

# **SPECIAL MEETING**

The Franklin Township Committee held a special meeting on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at the hour of approximately 3:00 p.m. Mayor David Guth, 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, **Roll Call of Committeepersons present:** Bonnie Butler, David Guth, Richard Herzer, Mike Toretta (4) Yes, (1) Absent Mike Ferri.

**Present were:** Jim Onembo, Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer, Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk, Representatives of WC Habitat for Humanity

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Presentation by WC Habitat for Humanity** – Nevitt Duveneck, Kathy Halpin, Ben Eskow in attendance

Mr. Duveneck thanked the committee for their partnership with the Beidleman Road project and the building of six homes of which the sixth home is nearing completion. A power point was viewed providing two options. This project is being proposed on the old Playmakers Lot on Rt. 57, Block 34 Lot 20. The first was a 16 Unit-Rowhome the second 10 Unit-Detached. Habitat has contracted with PHNX Modular Systems that would mirror these homes to fit our township and will aid Habitat to expand their mission impact. Mr. Duveneck spoke to our municipal planner; this location has been deemed an area in need of redevelopment and our plan can be amended to fit this project build as well as meet COAH requirements as well as back on the tax roles. Habitat holds all mortgages. Sweat equity is a requirement. Habitat is looking to know our commitment to this project by February as the deadline is June. The committee questioned the potential number of kids this would bring to the township and how this would affect our elementary school. Mayor Guth informed that due to the decline of pupils in the school this would be a good thing. In lieu of row homes the homes could be more in a crescent shape/cluster. Habitat is looking for us to let them know one way or the other if we are interested in proceeding as their deadline is in June.

At this time, the committee will commence into an Executive Session on motion by David Guth and seconded by Rich Herzer at 4:14 p.m.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**BE IT RESOLVED** on this 17th day of January 2024, by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-1, that the Township Committee shall discuss the following matter in executive session

Contract Negotiations – Affordable Housing

It is not possible at this time for the Township Committee to determine when and under what circumstances the item which is to be discussed in executive session can be publicly disclosed.

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved on this 17th day of January 2024 by the Franklin Township Committee, that the matter stated will be discussed in executive session, said session to commence at approximately 4:14 p.m.

On Motion by Bonnie Butler and seconded by Rich Herzer to exit to executive session at 4:44 p.m. Unanimous Vote.

On motion by Bonnie Butler and seconded Rich Herzer to return to the regular session at 4:44 p.m. Unanimous Vote.

On motion by Bonnie Butler and seconded by Rich Herzer, hearing no objection, meeting stands adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Denise L. Becton*

Denise L. Becton, RMC/CMR  
Municipal Clerk

