REGULAR MEETING

The Franklin Township Committee held its regular monthly meeting at approximately 7:02 pm on Monday, August 5, 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: Jeannene Butler, David Guth, Mike Ferri, Mike Toretta, Mayor Jeff DeAngelis, (5) Present.

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

(One Roll Call to approve the following agenda items)

APPROVALS

a. Meeting Minutes RE: July 1, 2019

b. Resolution 2019-57 **RE: Brush, noxious weeds and grass, etc. regulating the**

growth of, multiple properties

On motion by Committeeperson Jeannene Butler and seconded by Committeeperson Mike Ferri all items on the Consent Agenda be adopted/approved as listed. .

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No		Absent/A	Abstain	
Jeannene Butler	X					
Mike Ferri	X					
Michael Toretta	X					
Dave Guth	X					
Mayor Jeff DeAngelis	X	(5)	Yes	(0) No (0)	Absent	Motion Carried

Consent Agenda Resolutions - First Reading/Adoption:

Resolution 2019-57

RESOLUTION 2019-57

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
379 Bloomsbury Rd.	60	1.06	Anthony J. & Marylou Vitale	\$680
(07/03/19 & 07/15/19 & 0	07/30/19)			
6 Montana Rd.	3	1.04	Deutsche Bank	\$740
(07/03/19 & 07/15/19 & 0	07/24/19 & 07/30/19)			
36 Halfway House Rd.	15	15	Richard & Lisa Standish	\$180
(07/03/19 & 07/15/19 & 0	07/30/19)			
8 Millbrook Road	24	4	Quicken Loans, Inc.	\$210
(07/03/19 & 07/15/19 & 0	07/30/19)			
24 Kitchen Road	54	30.04	US Bank Trust NA	\$225
(07/03/19 & 07/15/19 & 0	07/30/19)			
102 Buttermilk Bridge I	Rd. 46	51.04	Robert S. Shields	\$240
(07/03/19 & 07/15/19 & 0	07/30/19)			

On motion by Jeannene Butler and seconded by Mike Ferri the aforenoted **Resolution 2019-57** be adopted as read.

Roll Call Vote	Yes		No A	bsent/Abstained
David Guth	X			
Jeannene Butler	X			
Mike Ferri	X			
Michael Toretta	X			
Mayor Jeff DeAngelis	X	(5) Yes	(0) No (0) Absent	Motion Carried

Dated: August 5, 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 August 5, 2019.

Denise L. Becton, RMC/CMR Municipal Clerk

NEW BUSINESS

Reports/Updates:

New Jersey State Police –No representation this evening

Presentation:

This evening a presentation given by Cela Sinay-Bernie of Citrine Power, LLC. Citrine Power is a Solar Developer, investing in renewable energy in NJ for over 13 years. A project on the Blue Army Shrine, bus parking lot, located in Franklin Township was presented by Ms. Bernie. She invites the committee for their thoughts and input. This project is a Community Solar Project which means that power is virtually sold to anyone in the First Energy/JCP&L in the surrounding areas, Commercial and Residential. David Carollo owner of the Blue Army Shrine, also present this evening, explained that they would like to reach out to low/medium income homes, which will assist in a cost savings per household. The township will assist with a formal introduction with Habitat for Humanity. Application deadline is September 9th. Attorney Benbrook to draft a resolution of support.

On motion by Jeannene Butler and seconded by Mike Ferri to authorize Attorney Benbrook to draft up a resolution of support.

Roll Call Vote	Yes		No A	bsent/Abstained
David Guth	X			
Jeannene Butler	X			
Mike Ferri	X			
Michael Toretta	X			
Mayor Jeff DeAngelis	X	(4) Yes	(0) No (1) Absen	t Motion Carried

Resolutions:

Franklin Township, Warren County RESOLUTION 2019-55

Approval to submit a Grant application and execute a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Montana Road, Section 2 Resurfacing project.

WHEREAS, Franklin Township, Warren County, New Jersey has given Finelli Consulting Engineers the approval to submit this grant on the behalf of the Township of Franklin,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Committee of the Township of Franklin formally approves the grant application for the above stated project,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as **MA-2020-Montana Road Section 2 Resurfacing Project-00281** to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Township of Franklin.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Township of Franklin and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

On motion by Mike Toretta and seconded by David Guth the aforenoted **Resolution 2019-55** be adopted as read.

Roll Call Vote	Yes		No A	Absent/Abstained
David Guth	X			
Jeannene Butler	X			
Mike Ferri	X			
Michael Toretta	X			
Mayor Jeff DeAngelis	X	(5) Yes	(0) No (0) Abser	nt Motion Carried

Dated: August 5, 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 August 5, 2019.

Denise L. Becton, RMC/CMR Municipal Clerk

My signature and the Clerk's seal serve to acknowledge the above resolution and constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approve the execution of the grant agreement as authorized by the resolution above.

ATTEST and AFFIX SEAL _		
	(Municipal Clerk)	(Presiding Officer)

Franklin Township Warren County, State of New Jersey Resolution 2019-56

A Resolution Authorizing Payment In Lieu of Medical Benefits for Year August 1, 2018 – July 31, 2019

WHEREAS, Franklin Township fulltime regular employees received medical and health benefits through the Oxford Health Benefits Plan;

WHEREAS, Franklin Township employees contribute partially towards payment of their benefits and the majority of benefits are paid by Franklin Township;

WHEREAS, Denise L. Becton, has waived the benefit package since August 1, 2014 due to spouse providing same benefits;

WHEREAS, Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk has requested to be compensated for such benefits in the amount of \$2707.14 for August 1, 2018-July 31, 2019 benefit period;

WHEREAS, the Township Committee approves this request and recommends it be paid during the 3rd quarter of 2019 for this benefit period and the request should continue to be made on a yearly basis for consideration if still desired.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Franklin Township Committee grants the **\$2707.14** payment in lieu of health benefits to Denise L. Becton.

