

REORGANIZATION MEETING

The Franklin Township Committee held their annual reorganization meeting on Monday, January 6, 2020 at the hour of 7:00 p.m. Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk, 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.

Flag Ceremony performed by Franklin Township School Student Council.

Freeholder Rick Gardner swore in Committeeperson-elect Mike Ferri, for a (3) three year, full term, on the Franklin Township Committee, Term of office January 1, 2020 - December 31, 2022. Committeeperson-elect Richard Herzer was absent this evening and will be sworn in at a later time.

Nominations for Mayor for the year 2020 were opened, Mike Toretta nominated Jeff DeAngelis and David Guth seconded the motion. Mike Toretta made motion to close nominations for Mayor and seconded by Mike Ferri. All in favor to close nomination for Mayor.

Roll Call Vote for Mayor: Richard Herzer (absent), Mike Ferri, David Guth, Michael Toretta, Jeff DeAngelis, (4) Yes, (0) No (1) Absent, Motion carried.

Chair declares Jeff DeAngelis is Mayor for 2020.

Nominations for Deputy Mayor for the year 2020 were opened, Jeff DeAngelis nominated David Guth and Mike Toretta seconded the nomination. Mike Ferri made motion to close nominations for Deputy Mayor and seconded by Mike Toretta. All in favor to close nomination for Deputy Mayor.

Roll Call Vote for Deputy Mayor: Richard Herzer (absent), Mike Ferri, David Guth, Michael Toretta, Jeff DeAngelis. (4)Yes, (0) No, (1) Absent. Motion carried

Chair declares David Guth is Deputy Mayor for 2020.

Freeholder, Rick Gardner, swore in Jeff DeAngelis as Mayor for a one (1) year term, and David Guth as Deputy Mayor, for a one (1) year term for the year 2020.

At this time, the remainder of the meeting was turned over to Mayor Jeff DeAngelis.

Freeholder, Rick Gardner, swore in the line officers of the Franklin Township Fire Department for a (1) year term, for the year 2020.

ROLL CALL OF COMMITTEE PRESENT: Richard Herzer (absent), Jeff DeAngelis, Mike Ferri, Dave Guth, Michael Toretta. (4) Yes, (0) No, (1) Absent

APPROVALS

On motion by David Guth and seconded by Mike Ferri the following Regular Meeting Minutes of December 2, 2019 were accepted as posted, Richard Herzer-Absent, Jeff DeAngelis-Yes, Mike Ferri-Yes, David Guth-Yes, Mike Toretta-Yes. (4) Yes, (0) No (1) Absent.

REPORT/UPDATES

NJSP – no representation present this evening

INTRODUCTION/ADOPTION

Continuing, Mayor DeAngelis, presented various **Resolutions 1-22** by number and briefing as to what each one represented as follows:

RESOLUTION 2020-1

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren and State of New Jersey that the regular meetings of the Township Committee for the year 2020 shall be held the first Monday of each month, unless otherwise indicated, at the Franklin Township Municipal Building, Broadway, N.J. at the hour of 7:00 p.m.

The Franklin Township Committee chose the following meeting dates for the year 2020. **TAKE NOTICE** that pursuant to provisions of Section 231 of the "Open Public Meetings Act" Chapter 231, PL 1975 the following is a schedule of the Regular Meetings of the Franklin Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren to be held for the year 2020. All meetings unless otherwise indicated shall be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Franklin Township Municipal Building, 2093 Rt. #57, Broadway, N.J. 08808.

