |                           |
| Rich Herzer           | X          |           |                       |                           |
| Michael Toretta       | X          |           |                       |                           |
| Mike Ferri, Mayor     | X          | (4) Yes   | (0) No                | (1) Absent Motion carried |

**Mowing Quotes – Open Space Properties –**

Quotes were received from the following companies to mow our Municipal Building, Asbury soccer field and firehouse, New Village field, Broadway fire station and the property/sidewalks across from the Franklin school as follows:

1. Pleasant Valley Property Maintenance
2. ACF Landscape
3. No Worries Lawncare
4. Lebanon Landscaping

On motion by Committeeperson Rich Herzer and seconded by Committeeperson Mike Toretta approving Pleasant Valley Garage quote, as submitted, removing the Shurts Road Fishing Access from the quote.

| <b>Roll Call Vote</b> | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | <b>Absent/Abstain</b> |                           |
|-----------------------|------------|-----------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Bonnie Butler         | X          |           |                       |                           |
| Jeff DeAngelis        |            |           | X                     |                           |
| Rich Herzer           | X          |           |                       |                           |
| Michael Toretta       | X          |           |                       |                           |
| Mike Ferri, Mayor     | X          | (4) Yes   | (0) No                | (1) Absent Motion carried |

**REPORTS/UPDATES:**

**Engineer Report –**

A discussion as to the 2022 DOT Grant Application. Consensus of the committee for Engineer Finelli to apply with Millbrook Road Section II as the primary road and Willow Grove Road, secondary. July 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for application submissions. Old Main Street, discussion last month, as to crosswalks, etc., Mr. Finelli reached out to WC Engineer Bill Gleba and he will converse with his traffic department. Waiting to hear back from Warren County.

**Attorney Report –**

Attorney Benbrook attended two tax appeals with our Assessor, resolved. The court case with the Federal District Court should be dismissed without prejudice. Mr. Benbrook will order Searches for Tax Foreclosures. An average of \$250-\$300 per search. All farming contracts will need to be re-bid for next harvest season.

**Open Space Commission –** Beth Barry informed that the commission would like to start presentations at their meetings with the Land Conservancy.

**Musconetcong River Management Council – MRMC -**Beth Barry represents the township on this counsel and informed that they are pursuing an appeal as to the Tobias property as to flood waters. The EPA is also looking into this live stream.

**Jim Onembo – Code Enforcement/Zoning**

Mr. Onembo advised of standard residential construction this month.

**Recycling –**

Jr. Streaks Wrestling Program is requesting a potential district-wide cleanup event. They would like for us to identify a mile of roadway in need of a cleanup. Joe Biel, Asst. Foreman suggested Good Springs, Willow Grove or Mt. View West. As per regulations in the Clean Communities Grant, a municipality is permitted to reimburse for their work \$500 for every mile of road cleared.

On motion by Mike Ferri and seconded by Mike Toretta, approving Good Springs Road for this cleanup event.

| <b>Roll Call:</b> | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | <b>Absent/Abstained</b> |  |
|-------------------|------------|-----------|-------------------------|--|
| Bonnie Butler     | X          |           |                         |  |
| Jeff DeAngelis    |            |           | X                       |  |
| Rich Herzer       | X          |           |                         |  |
| Michael Toretta   | X          |           |                         |  |
| Mike Ferri, Mayor | X          |           |                         | (4) Yes (0) No (1) Absent Motion carried |

**Office of Emergency Management - Denise Becton, DOEM**

OEM Read is still actively looking into Grants for Emergency Services.

**Fire Department/EMS – Chief Jan Verkade**

This past month the Fire Department responded to 8 calls and EMS 70. Thank you to the township committee for their constant support. Working actively with OEM Read for Grants for fire equipment.

**Franklin Township Community Center – Eddy Patient – not present**

**DPW REPORT – No report submitted**

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

**Township Committee Reports:**

**Bonnie Butler-**

Nothing further to report

**Rich Herzer –**

Nothing further to report

**Mike Toretta –**

Committeeman Toretta inquired if all the solar is up and running on our municipal building roof. Mayor Ferri informed we are waiting on a back ordered switch. After speaking with Ronnie, and with him retiring, he is unhappy about being compensated for only half of his unused sick time. Mr. Toretta is wondering if the mayor and cfo can do anything for him and come up with a solution. The CFO advised she would be uncomfortable going against Civil Service Guidelines. Attorney Benbrook informed that there are hard caps per statute, maybe have Ronnie go out early and use his sick days. Mayor Ferri informed this is not a committee’s decision, we are following our Policy Manual, if we do this for one employee, it will set a precedent for others to follow when they retire.

**Jeff DeAngelis – absent**

**Mike Ferri, Mayor –**

Mayor Ferri spoke to Alex Lazorisak of Warren County as to public meetings. To hold a Hybrid meeting we need the technology. Per Attorney Benbrook with the current Mandates we still have to provide Zoom for those not comfortable attending in person. You must allow some public to attend for in person meetings and giving those that are turned away due to available space, the option via Zoom/cell phone to still attend. A discussion as to the purchase of a “Meeting Owl” will give us the technology required to hold a Hybrid Meeting and provide 360 degrees coverage of the meeting room and those speaking to be heard/seen. Jean Paul Reece of Arae Network Solutions will provide a quote and the clerk will submit it to the committee for review/approval.

**At this time on motion by Mike Toretta and seconded by Rich Herzer to open the floor to Public Session at 9:19 pm.**

**OPEN PUBLIC SESSION**

Karen Chiu – 14 Montana Road – Ms. Chiu thanked the mayor and engineer for coming out to look at the wall failing on her road and knowing it will be fixed.

Basil Imbimbo – 22 Kitchen Road – Mr. Imbimbo was hoping for an update to the crosswalks on Old Main Street. Engineer Finelli said he will continue to keep in contact with the county engineer in hope for some answers, but it will not happen overnight.

**At this time on motion by Mike Toretta and seconded by Rich Herzer to close the floor to Public Session at 9:25 pm.**

**MOTION FOR PAYMENT OF BILL LIST:**

On motion by Mike Toretta and seconded by Mike Ferri, to pay, the Bills List as submitted by the CFO, accordingly.

| <b>Roll Call:</b> | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | <b>Absent/Abstained</b> |                              |
|-------------------|------------|-----------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Bonnie Butler     | X          |           |                         |                              |
| Jeff DeAngelis    |            |           | X                       |                              |
| Rich Herzer       | X          |           |                         |                              |
| Michael Toretta   | X          |           |                         |                              |
| Mike Ferri, Mayor | X          |           |                         |                              |
|                   |            | (4) Yes   | (0) No                  | (1) Absent    Motion carried |

**MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:**

On motion by Mike Toretta and seconded by Bonnie Butler, hearing no objection, meeting stands adjourned at 8:56 pm.

| <b>Roll Call:</b> | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | <b>Absent</b> | <b>Abstained</b> |                |
|-------------------|------------|-----------|---------------|------------------|----------------|
| Bonnie Butler     | X          |           |               |                  |                |
| Jeff DeAngelis    |            |           | X             |                  |                |
| Rich Herzer       | X          |           |               |                  |                |
| Michael Toretta   | X          |           |               |                  |                |
| Mike Ferri, Mayor | X          |           |               |                  |                |
|                   |            | (4) Yes   | (0) No        | (1) Absent       | Motion carried |

Respectfully submitted,

Denise L. Becton  
Municipal Clerk