On motion by Jeannene Butler and seconded by Mike Ferri the aforenoted **Resolution 2019-56** be adopted as read and the CFO is directed to confirm the formula used verifying the refund amount accordingly.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstained	
David Guth	X			
Jeannene Butler	X			
Mike Ferri	X			
Michael Toretta	X			
Mayor Jeff DeAngelis	X		(5) Yes (0) No (0) Absent Motion Carrie	d

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 August 5, 2019.

Denise L. Becton	
Municipal Clerk	

Ordinances:

Introduction/First Reading

ORDINANCE 2019-8

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$29,275.00
WHICH WILL BE BUDGETED IN THE 2019 CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
FRANKLIN FOR MAINTENANCE AND UPGRADE OF FIRE PROTECTION
BUILDING SERVICES AND LIGHTING INSTALLATION AT TOWNSHIP GARAGE
AND BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE COMMUNITY CENTER

WHEREAS, there will be funding appropriated in the Capital Improvement Fund for the 2019 Budget and will within the Capital Improvement Fund of Franklin Township, and

WHEREAS, it is deemed appropriate to make use of \$29,275.00 of the allowable Capital improvements for the Maintenance and upgrade of Fire Protection at Municipal Building and Lighting at the Township Garage and Building Improvements to the Community Center

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 \$29,275.00 presently located in the Capital Improvement Fund is hereby appropriated for the Maintenance and upgrade of Fire Protection at Municipal Building and Lighting at the Township Garage and Building Improvements to the Community Center.
- Section 2. Project breakdown is as follows:
 - a. Maintenance and upgrade Fire Protection \$5,0000
 - b. Building Improvements to Community Center \$6,900
 - c. Lighting upgrade to DPW Garage \$17,375
- Section 3. 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.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent with Section 4. the terms of this ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed

to the extent of their inconsistency.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect immediately after final passage,

approval

and publication as provided by law.

On motion by Committeeperson David Guth and seconded by Committeeperson Jeannene Butler the aforenoted Ordinance 2019-8 be adopted at first reading. Final reading and adoption to take place on September 3, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstai	in
David Guth	X			
Jeannene Butler	X			
Mike Ferri	X			
Michael Toretta	X			
Jeff DeAngelis, Mayor	X (5	yes ((0) No (0) Absent	Motion carried

On motion by Committeeperson by Committeeperson

and seconded the aforenoted

Ordinance 2019-8 be adopted at final reading.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstain	
David Guth				
Jeff DeAngelis				
Mike Ferri				
Michael Toretta				
Jeannene Butler	() \	Yes () No () A	bsent	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 5, 2019. Second reading, public hearing will be held on September 3, 2019 at or near 7:00 PM in the Franklin Township Municipal Building, 2093 Rt. 57, Broadway, New Jersey.

Denise L. Becton, RMC/CMR

Discussions/Approvals/Executions:

Asbury Willows Pocketed Liquor License -

Attorney Benbrook informed the liquor license for Asbury Willows has been permanently lost effective July 30, 2019. Even after several communications addressed to the owner, conversations with owners' attorney and the ABC, there was nothing the township could have done to keep.

OLD BUSINESS - none

REPORTS/UPDATES:

Engineer Report – Report submitted and on file below:

Engineer Finelli briefed the committee as to a few projects this month. A discussion ensued as to the ongoing Walking Path. At this time we are in a position to go out to Bid.

On motion by Committeeperson Jeannene Butler and seconded by Committeeperson David Guth to authorize Engineer Finelli to go out to Bid. Bids are to be opened on September 25th at 10 am. This Bid will allow for savings with our DPW doing some of the items listed on the Bid with help from neighboring municipalities.

Roll Call Vote	Yes		No	Absent/Abstaiı	1
David Guth	X				
Jeannene Butler	X				
Mike Ferri	X				
Michael Toretta	X				
Jeff DeAngelis, Mayor	X	(5)	Yes	(0) No (0) Absent	Motion carried

- 1. <u>Township Wastewater Management Plan (WMP) (No change since last Report)</u>
- We have been advised in a June 16, 2014 email from NJDEP that there are three (3) options with regard to the most recent grant allotment received for \$19,000 via correspondence from the NJDEP dated, 2/12/14.
 - a. Don't accept the grant and don't do any additional work and see what comes out of the new Waster Management Planning Act regulations.
 - b. Submit a new scope of work which includes a request for funding for septic density zoning.
 - c. Complete septic density zoning without funding from the State.
 - This matter was discussed at the July 7, 2014 TC Meeting, and the Committee decided to choose Option "a" as outlined above. Based upon that decision, our office, via letter dated July 15, 2014 notified the NJDEP of the Township's decision. A copy of this letter was provided to the Township for their information and records.