January	6 Re-Org	July	6
February	** 3	August	3
March	2	September(Tuesday) *	8
April	6	October	5
May	4	November	2
June	1	December	7
		January 4, 2021 (2021	
		Re-Organization Meeting)	

The Budget Workshop Meeting will be held on *(Wednesday) January 22, 2020 at 5:00 pm

****The February 3rd, 2020 Meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. to meet with the Auditors and the regular township meeting session will begin at approximately 7:00 p.m.**

***Workshop Meetings listed below will be held, IF there are Agenda Items to discuss, on the second Monday of the following months at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building, 2093 Rt. 57, Broadway, NJ, official action MAY be taken at all workshop meetings: March 9, April 13, May 11, June 8 at 7:00 pm**

Dated: January 6, 2020

Disposition

- 1. Star-Gazette
- 2. Express-Times
- 3. Clerks Office

Municipal Building Broadway, N.J.
08808

RESOLUTION 2020-2

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren and State of New Jersey that the regular meetings of the Franklin Township Historical Commission for the year 2020 shall be held the third Monday of each month at the Franklin Township Municipal Building, 2093 Rt. 57, Broadway, N.J. at the hour of 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

The Franklin Township Historical Commission chose the following meeting dates for the year 2020.

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to provisions of Section 231 of the "Open Public Meetings Act" Chapter 231, PL 1975 the following is a schedule of the Regular Meetings of the Franklin Township Historical Commission, of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren to be held for the year 2020. All meetings unless otherwise indicated shall be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Franklin Township Municipal Building, 2093 Rt. #57, Broadway, N.J. 08808.

January No Meeting	July No Meeting
February No Meeting	August No Meeting
March 16	September 21
April 20	October 19
May 18	November 16
June 15	December 21

Dated: January 6, 2020

Disposition
1. Star-Gazette
2. Clerks Office
Municipal Building Broadway, N.J.
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RESOLUTION 2020-3

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of. Warren, State of New Jersey deems it necessary to incorporate a purchase order system so that the State Directive requiring an encumbrance system be enacted, and

WHEREAS, by Order of the Mayor and Committee that system be initiated, utilizing pre-numbered purchase orders, and encumbering any purchase of \$1,000.00 or over

WHEREAS, P.L. 1983, chapter 8, Local Fiscal Affairs Law, N.J.S.A. 40A 59-2 has been amended to require that each municipality designate a Cash Management Plan for the deposit of local units monies.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following Cash Management Plan be adopted by the Township of Franklin.

A. Designation of Official Depositories:

1. The following institutions are designated Official Depositories.

PNC Bank	Unity Bank	Valley Bank
Chase Manhattan Bank	Fulton Bank	

2. Designated Official Depositories are required to submit to the Financial Officer of the Township of Franklin a copy of the State of New Jersey, Department of Banking, Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act notification of eligibility which must be filed semi-annually in the Department of Banking, as of June 30th, and December 31st, of each year.

3. Designated Official Depositories are required to submit to the Financial Officer a copy of the Institutions' Annual Report on an annual basis.

B. Deposit of Funds

All funds shall be deposited within forty-eight hours (48) of receipt in accordance with State Statutes.

1. Operating funds shall be deposited into interest bearing accounts to

maximize earnings.

2. Trust funds may be deposited into interest bearing accounts, Non interest bearing accounts should be regularly monitored for availability of funds for investment except where either State, Federal laws or Local Ordinances prohibit the earnings of interest on such funds. .

C. Designation of Allowable Investment Instruments

The Township may permit deposits and investments in such depositories as permitted in section 4 of P.L. 1970 Chapter 23666 (c. 17:9-44)

D. Definitions of Acceptable Collateral and Protection of Township Assets.

1. All designated depositories must conform to all applicable state statutes.
2. All depositories shall obtain the highest amount possible F.D.I.C., and or F.S.L.I.C. coverage of all Township Assets. (Demand and Certification of Deposits.).
3. Collateral will be required for all deposits and investment of the Township except for those in the State Cash management fund, collateral must have a market value of not less than 100% of all deposits and investments

E. Reporting Procedures:

The Financial Officer shall prepare for the Township Committee for the following investment reports.

1. Monthly reporting: A listing of all investments as part of the Financial Officer's monthly report.
2. The Financial Officer shall prepare a schedule of outstanding investments for the independent auditors as of December 31st, of each year and at other such times as required by the auditors.

