

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP LAND USE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
March 3, 2021

FLAG SALUTE:

The Franklin Township (Warren County) Land Use Board met virtually for their regular meeting on Wednesday, March 3, 2021. Chairman H. Meltzer called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and declared all aspects of the Open Public Meeting Act had been met by posting notice of this meeting on the bulletin board in the Municipal building at 2093 Route 57 Broadway, NJ and notifying the Municipal Clerk. Advertisement of notice was posted in the Star Ledger of Newark NJ and the Express Times of Easton, Pa. as well as the Franklin Township website.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Mayor Ferri, Mr. Meltzer, Mr. Corde, Mr. Handel, Mr. Butler, Mr. Sigler, Mr. Onembo
Members Absent: Mr. Herzer, Mr. Santini, Mr. Hamler
Also Present: Attorney R. Schneider, Engineer M. Finelli

MINUTES:

February 3, 2021 meeting minutes:

A motion to approve the February 3, 2021 meeting minutes was made by Mr. Onembo, seconded by Mr. Meltzer, Vote: Onembo, Meltzer, Sigler, Corde, Handel – Ayes, 0 – Nay, 0 – Abstain, all ayes motion carried.

February 3, 2021 Executive Session meeting minutes:

A motion to approve the February 3, 2021 meeting minutes was made by Mr. Corde, seconded by Mayor Ferri, Vote: Corde, Ferri, Meltzer, Handel, Sigler – Ayes, 0 – Nay, 0 – Abstain, all ayes motion carried.

RESOLUTION:

1. 2020-02 – Common Sense for Animals/Dr. Blease – Memorializing Resolution for a Site Plan application located at Block 7 Lots 14/1.01 /1.02 located at 2430 State Route 57. Mayor Ferri recused himself from the resolution.
Eligible to Vote: Onembo, Meltzer, Sigler, Butler, Corde, Handel
A motion to approve with revisions incorporated by Planner B. McManus was made by Mr. Onembo, seconded by Mr. Meltzer, Vote: Onembo, Meltzer, Sigler, Corde, Handel – Ayes, 0 – Nay, 0 – Abstain, all ayes motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Ms. Barbara Banes 366 Bloomsbury Road.
Ms. Banes asked who could attend the County Traffic Study meeting being held on March 31st.
The correspondence was addressed to Mayor, Committee & Land Use Board members.
Mr. Finelli suggested she contact Warren County Planning Board for the meeting information.

The Board had a brief discussion regarding the County Traffic Study meeting and who may wish to attend. Engineer M. Finelli will be attending there are two towns he represents in the southern portion of Warren County. Mr. Meltzer and Mr. Handel were also interested in attending. The meeting will be virtual on March 31, 2021 at 7 p.m. Mr. Kern will send out in a separate email with the Webex invitation.

Mr. Onembo suggested the Board think about another review of the Sign Ordinance, for freedom of expression and bring it to a conclusion.

Mr. Meltzer suggested the Board think about the sizes of some of the signage.

Mr. Onembo suggested the Board take a look at the C1 zone on the North extension even though there is a portion in the Highlands for properties located west of New Village. It would be beneficial to the township and bring it to a conclusion.

Attorney R. Schneider suggests Planner J. Kyle give the board his input and direction. The secretary will reach out to Mr. Kyle and see his availability for maybe the April meeting agenda.

The secretary will also send a letter to Attorney W. Caldwell regarding the pending application for Jesus Christ the Priest to request a status.

BILLS: A motion to approve vouchers submitted for payment was made by Mr. Corde, seconded by Mr. Meltzer, Vote: Corde, Meltzer, Ferri, Onembo, Sigler – Ayes, 0 – Nay, 0 – Abstain, all ayes motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:05 p.m.

With no further business before the board and no further public comment offered the meeting was adjourned. A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Corde, all ayes motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Margaret Housman, Secretary