2. <u>Pohatcong Valley Groundwater Contamination (OU2) Potable Water Main Extension Project</u>

- Please refer to Engineers report dated June 1, 2018 for historical information relative to this project.
- Our office continues to coordinate with Arcadis regarding the project and
 the various issues associated with the pending start of construction in
 Franklin Township. Our office has provided review services associated with
 the Street Opening permit applications. Escrow monies were submitted by
 Rio Tinto to cover the fees generated by our office for our review work. Rio
 Tinto has hired Montana Construction as the General Contractor for the
 project. Montana Construction will be utilizing the American Legion Hall
 (adjacent to the Greenwich Municipal Bldg.) as their construction office.
- The process of issuing individual street opening permits has been completed. Our office had a meeting with Armando Veguez, Project Manager for Montana Construction, to review the various aspects and requirements associated with the issuance of Street Opening Permits. Mr. Veguez will be the primary contact person for Montana Construction for the project. Our office has released approvals to Montana Construction for the Street Opening Permits applications.
- The Township of Franklin has received a check in the amount of \$25,718.00 which represents the Application Fee to the Township associated with the Street opening permit applications. In addition, Rio Tinto has submitted an Escrow check to the Township which will be utilized by the Township for payments to our office in conjunction with our

- inspection work and general administration of the project for the Township of Franklin.
- A Pre-Construction meeting was held on April 5, 2018 at the American Legion building. Both myself and Committeeman Guth were present on behalf of the Township. There were many attendees present, consisting of representatives from Rio Tinto, Arcadis, Montana Construction, NJDOT, EPA, CH2M Hill, Warren County, Transcontinental Gas Pipeline, Franklin Township and Greenwich Township. The meeting was informative and clearly established that the project was getting very close to the start of construction.
- Overall Project Construction commenced the week of May 7th with the initial work being conducted on NJSH Rte. 57. Work in Greenwich Township commenced the week of May 21st. Work on Township Roads has been ongoing for over two months now (approx. since the beginning of Aug.). Water main installation has been completed within the Edison Lakes development and other misc. roadways (Thatcher Ave, Montana Rd, Cole Rd, Second St, etc). Please be advised that the road closure of Stewartsville Rd has been temporarily lifted, but the road will again be closed once work resumes on Stewartsville Rd. All required services (Police, Fire, EMS) and other agencies, including the School District, have been notified and have approved of the closure.
- It should be noted that the connection to the portion of the system (AQUA) in Greenwich Township has been made.
- Warren County still has not issued their permit for the work on Edison Rd (County Route 633) or for the two (2) stream crossings along Stewartsville Rd. I am unaware of when the permit(s) may be issued. This situation with the County not issuing a permit is impacting the project schedule as it has created the inability for the contractor to continue to work on the project. Our office had a recent discussion with the contractor, Montana, who indicated that should construction cease at the project in the near future, the contractor will not be returning until late Winter to early Spring 2019 when they would resume activity.
- Representative of the Township (Mayor DeAngelis, Committeeman Guth, Sonny Read and myself) attended a meeting on October 9, 2018 at the Arcadis field office. Also in attendance were representatives from Rio Tinto, Arcadis, Montana, and NJAWCo. The primary purpose of the meeting was to develop a solution for the air releases which are quite unsightly and clearly in need of modification.
- Our office previously received a revised detail for the air releases which now consists of a 3 in. diameter pipe approximately 2ft high which is covered by a Fiberglass enclosure. The enclosure can either be tan or green in color. This feature seems to be a big improvement over the original design. The contractor is looking for direction from the Township, through our office, on approval of this air release design. We have been told that NJAWCo., will not agree to have these air releases removed in their entirety. We are also in the process of determining the flexibility of a horizontal shift (along the frontage of the impacted properties in question) to the location of the air releases.
- On January 28th I received a phone call from Nica Klaber, EPA, who was
 following up with me about our most recent letter, dated January 25, 2019,
 regarding the air releases and our request for clarification and additional
 information from the design engineer, John Tobia, PE, Jacobs. I believe
 that my phone conversation with Ms. Klaber will prove helpful towards a
 resolution of the air release issue. She seemed genuinely concerned that
 the Township was still objectionable to the latest proposal being offered by
 the OU2 reps.
- Very little work has been performed on the project during the month of January so there is not much to report on relative to the progress of the project on the whole. The majority of work during the months of March and April was conducted in Greenwich Township. Little work has occurred in Franklin Township since the resumption of construction for the project in February. The primary hold up remains the issuance of the road opening permit for Edison Rd (CR 633) along with the two culvert crossings along Stewartsville Rd. Our office has been coordinating with both the contractors

- and the County in an effort to bring this matter to closure by the issuance of the appropriate permits.
- A joint meeting was held at our office on April 16, 2019 between OU2 representatives (Arcadis & Rio Tinto) and Warren County representatives (County Administrator, Freeholder Sarnoski, and County Engineer). A detailed discussion took place regarding the outstanding permits and their respective status. It appears that the County may be issuing the permits for the 2 culvert crossings along Stewartsville Rd in the near future. Unfortunately, there appears to be a "stalemate" between the County and OU2 on the Edison work and associated permit. As of the date of this report, I am unaware of any resolution to this matter.
- I have recently contacted Nica Klaber regarding the need to resolve the long standing Air Release Valve (ARV) locations and final design configuration. A site inspection (walk-thru) is scheduled for June 11, 2019 between our office and the EPA reps. Dave Guth will be attending this meeting as well.
- A joint meeting between Warren County, New Jersey American Water Company and the EPA was held on May 20, 2019. The primary purpose of the meeting was to review all of the outstanding items/issues between the County and the OU2 reps in an effort to bring the various issues to closure and to allow the project to get "back on track". I was not in attendance at the meeting but have spoken with representatives from both the EPA and the County subsequent to their meeting. It appears that all of the previously outstanding issues were resolved to the point where Arcadis will be supplying the County with revised plans with the intent that the County will be in a position to approve same allowing all the necessary permits to be issued. The time frame for construction to resume in Franklin Township was not relayed to me.
- The recent delays impacting work on the project in Franklin Township may soon be ending. It appears that the County and the OU2 project contractors have finally resolved their "differences". There is a meeting scheduled for Wednesday August 7th which may result in permits being issued by the County and the resumption of work in Franklin Township.
- As previously reported, the ARV (Air Release Valve) modifications has been resolved. Upon resumption of work in Franklin Township, the contractors will be installing the new improved and modified ARV's.
- At this juncture and based upon the level of completion of work on the project, the anticipated construction completion date for the project is Spring 2020. This clearly impacts a number of issues within the Township including the resurfacing of Stewartsville Road and our 2018 NJDOT Grant for same (see item #3 below).
- I will continue to keep the Committee apprised as the project moves forward.