F. Maximum Maturity Policy:

Investments shall be limited to a maturity not to exceed one year on all operating funds unless a longer maturity is permitted within the provisions of regulation promulgated by either the Federal or State Government.

G. Bonding:

The following Official shall be covered by surety bonds, said surety bonds to be examined by the Independent Auditor to insure their proper execution:

- Financial Officer
- Tax Collector

Staff members of the Department of Finance not covered by separate surety bonds shall be covered by a Public Employees Faithful Performance Bond in the minimum amount of \$5,000.00.

H. Compliance:

The Cash Management Plan of the Township of Franklin shall be subject to the annual audit conducted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4.

RESOLUTION 2020-4

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, and State of New Jersey that the Clerk's fees for permanent registration and election fees and services for the year 2020 shall be and the same set at \$300.00 per each election.

RESOLUTION 2020-5

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, and State of New Jersey, that all merchants of Franklin Township, County of Warren, doing retail business within the Township be obligated to obtain a mercantile license in the amount of \$50.00 during the month of January. Penalty after February 28, 2020 to be an additional \$10.00.

RESOLUTION 2020-6

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren and State of New Jersey that the following job titles for the year 2020 be made

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|-----------------------------------|--|
| DPW Foreman | Ronald Read |
| DPW Asst. Foreman | Joe Biel, Sr. |
| DPW Road Repairer I | Jonathan Nelson |
| Municipal Clerk | Denise L. Becton |
| Office Assistant | Margaret Housman |
| Chief Financial Officer | Share w/White Township |
| Tax Collector | Karin Kneafsey |
| Tax Assessor | Craig Brotons |
| Asst. Treasurer | Denise L. Becton |
| Construction Official | NJ Dept. of Comm. Affairs |
| Dog Licensing Officials | Denise L. Becton/Margaret Housman |
| Animal Control Officer | Share w/Washington Borough |
| Health Officer | (5) Twsp. Comm. Members & Zoning Officer |
| Emergency Management Coordinator | Raymond Read |
| Deputy Emergency Mgt. Coordinator | Denise L. Becton |
| 9-1-1 Coordinator | Raymond Read |

Zoning Officer	James Onembo
Land Use Board Secretary	Margaret Housman
Open Space Clerk	Margaret Housman
Tax Search Officer	Karin Kneafsey
Assessment Search Officer	Denise L. Becton
Registrar Vital Statistics	Denise L. Becton
Deputy Registrar Vital Statistics	Kelley D. Smith, Harmony Twp.
Alternate Deputy Registrar	Margaret Housman
Municipal Judge	Share w/Knowlton Twsp.
Municipal Prosecutor	Share w/Knowlton Twsp.
Public Defender	Share w/Knowlton Twsp.
Sgt. At Arms	Share w/Knowlton Twsp.
Recycling Coordinator	Margaret Housman
Site Manager	
Maintenance/Event Supervisor	

**Resolution 2020-7
TEMPORARY BUDGET**

WHEREAS, Title 40A:4-19 known as the Local Budget Law, provides that where any contracts, commitments or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2020 budget, temporary appropriations be made for the purposes and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided, and;

WHEREAS, the total appropriations in the 2019 budget, less appropriations made for the Capital Improvement Fund, Debt Service, Relief for the Poor (Public Assistance) and Deferred Charges are as follows:

General Fund: \$1,871,366.00

AND;

WHEREAS, 26.25% of the total appropriations in the 2019 budget, less the appropriations made for Capital Improvement Fund, Debt Service, Relief for the Poor (Public Assistance), and Deferred Charges are as follows,

General Fund: \$491,233.58

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren that the temporary appropriations be made in the amount of \$491,233.58 for the General Fund and that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for recordkeeping.

On motion by Mike Ferri and seconded by David Guth the aforementioned **Resolution 2020-7** be adopted as read.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstained	
Jeff DeAngelis	X			
Mike Ferri	X			
Dave Guth	X			
Michael Toretta	X			
Rich Herzer			X	(4) Yes (0) No (1) Absent Motion Carried

CERTIFICATION

I, Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Franklin, Warren County, New Jersey is a true and correct copy of a resolution approved by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin at a regular meeting held on January 6, 2020.

Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk
Franklin Township

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION 2020-8**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Franklin Township Committee has a need to acquire professional services as non-fair and open contracts pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and,

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is 1 year; and

WHEREAS, the following professionals have submitted contracts for services as indicated:

- Municipal Attorney; Kevin Benbrook of the firm Benbrook & Benbrook, LLC
- Municipal Engineer; Mike Finelli of the firm Finelli Consulting Engineers
- Municipal Planner; Jim Kyle of the firm Kyle Planning and Design
- Municipal Bond Counsel; John Draikiwicz of the firm Gibbons P.C.
- Municipal Auditor; Anthony Ardito, Ardito & Co., LLP
- Special Tax Counsel; Richard M. Conley, LLC
- Open Space/Farmland Preservation Advisor; The Land Conservancy of NJ

WHEREAS, each professional, has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certified that they, have not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit them from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and

WHEREAS, the required certificate for the availability of funds has been filed by the chief financial officer providing that legally appropriated balances are available to cover the amount of the contract as required by N.J.A.C. 5:30-14.5 and that fees for the aforementioned bond counsel services shall be made available by appropriate inclusion in either an annual municipal budget which includes current, revenue sharing and utility provisions, by budget amendments for Federal program spending or by inclusion in an appropriate bond ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin authorizes the Mayor and Clerk of the Township of Franklin to enter into a contract with the professionals as described herein on and in behalf of the Township of Franklin for 1 year; for the calendar year 2020 and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in a legally designated publication.

CERTIFICATION

I, Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Franklin, Warren County, New Jersey is a true and correct copy of a Resolution approved by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin at a regular meeting held on January 6, 2020.

Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk

RESOLUTION 2020-9

WHEREAS, It is resolved that the Mayor and Township Committee of each municipality in the County of Warren, in order to file Municipal Tax Appeals, pass a Resolution allowing the Attorney for the Municipality, to file and prosecute said appeals.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by a majority of the members of the Governing Body of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that the Municipal Attorney and/or Special Counsel are hereby authorized to file, prosecute, stipulate, modify, agree upon and otherwise perform the duties which are required of said Attorney, in the process of prosecution and/or filing of Municipal Tax Appeals.

IT IS THEREFORE, on this 6th day of January 2020, Resolved as aforesaid by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, in the County of Warren and State of New Jersey.

CERTIFICATION

I, Denise L. Becton, Clerk of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, and State of New Jersey, hereby certify the foregoing Resolution is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Committee. Of the Township of Franklin at a regular meeting held on Monday, January 6th, 2020.

Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk

RESOLUTION 2020-10

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, desires not to refund tax overpayments under the amount of \$10.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Township Committee of said Township of Franklin that all tax over-payments under the amount of \$10.00 shall not be refunded, but shall be applied to the subsequent quarter's tax receivable.

RESOLUTION 2020-11

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN,
COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
FIXING THE RATE OF INTEREST TO BE CHARGED
ON DELINQUENT TAXES OR ASSESSMENTS**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:4-67 permits the governing body of each municipality to fix the rate of interest to be charged for non-payment of taxes or assessments subject to any abatement or discount for the late payment of taxes as provided by law; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54-4-67 has been amended to permit the fixing of said rates of 8% per annum on the first, \$1,500.00 and allows an additional penalty of 6% be collected against a delinquency in excess of \$10,000.00 on properties that fail to pay the delinquency prior to the end of the calendar year.

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

1. The Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to charge 8%.per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of taxes becoming delinquent after due date and 18%.per annum on any amount of taxes in excess of \$1,500.00 becoming delinquent after due date and if a delinquency is in excess of \$10,000.00 and remains in arrears beyond December 31st an additional penalty of 6% shall be charged against the delinquency.
2. Effective January 1, 2020, there will be a ten (10) day grace period of quarterly tax payments made by cash, check or money order.
3. Any payments not made in accordance with paragraph two (2) of this resolution shall be charged interest from due date as

set forth in paragraph one (1) of this resolution.

4. This Resolution shall be published in its entirety in the Star-Gazette, the official newspaper of the Township of Franklin.

5. A certified copy of this Resolution be provided by the Township Clerk to the Tax Collector, Township Attorney and Township Auditor for the Township of Franklin.

Dated: January 6, 2020

CERTIFICATION

I, Denise L. Becton, Clerk of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, and State of New Jersey hereby certify the foregoing Resolution is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin at a regular meeting held on Monday, January 6, 2020.

Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk

RESOLUTION 2020-12

WHEREAS, Ordinance 2002-14 provides for the establishment of a "Land Use Board" consisting of nine members that shall be appointed by the Mayor of the Township of Franklin. The appointments for the year 2020 for the coming year were made on January 6, 2020 as follows.

- Class 1: Mayor 1 year exp. 12/20
- Class 2: James Onembo 1 year exp. 12/20
- Class 3: Mike Ferri 1 year exp. 12/20

- Alt. #1 Pat Banes 1 year exp. 12/20
- Alt. #2 Open Position 1 year exp. 12/20

- Alt. #3 Open Position 1 year exp. 12/20
- Alt. #4 Open Position 1 year exp. 12/20
- Class 4 Positions 3 year exp. 12/22

- John VanSaders
- Don Butler
- Henry Meltzer
- Chris Hamler
- Gary Corde

RESOLUTION 2020-13

WHEREAS, the Franklin Township Committee has deemed it necessary to appoint the following members to the Local Board of Health for a period of one (1) year.

- Jim Onembo
- Rich Herzer
- Mike Toretta
- Jeff DeAngelis
- Mike Ferri
- Dave Guth

RESOLUTION 2020-14

WHEREAS, the Franklin Township Committee has deemed it necessary to appoint the following members to the Open Space Commission that shall be appointed by the Mayor of the Township of Franklin. The appointments for the year 2020 for the coming year were made on January 6, 2020 as follows.

Advisor The Land Conservancy of New Jersey	1 yr.	exp. 12/20
Rich Herzer – Alt #1	1 yr.	exp. 12/20
Beth Barry	3 yr.	exp. 12/22
Sarah Pyskaty - Alt #2	2 yr.	exp. 12/21
Vacancy	3 yr.	exp. 12/21
Vacancy	3 yr.	exp. 12/21

Resolution 2020-15

WHEREAS, there exists vacancies on the newly enacted Public Safety Committee and;

WHEREAS, the following appointments to fill said vacancy for a period of one year has been enacted, and:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following individuals take their place on the Public Safety Committee for a period of one year effective January 6, 2020.

- Township Committee members
- Dave Guth–Jeff DeAngelis
- Chief Raymond Read
- Asst. Fire Chief Jan Verkade
- EMS Captain Ernie Buel
- OEM Coordinator Raymond Read
- Deputy OEM Coordinator- Denise L. Becton
- Kathleen Reinalda, CFO

RESOLUTION 2020-16

WHEREAS, there remains on the records and books of the Township of Franklin delinquent taxes and municipal charges owing as of December 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the statutes of the State of New Jersey, expressly N.J.S.A. 54:5 et seq., provide for the enforcement and collection of such delinquencies through a tax lien sale; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector is empowered by statute to conduct and preside over the sale of liens;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Township of Franklin, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to sell all municipal liens in accordance with New Jersey law, on or before December 31, 2019.

RESOLUTION 2020-17

WHEREAS, N.J .S.A. 40A: 4-19 provides authority for appropriating in a resolution the permanent debt service requirements for the coming fiscal year providing that such resolution is not made earlier than December 20th, of the year preceding the beginning of the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the date of this resolution is subsequent to December 19th.; and

WHEREAS, principal and interest will be due on dates from January 1st to December 31st, inclusive, on sundry bonds and notes issued and outstanding; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following appropriations be made to cover the period from January 1st to December 31st inclusive.