3. 2018 NJDOT State Aid Program (No change since last report)

- Our office and the Township recently received a letter, dated July 25, 2017, from the NJDOT announcing the start of the 2018 Program. As we have discussed many times over the past years, the Municipal Aid Program has been very beneficial to Franklin Township with over a million dollars being awarded over the past years. Since we did not receive a grant through the 2017 Program, I am sure that the Township intends to file at least one application through the 2018 Program. As you recall, last year's application was for Stewartsville Road and I will assume that we will resubmit this Road again. We should consider potentially adding a second applicant should a good candidate be selected. The applications are required to be submitted (via SAGE) on or before October 6, 2017. The Committee authorized our office to proceed with the development of an application for Stewartville Road at the August 7th, 2017 Committee Meeting.
- Our office has been developing the application and it is close to being in a
 position for submittal to the NJDOT via SAGE. As previously discussed, the
 Township must adopt a Resolution for the submittal and execution of a Grant
 Agreement with the NJDOT, as part of the application submittal process.
 Resolution # 2017-62 for Stewartsville Road was approved at the September
 11th, 2017, Meeting.

- Our office completed the application and it was submitted to the NJDOT, via SAGE, prior to the October 6th, 2017 deadline.
- I am pleased to report that the Township was awarded a grant through this program for the resurfacing of Stewartsville Road in the amount of \$160,000. Please be advised that there could potentially be a shortfall between the actual costs and the grant amount. Our office estimated a total cost, including inspections and testing, of \$234,285. We requested \$198,000 and received \$160,000.
- This budget shortfall was discussed in detail at the March 5, 2018 Committee meeting. Based upon the fact that the Township will be getting ½ of the road paved through the Water Main Project, we inquired with the NJDOT regarding that fact and its potential impact on the Grant. As reported, our office will need to develop a Scope Modification to confirm the ability to have the DOT participate in only ½ of the roadway. We are presently working on same. We are confident that this will work out in the best interest of the Township. Our latest estimate, considering only paving half of the road, equates to a new estimate of approximately \$152,500.00 (incl. inspection & testing), which would be completely within the Grant allotment from the DOT, with no shortfall.
- Our office has been in contact with Montana Construction (the OU2 water main project contractor) in respect to the necessary coordination with Montana's paving contractor in an effort to complete a full width overlay of the entire length of Stewartsville Road. My discussions have been positive relative to their willingness to work with the Township in a collaborative way to achieve the goal of a full width overlay.
- The Township Committee previously authorized our office to begin the required field survey work and initiate the development of the Construction Plans for the project. Our office has completed the survey work for the project and are presently developing the base maps and continuing our work on the construction drawings. We anticipate completing the construction plans in the near future and then a submission will be made to the NJDOT for their approval.
- At the Aug. 6, 2108 Township Committee meeting, the Committee decided to delay the start and construction phase of the DOT Grant project until the completion of the OU2 Water Main Ext. Project(see report item #2 above) based upon the large amount of truck traffic impacting Stewartsville Rd. Our office will still need to coordinate this project with the paving phase of the OU2 Water Main project so that the entire Road (½ -OU2 and ½-DOT Grant) will be paved at the same time as discussed above. This will require our office to secure the DOT's approval of our Plans and Spec.'s to insure there would be no delay in being able to start the DOT funded portion of this Roadway paving operation.
- We will continue to keep the Committee apprised of the progress of the project.

4. Ordinance Development: Vehicles & Traffic, Chapter 129 (No change since last report)

• As discussed at the February 6, 2017 Committee Meeting, Chapter 129 (Vehicles & Traffic) of our existing ordinance is woefully inadequate and antiquated. Our office did some research of our files and came across a number of previously developed draft ordinances and documents that had apparently been worked on quite a few years ago. Subsequently, a meeting was held at the Municipal Building with representatives of the DPW, our office and Denise B. Since a lot of previously developed information appears to be available, I do not believe that this ordinance development should be any great expense to the Township. The DPW was going to do most of the inventory work which would generate the majority of the time associated with accomplishing this task. Denise B. was also going to contact General Code to determine what information they have and what help they might be able to provide the Township in the development of this Ordinance.

- This matter was discussed at the March 6, 2017 Committee Meeting relative to the status of the DPW and their inventory of the existing signage. The DPW had nearly completed the inventory effort at that time. Denise B. was also in the process of checking with the General Code regarding what they had previously developed and what would constitute an updated Ordinance. To date, I do not believe that General Code has responded. Kevin Benbrook has provided a "sample" ordinance for our use and reference. Once General Code responds to Denise, we should be in a very good position to complete the update to Chapter 129 of our Ordinance. Also, as a reminder to all, this Ordinance will need to be sent to the NJDOT for their approval.
- Our office recently forwarded certain sections of Chapter 129 to Ron Read for his review and/or completion as some of this information was not either supplied or applicable as per the most recent information provided to our office by the DPW. Once this information is received, it will be incorporated into the Ordinance as agreed upon at the 4/3/17 Committee meeting, Kevin Benbrook, Esq. is going to prepare the initial "draft" of the new ordinance for our office to review prior to it being sent to the NJDOT for approval. The Township Committee decided against entering into any contract with General Code for the purposes of the development of this section of the Township Ordinances.
- Trevor Lamperti, of our office, recently met with Ron Read to review the balance of information to complete the outstanding sections of Chapter 129. Our office is in the process of transferring the data, obtained from Ron Read, into the applicable sections within Chapter 129. Once this is complete, we will forward a final draft of the Ordinance to Attorney Benbrook for final review and Ordinance preparation. Prior to the August 7th, 2017 Meeting, our office forwarded a draft version of the proposed Ordinance to both Kevin Benbrook and Denise B. for their information.
- Attorney Benbrook has developed an Ordinance (#2017- 6) which represents the update for Township "Chapter 129: Vehicles and Traffic" Section. This Ordinance was introduced with a first reading at the October 2nd, 2017 Committee Meeting. A Public Hearing and Second Reading of this Ordinance took place at the November 11, 2017, Committee Meeting where the Ordinance was adopted. Based upon the fact that the Ordinance has now been adopted, it should be sent to the NJDOT for their information and approval. At the November 5, 2018 Committee meeting, Kevin Benbrook was to investigate the status of the NJDOT approval of our Ordinance.
- Our office will be coordinating with Attorney Benbrook's office on the status of the NJDOT approval.

5. Township Walking Path / Rec Trail: "Old" Smith Farm Property

- This matter was discussed at the July 10th, 2017 TC meeting. I was asked to forward a number of historical plans which were previously developed by our office for the Township. I sent out an e-mail to everyone on July 24th, 2017 which included three (3) different versions and configurations of a Walking Path within and around the property. As per my cover e-mail, the most current plan which was sent, dates back to April 2015.
- This project was discussed at some length at the August 7th, 2017 Committee Meeting. A number of issues including, but not limited to, County Roadway improvement requirements, the incorporation of an emergency access driveway, the width of the path, the estimated cost and the size and location of the parking lot were all reviewed. The Township Committee was specifically interested in what improvements might be required by the County should a parking lot be constructed with direct access to Road (County Rote 643) across from the Elementary School.
- Based upon the above, I spoke at length with County Engineer, Bill Gleba, regarding the project and the improvements that would be required in order to secure approval from the County Planning and Engineering Departments. As I suspected and as I have indicated to you, the County would look at this "situation" as a mid-block crosswalk which would require flashing warning pedestrian crossing signs, other signage, and numerous administrative requirements and agreements between the Township and the County.

- The Township's alternative to constructing the parking lot directly off of Asbury-Broadway Road would be to construct the parking lot with access being provided from Bryan Road. The exact location of the parking lot would need to be discussed and reviewed as there are a number of different potential locations available along Bryan Road. I discussed this alternative design with Bill Gleba who acknowledged and supported the concept. Based upon the number of unanswered questions at this time, I did not proceed any further. I will be making a recommendation to the Township Committee regarding what I believe to be the best location for a parking lot off of Bryan Road. Should it be approved, we would be in a position to move forward with the design.
- This project was discussed at length at the October 2, 2017 Committee meeting. The issue of the rights to access the Rocky Brook development have been since confirmed VIA a subsequent e-mail from my office. The location of the parking lot was also confirmed in that it would not be located off of Bryan Road and would be across from the elementary school with access from Asbury Broadway Road. Other miscellaneous issues and design features were also discussed. The Township then authorized our office to proceed in developing the plans for the Walking Path and Parking Lot in an effort to get them out "to Bid".
- Our office has completed the majority of the field survey work. This information
 was then utilized in moving forward with the design process and the development
 of construction plans for the project. We are currently moving forward towards
 the completion of the design and construction drawings. Subsequent to that, I will
 forward same to the Township Committee for their approval. After approval by
 the Township Committee, our office will provide the two (2) primary 3rd party
 review agencies, the Warren County Planning (Engineering) Department and the
 Warren County Soil Conservation District with formal applications for their review
 and approval.
- Our office attended a meeting with the County Engineers office to review and discuss the improvements they will be requiring along Asbury-Broadway Road. We have been incorporating those improvements into the project design and construction plans. We continue to make good progress and will hopefully be submitting the plans to the required review agencies (Warren County Planning Department & the WCSCD) in the near future.
- Based upon the SWM requirements that are required per the increase in impervious cover and overall area of disturbance, our office needed to generate additional and sight specific topography in order to better define the various drainage areas for this project. The field work was completed and the data has been transferred to our office. We have completed the SWM analysis and the design and have developed the required SWM report for purposes of our submissions to both the WCPD & WCSCD.
- Our office recently completed the development of all of the required submission information for the 2 primary reviewing agencies, the WCPD & WCSCD. We have assembled all the required documents and have submitted formal application to both agencies. The applications were submitted during the week of April 30, 2018. Our office will be providing hard copies of all information developed and submitted to Denise B. for the Township's information and records.
- The submission to the Warren County Planning Department (WCPD) did not require any type of application or review fee as the Township is exempt, but the submission to the Soil Conservation District did require a fee of \$2,525.00 (check provided to me by Dawn Stanchina, CFO). At this juncture we need to secure both of these approvals prior to going "out to bid".
- Submissions to both the WCPD and WCSCD were made on May 4, 2018. We
 have received initial review letters from both agencies. Our office has revised the
 plans as necessary to address the comments in each review letter.
 Resubmissions to both agencies were made on June 4, 2018.
- I am pleased to report that we have secured Plan Approval from WCSCD, via letter dated June 13, 2018. We have also received conditional approval from the WCPD, via letter dated June 26, 2018. There still remains a number of comments from the WCPD letter that we need to address and some