Principal	\$365,000.00
Interest	\$ 58,000.00

RESOLUTION 2020-18

SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH

WHEREAS, New Jersey's public schools serve more than 1.2 million children from Kindergarten through Grade 6; and

WHEREAS, The direction of public education in New Jersey is chartered locally by individual school boards, whose 4,800 members serve as advocates for public education as they work with administrators, teachers, parents and local residents; and

WHEREAS, Boards of Education provide accountability to the democratic system of governing the schools by communicating the needs of the district to the community while impressing upon administrators the public's expectations for the school district; and

WHEREAS, School Board members receive no remuneration for their services; and

WHEREAS, The Township of Franklin is justly proud of the academic, athletic and social achievements of the students in our community; and,

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Board of Education and the New Jersey School Boards Association have declared January 2020 to be School Board Recognition Month, a time that all residents might acknowledge the contributions made by our local school board members; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Franklin Township Committee does hereby commend the service of the Franklin Township Board of Education and its members to our community and its children; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Franklin Township Committee proclaims January as **SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH** in Franklin Township, and urges all citizens to join in recognizing the dedication of local school board members, past and present, as we work together to improve educational opportunities for our children.

Dated: January 6, 2020

On motion by Mike Ferri and seconded by David Guth the aforementioned **Resolution 2020-18** be adopted as read.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstained	
Jeff DeAngelis	X			
Mike Ferri	X			
Dave Guth	X			
Michael Toretta	X			
Rich Herzer			X	(4) Yes (0) No (1) Absent
				Motion Carried

CERTIFICATION

I, Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Franklin, Warren County, New Jersey is a true and correct copy of a resolution approved by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin at a regular meeting held on January 6, 2020.

Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk
Franklin Township

RESOLUTION 2020-19

Public Agency Compliance Officer

WHEREAS, The Township of Franklin (hereinafter "Public Agency") in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-3.5 that each agency shall designate a Public Agency Compliance Officer; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Treasury, Division of Contracts Compliance and Equal Employment Opportunity in Public Contracts; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of The Township of Franklin, in the County of Warren and State of New Jersey, as follows:

- 1. The Township of Franklin hereby designates Denise L. Becton, as its Public Agency Compliance Officer.

On motion by Mike Ferri and seconded by David Guth the aforementioned **Resolution 2020-19** be adopted as read.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstained	
Jeff DeAngelis	X			
Mike Ferri	X			
Dave Guth	X			
Michael Toretta	X			
Rich Herzer			X	(4) Yes (0) No (1) Absent Motion Carried

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Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk
Franklin Township

**RESOLUTION 2020-20
APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL
AGRICULTURE ADVISORY BOARD**

WHEREAS, the Franklin Township Committee has deemed it necessary to appoint the following members to the Municipal Agriculture Advisory Board that shall be appointed by the Mayor of the Township of Franklin. The appointments are for the year 2020.

Robert Hood
Joel Reger
Bonnie Butler

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-23

WHEREAS, US Bank-Cust for PC7, First Trust Bank holds Tax Sale Certificate #2017-004 on Block 27 Lot 4.07 and,

WHEREAS, the property owner's redemption of this lien was short by \$94.49 and

WHEREAS, the property owner has subsequently paid this shortage,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Committee authorize the Tax Collector to refund the redemption amount of \$ \$94.49 to US Bank-Cust for PC7, 2500 McClellan Blvd., Suite 200, Pennsauken, NJ 08109.

On motion by Mike Toretta and seconded by Mike Ferri the aforementioned **Resolution 2020-23** be adopted as read.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstained	
Jeff DeAngelis	X			
Mike Ferri	X			
Dave Guth	X			
Michael Toretta	X			
Rich Herzer			X (4) Yes (0) No (1) Absent	Motion Carried

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Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk
Franklin Township

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-24

WHEREAS, Fedigan, LLC holds Tax Sale Certificate #2019-006 on Block 56 Lot 3 and,

WHEREAS, the property owner has redeemed this lien,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Committee authorize the Tax Collector to refund the redemption amount of \$12,678.41 to Fedigan, LLC, 474 Mary Allen Way, Mountainside, NJ 07092.