- administrative matters with the Township. As per their request we have scheduled a meeting with the County Engineer's office for July 6, 2018.
- We attended a meeting with reps from the County Engr. Dept. on July 6. A detailed review of their June 26, 2018 letter was conducted. We have recently completed the necessary plan revisions per their last review letter and our meeting. A resubmission to the County was recently made. I am confident that we will be able to satisfy the final comments from the County and the project will then be in a position to go "out to bid".
- Our office has recently been in discussions with the Warren County Engineers
 office regarding this project and the status of their review of same. There are
 some additional comments that the County Engineer's office would like us to
 incorporate into a revised plan set. We are looking to set up a meeting with the
 County in the near future to address their final comments.
- In addition to securing approvals from the WCPD & WCSCD, the project was
 presented to the Township LUB by myself at their November 7, 2018 meeting. It
 was presented to the Township Land Use Board as a Capital Improvement
 Project governed by NJSA 40:55D-31. Generally speaking, the Land Use Board
 seemed to support the project and did offer a number of recommendations to the
 Township relative to a few design issues for the project. Those recommendations
 were contained in a letter from Rich Schneider, Esq, LUB Attorney, dated
 November 12, 2018.
- Our office received a "Conditional Approval" letter, dated May 6, 2019 from, the Warren County Planning Department. Our office has addressed the vast majority of the comments contained within their letter. We have spoken with County Engineer Bill Gleba, P.E, regarding their letter and have scheduled a meeting with Bill and the Planning Department for Wednesday June 5, 2019 where we will review the revised plans versus their review letter. We anticipate that all of their final comments will be addressed and that the project will very soon be Unconditionally Approved. Please be advised that a few administrative items (SWM Maintenance Responsibility and entering into an agreement with the County on Ownership and Maintenance for the Flashing Pedestrian Crossing Signs) remain outstanding.
- As stated at the July 1, 2019 Committee meeting, our office had resubmitted revised plans to the County in June. Our office received a review letter, dated July 22, 2019 containing a few final comments and a number of administrative compliance items. We remain very confident that final compliance with the County's latest review will be in the very near future. The Township may wish to consider going "out to bid" very soon as full unconditional approval is forthcoming. I am sure this matter will be discussed in more detail at the August 6th meeting.
- I will continue to keep the Committee apprised as the project moves forward.

6. 2019 NJDOT Municipal Aid Program (No change since last report)

- Our office and the Township recently received a letter, dated July 24, 2018, from the NJDOT announcing the start of the 2019 Program. As we have discussed many times over the past years, the Municipal Aid Program has been very beneficial to Franklin Township with well over a million dollars being awarded over the past years. I am sure that the Township intends to file at least one application (we have submitted 2 in the past) through the 2019 Program. As you recall, last year's application was for Stewartsville Road where we were awarded a grant in the amount of \$160,000. We should consider developing an application for submittal. We can work with the DPW in determining the best applicant(s) to be submitted through the 2019 Program. The applications are required to be submitted (via SAGE) on or before October 8, 2018. The Committee authorized our office to proceed with the development of a 2019 application at the Sept. 4, 2018 Committee Meeting.
- We have discussed numerous candidates with the DPW for the 2019 application. In summary and conclusion, we all agreed that Montana Rd would be the best application for submission to the DOT through this program. Due to the amount of guiderail that would potentially be required, we will not be able to make

application for the entire length of Montana Rd within Franklin Township as it would be cost prohibitive. We will be making an application for the "bottom" section of the roadway from Route 57 North to a point that is still being determined.

- Although there was an extension given by the NJDOT for the submittal of the 2019 application to October 18, 2018, our office made the submission via SAGE on October 5, 2018.
- We were recently notified via NJDOT letter, received April 1, 2019, that the Township was awarded a Grant in the amount of \$122,000 for Montana Rd, Section 1.
- At the May 6, 2019 Committee meeting, our office was authorized to begin the
 work associated with the development of construction plans for this project. We
 will keep the Committee apprised of the status of our work moving forward.

7. <u>Beidelman Road (Block 16, Lot 9) Major Subdivision: Mt. Laurel Settlement (No change since last report):</u>

- This project is a primary component of the Township's Mt. Laurel Settlement Agreement with FSHC. It consists of an 8 lot Major Subdivision with each lot being approximately 0.5 Ac. with direct road frontage along Beidelman Road. Each lot will contain a Single Family Dwelling with a driveway and a Septic System. Habitat for Humanity has previously expressed their interest in purchasing these lots from the Township to facilitate the construction of the homes. In order for the Township to be able to transfer/convey these lots to "Habitat" (or another entity), the lots need to be created as they currently are part of the mother parcel (B-16,L-9). The creation of these 8 new lots plus the large "remaining lands" lot will be developed via a Preliminary & Final Major Subdivision Application that will be submitted by the Township to the Township LUB. We will continue to move forward with this project as it is my understanding that timing is somewhat critical based upon the terms of the Settlement Agreement with FSHC. I will be providing the Committee members with a sketch of the proposed lot layout for their information.
- I distributed a plan to the Committee at the April 2, 2018 meeting. A number of Beidelman Road residents were in attendance at the meeting. At the May 2, 2018 LUB meeting, many residents were in attendance regarding this matter. There has been communication between township professionals regarding the manner in which to "perfect" the subdivision and create the new lots. This procedure will be finalized soon and a courtesy presentation of the Plan may occur at the June 6, 2018 LUB meeting. There is an additional question which will also needs to be resolved very soon and that is the total number of lots to be created by the Township in conjunction with this subdivision. 8 new lots are currently shown on the Plan. Our Mt. Laurel Settlement agreement only requires 6 lots on this property and therefore, there may be a reduction in the Plan to only create 6 new lots and a remainder versus 8 new lots and a remainder.
- At the May 7, 2018 Committee Meeting, a number of interested residents were in attendance to discuss this project. It was explained about the need to create these lots for future low and moderate income dwelling units. It was also determined that the Township would only proceed with the creation of 6 new building lots. Discussion ensued regarding the need to perform preliminary soils testing in an effort to confirm the viability of each of the proposed lots for the design and future construction of a septic system. Our office has been moving forward with this investigation and is coordinating with the Township DPW regarding excavation for the soil logs. The logs were originally scheduled to be dug on Friday May 25, 2018. Soils testing did proceed at the site on June 7, 2018. I am pleased to report that satisfactory results were obtained for each of the proposed 6 building lots.
- Our office completed the development of the Final Subdivision Plan which was sent to the Twp. the week of July 24, 2018. The Plan was presented to the Land Use Board as a "courtesy"/Informal presentation at the Aug. 8, 2018 LUB meeting. The application received a "positive" review from the Board. Some minor improvement comments were made by various Board members which will be incorporated into the "Final" Subdivision Plan prior to its recordation.

- This matter was discussed at the November 5, 2018 Committee meeting where
 Attorney Benbrook advised the Committee that the MOU has been signed and
 executed. At this point, our office will proceed to make the few minor plan
 changes that were agreed upon in an effort to have the lots in a position to be
 recorded so that they can be conveyed to Habitat.
- Our office recently revised the Subdivision Plan to incorporate various comments and recommendations made by both Habitat and the Land Use Board (as referenced above). The revised plan was recently circulated within the Township for final review and comment. No further changes were provided. Additionally, I believe that Attorney Benbrook has forward the revised plan to Habitat and it was also found acceptable. The Township is now in a position to record same and look to convey the first lot to Habitat. Our office provided the Township with final prints at the April 1, 2019 Committee meeting.
- Our office will continue to work with Attorney Benbrook regarding the method for filing of this subdivision plan with the County in an effort to create the 6 new building lots.

8. Montana Road- Partial Roadway Failure (No change since last report)

- As recently discussed at the February and March, 2019 Committee meetings, there has been a failure (undermining) of a relatively small and isolated section (approximately 12 feet long by 2 feet wide) of the edge of Montana Rd. The area in question is presently protected by cones and orange construction fencing. We have reviewed the matter and have been coordinating the repair with the DPW. As presently "designed", we believe that the DPW will be able to complete the work in question which would include a sleeved replacement pipe (new 18" HDPE inside an existing 24" CMP), a new storm sewer crossing (above the area of the roadway which has failed), and roadway reinforcement (potentially using Gabion baskets) of the roadway which would accommodate backfill and new paving along the edge of the road.
- This project was discussed at the April 1, 2019 TC meeting. The Committee authorized the DPW to proceed with the work in question It is my understanding that the DPW is acquiring all the necessary materials, including the Gabion Baskets, for this project. Our office is continuing to work with the DPW on this project and the potential coordination with the 2019 NJDOT Grant project for Montana Rd. I would look to Ron Read for an update on the DPW's schedule for this work.

2020 NJDOT LOCAL AID APPLICATIONS

- Our office and the Township received a letter, dated May 13, 2019, from the NJDOT announcing the start of the 2020 Program. As we have discussed many times over the past years, the Municipal Aid Program has been very beneficial to Franklin Township with hundreds of thousands of dollars being awarded over the past years.
- Applications were due to be submitted by July 19, 2019. We received your authorization to proceed and we have collectively decided that we feel the best application for submittal through the 2020 program would be Montana Road, Section 2.
- Our office has electronically filed grant application Montana Road, Section 2 prior to the July 19, 2019 deadline. The amount requested was \$175,000 which covers construction costs, construction inspection and pavement coring.
- Authorizing Resolutions for each application were previously forwarded to Denise. The Township Committee needs to adopt the Resolution at the August 5, 2019 Committee meeting, enabling our office to submit same to the NJDOT in conjunction with our grant application.

Attorney Report - Report on file

Attorney Benbrook briefed the committee as to items addressed this past month. A letter was mailed out in reference to the township's Tractor Supply account, appears to be a mix-up with another municipality. The township is being sued in respect to Block 58 Lot 1, an answer has been filed on behalf of the

township. Richard Schneider, Land Use Board Attorney will answer on their behalf. A resolution for consideration as to the public sale of donated property Block 37 Lot 20. Township Committee consensus to have a public auction with no minimum.