On motion by Mike Toretta and seconded by Mike Ferri the aforementioned **Resolution 2020-24** be adopted as read.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstained
Jeff DeAngelis	X		
Mike Ferri	X		
Dave Guth	X		
Michael Toretta	X		
Rich Herzer			X (4) Yes (0) No (1) Absent Motion Carried

CERTIFICATION

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Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk
Franklin Township

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-25

WHEREAS, Fedigan, LLC holds Tax Sale Certificate #2019-005 on Block 55 Lot 19 and,

WHEREAS, the property owner has redeemed this lien,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Committee authorize the Tax Collector to refund the redemption amount of \$17,876.02 to Fedigan, LLC, 474 Mary Allen Way, Mountainside, NJ 07092.

On motion by Mike Toretta and seconded by Mike Ferri the aforementioned **Resolution 2020-25** be adopted as read.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstained
Jeff DeAngelis	X		
Mike Ferri	X		
Dave Guth	X		
Michael Toretta	X		
Rich Herzer			X (4) Yes (0) No (1) Absent Motion Carried

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Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk
Franklin Township

FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION – Ordinances

**ORDINANCE 2020-1
CALENDAR YEAR 2020**

**ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A
CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Franklin Township Committee of the Township of Franklin in the County of Warren finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2020 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Franklin Township Committee hereby determines that a 1.0% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$11,914.39 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS the Franklin Township Committee hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Franklin Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, in the County of Warren, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2020 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Franklin shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$ 41,700.37, and that the CY 2020 municipal budget for the Township of Franklin be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

On motion by Committeeperson David Guth and seconded by Committeeperson Mike Ferri the aforementioned **Ordinance 2020-1** be adopted at first reading. Final reading and adoption to take place on **February 3, 2020 at or near 7:00 p.m.**

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

On motion by Committeeperson _____ and seconded by Committeeperson _____ adopted at final reading. the aforementioned ordinance be

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

CERTIFICATION

I, Denise L. Becton, Registered Municipal Clerk of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that this a true and correct copy of an Ordinance introduced by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin at their regular meeting held on January 6, 2020. Second reading, public hearing will be held on February 3, 2020 at or near 7:00 PM in the Franklin Township Municipal Building, 2093 Rt. 57, Broadway, New Jersey.

Denise L. Becton, RMC/CMR

**TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN
ORDINANCE NO. 2020-2**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATIONS FOR CHARITABLE SOLICITATION PERMITS FOR FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT “COIN DROP” EVENTS FOR THE YEAR 2020 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN, COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, the members of the Franklin Township Fire Department wish to hold their “Coin Drop” events on April 25, June 20, August 22, November 7, 2020 at the intersection of Route 57 and Asbury-Broadway Road in the Township of Franklin; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 39:4-60 requires charitable organizations to obtain municipal approval before soliciting contributions within the State and County roadways of the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin Fire Department are also required to obtain Charitable Solicitation permits from the New Jersey Department of Transportation (hereinafter, “NJDOT”); and

WHEREAS, the NJDOT application must be accompanied by a certified copy of a municipal ordinance approving the solicitation and authorizing the State Police to execute the application on behalf of the municipality in that the State Police are the responsible police service for the intersection in question; and

WHEREAS, the Township has considered the Fire Company’s requests and has found same to be acceptable; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to approve the Fire Company’s requests in accordance with the procedures established in N.J.S.A. 39:4-60.

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

Section - ____

The Township hereby approves Franklin Township Fire Department’s request to hold “Coin Drop” events on April 25, June 20, August 22, November 7, 2020 at the intersection of Route 57 and Asbury-Broadway Road. The times approved for said solicitation are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Section - ____

The approval authorized herein is subject to and expressly conditioned upon the following:

- a. The Fire Department’s compliance with all rules, regulations and guidelines promulgated by the NJDOT for charitable solicitations, including, but not limited to, the posting of any and all necessary warning signs; and
- b. The approval of the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the NJDOT.