RESOLUTION 2019-58

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A PUBLIC SALE BY AUCTION OF BLOCK 37, LOT 20

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Committee have determined that real property owned by the Township identified as Block 37, Lot 20, consisting of 1.895 acres, is not needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the residents to sell this property and return the same to private ownership.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, that, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13, Block 37, Lot 20 shall be sold at open public auction to the highest bidder in accordance with the Notice to Bidders attached hereto as **Exhibit A** following its advertisement in accordance with said statute; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a minimum price of \$_____ is hereby established; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the use of the property shall be limited to those permitted in the C-1 Zone and the property shall not be merged with and become part of any adjacent property in the absence of subdivision/site plan/variance approval from the Franklin Township Land Use Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township shall reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

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 August 5, 2019.

Denise L. Becton RMC/CMR

Dated: August 5, 2019

On motion by David Guth and seconded by Jeannene Butler the aforenoted **Resolution 2019-58** be adopted as read.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	N	lo A	bsent/Abstained
David Guth	X			
Jeannene Butler	X			
Mike Ferri	X			
Michael Toretta	X			
Mayor Jeff DeAngelis	X	(5) Yes	(0) No (0) Ab	sent Motion Carried

Dated: August 5, 2019

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE is hereby given that bids will be received by the Franklin Township Clerk for the real property owned by the Township of Franklin and identified on the tax map of the Township as Block 37, Lot 20, consisting of 1.895 acres at the Township Clerk's office by way of public auction at the commencement of the regularly scheduled public meeting at the Franklin Township Municipal Building located at 2093 Route 57, Broadway, New Jersey 08808 on October 7, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.

The property is being sold in an AS IS, WHERE IS condition subject to easements and restrictions of record, applicable zoning, and such facts as may be demonstrated by accurate survey. The property is located in New Village with direct frontage on State Route 57 and is an unimproved, conforming lot that is immediately to the West of the former Rossini's grocery store property. A copy of the latest Deed can be provided by the Township Clerk, upon request. If any Bidder has a question or clarification concerning the premises to be sold, the Bidder may contact the Township Attorney, Kevin P. Benbrook, Esq. at 908-735-8100 and/or the Township Engineer, Michael Finelli, at 908-835-9500. Arrangements to inspect the premises can be made through the Township Clerk.

The minimum bid shall be \$	The Township shall reserve the right to reject all
bids.	

A successful bidder shall be required to close within thirty (30) days, and a certified check in the amount of 10% of the bid must be submitted at the close of the public auction. The sale shall be subject only to good and marketable title, such as to be insurable by a title insurance company licensed in the State of New Jersey, and subject to easements and restrictions of record, applicable zoning, and such facts as may be demonstrated by accurate survey. The Deed from the Township shall include a restriction limiting the use of the property to those permitted in the C-1 Zone and shall further prohibit the merger of the property with adjacent property in the absence of an application for a lot line adjustment/site plan approval to the Township's Land Use Board that may be granted or denied in the sole discretion of the Board.

By Order of the Franklin Township	Committee	
_		DENISE L. BECTON, RMC/CMR
		DENISE E. DECTON, NIVIC/CIVIN

EXHIBIT A

Township Committee Reports:

David Guth- numerous issues with the new mower have been resolved, after 4 breakdowns/parts. Accolades to our DPW with the Montana Road, partial road failure project. Addressing to Engineer Finelli, work being done at Victaulic, could this disturb neighboring wells. Attorney Benbrook will set up a meeting to get some answers.

Jeannene Butler – A meeting with Eddie Patient will be scheduled as to the Community Center

Mike Ferri – Addressed Engineer Finelli as to Night time permits for Stewartsville Road. Mr. Finelli will look into this at the next meeting scheduled for Wednesday.

Mike Toretta – Nothing to report

Jeff DeAngelis, Mayor – How to access funds when there is a safety issue needs to be implemented. This past month we had fraying cables wires on the community center curtain. We have fees coming in

for vacated property registration fees and just received \$35,000 from Pohatcong Creek Solar. Attorney informed a line item for Capital Improvements can be established in our budget next year.

Mike Toretta - Nothing further to report

Open Space Commission – No one present. Richard Herzer informed the Open Space meeting was canceled last month.

Jim Onembo - Code Enforcement/Zoning

Mr. Onembo informed, standard construction this past month. Court postponed today for 26 VanSyckle Road.

Recycling - no report

Fire Department/OEM - Raymond Read

Chief Read informed the repaired engine is back in service

DPW REPORT - Ron Read - Report Submitted and on file

Foreman Read advised that catch basins need to be done. Repairs/updates at the DPW garage will soon need to be addressed. Liaison Guth will address with Mr. Read. The Diamond Mower repairs completed and all have been under warranty. The brush pile needs to be addressed before it gets out of control. Liaison Guth will discuss this with Mr. Read as well. Thank you to Sam Santini for the hay bales used on Montana Road. Liaison Guth was out to review water run off on Thatcher Avenue. Engineer Finelli gave a brief history of the Drainage Grant Project, years ago. This matter will have to be revisited.

Franklin Township Youth Association - No representation present this evening

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION – Opened at 8:23 pm. On motion by Mike Ferri seconded by David Guth. Unanimous Vote.

Rich Herzer – addressed the committee as to rateables.

CLOSE PUBLIC SESSION - At this time public session was closed at approximately 8:28 pm. Unanimous Vote.

MOTION FOR PAYMENT OF BILL LIST:

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

Yes		No	Absent/Abstained
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MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:

On motion by Mike Toretta and seconded by Mike Ferri, hearing no objection, meeting stands adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Roll Call:	Yes	No Absent	Abstained
Michael Toretta	X		
Jeannene Butler	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