Section - ____

A representative of the State Police is hereby authorized to execute the application for a Charitable Solicitation Permit for Franklin Fire Department’s “Coin Drop” events provided the above-stated conditions are met.

Section - ____

All ordinances of the Township, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section - ____

This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as required by law.

On motion by Committeeperson Mike Ferri and seconded by Committeeperson Mike Toretta the aforementioned **Ordinance 2020-2** be adopted at first reading. Final reading and adoption to take place on **February 3, 2020 at or near 7:00 p.m.**

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

On motion by Committeeperson _____ and seconded by Committeeperson _____ the aforementioned **Ordinance 2020-2** be adopted at final reading.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstain	
Dave Guth				
Rich Herzer				
Mike Ferri				
Michael Toretta				
Jeannene Butler, Mayor	() Yes	(0) No	(0) Absent	Motion carried

CERTIFICATION

I, Denise L. Becton, Registered Municipal Clerk of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that this a true and correct copy of an Ordinance introduced by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin at their regular meeting held on January 6, 2020. Second reading, public hearing will be held on February 3rd, 2020 at or near 7:00 PM in the Franklin Township Municipal Building, 2093 Rt. 57, Broadway, New Jersey.

Denise L. Becton, RMC/CMR

DISCUSSIONS: none

REPORTS/UPDATES

OEM/FIRE - Raymond Read –

An email was received as to the generator grant at the ems station relating to a 500 year Flood Plain, will review with the engineer. 2019 total of 1022 calls for fire/ems, 712 EMS calls and 310 Fire calls. Due to the dedication of the membership 100% calls were answered in 2019, they are an asset to the community.

Zoning Officer-

Bamboo is still an issue on Buttermilk Bridge Road this year, need to confer with Attorney Benbrook how to proceed.

Committee Reports:

Mike Ferri –

A quote was obtained from Valley Wide Signs & Graphics, the initial sign contractor, to repair the old worn out panels. To replace/install it would cost \$2700.

On motion by Committeeperson Mike Toretta and seconded by Committeeperson David Guth to approve the quote.

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

Michael Toretta –

Nothing further to report.

David Guth –

The Open Space and Recreation Plan has be updated by the Land Conservancy. The DPW report prepared by Foreman Read was reviewed. The remainder of the winter, hours for the DPW will be 7am-3pm. Vacations will be taken by seniority and only one person off at a time, leaving two to man the department. A concern as to contaminated water in the Edison Quarry neighborhood, three residents have raised levels of Dioxane. Mr. Guth reached out to the NJDEP, as to early connection to the new water line. Bottled water is now being provided to those affected homes.

Rich Herzer – absent

Jeff DeAngelis –

Mayor DeAngelis informed that due to our court contract with Knowlton Township expiring at the end of 2020 he will have conversations with other municipalities to gather information. Insurance for the township has been renewed accordingly.

Open Public Session:

At approximately 7:35 pm Mayor DeAngelis opened the floor to the Public.

Janis Liepins stated that snow fences on Asbury-Broadway Road, which is a county road, more harm than good.

Karen Wester thanked the committee to allow the Franklin Township Student Council to watch municipal government in action.

Hearing nothing further from the public, Open Public Session was closed at 7:36 pm.

On motion by Mike Ferri and seconded by Mike Toretta, to pay appropriate bills as per bill list received by our Chief Financial Officer.

Roll Call:	Yes	No	Absent	Abstained	
Jeff DeAngelis	X				
Michael Toretta	X				
Mike Ferri	X				
Dave Guth	X				
Rich Herzer			X		(4) Yes (0) No (1) Absent Motion carried

On motion by Mike Toretta and seconded by David Guth, hearing no objection, meeting stands adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise L. Becton, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk