MINUTES
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
WORK SESSION
THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2017
7:30 P.M.

The Township Committee held a work session at **7:30 P.M., Thursday, March 9, 2017** at the Municipal Building. This meeting has been properly noticed in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Mayor Kathryn Blew called the meeting to order and led the flag salute.

Roll Call: Diane Burgess ABSENT Craig Repmann PRESENT

Susan Soloway PRESENT Joseph Darocha PRESENT Kathryn Blew PRESENT

Also present: Katrina L. Campbell, Municipal Attorney

Others in the public: Lt. Timothy Snyder, Lora Jones, Maurice Jones, Matt Papenfuhs

Comments from the public on agenda items: Lora Jones, Open Space Advisory Committee, addressed the Township Committee on the February 27, 2017 letter from Green Acres notifying the township that $220,000 previously awarded for the Alfieri property is in jeopardy of being cancelled due to lack of progress. In spite of all the effort, negotiations with Alfieri have not been successful. Green Acres is giving Franklin Township an opportunity to use the funds and Lora Jones is proposing supporting the New Jersey Conservation Foundation in their purchase of property in both Delaware and Franklin Townships. They are preserving 125 acres. The cost estimate for the 9.9 acre portion, Block 50 lot 5 and 6, of the land in Franklin is $49,750.00. Lora Jones is asking the Township Committee to authorize participation with NJCF and using a portion of the $220,000.00 Green Acres money.

Consent Agenda

All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Township Committee and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

Motion to adopt all items on the consent agenda.

Moved Darocha Second Soloway

Approval of Bills for Payment

Current Fund Expenditures	$ 2,487.00
Current Fund Expenditures	$76,097.65
Fair Housing	$ 319.00
Capital Improvement Fund	$ 105.00
TOTAL	$79,008.65

Adoption of minutes, February 23, 2017 regular meeting
Aodption of Resolution 2017 – 25 Small Balances Cancellation
Adoption of Resolution 2017 – 26 Tax Sale Redemption Block 18 Lot 3

Roll Call Vote: Burgess ABSENT Repmann AYE

Soloway AYE except ABSTAIN on 2/23/17 minutes Darocha AYE Blew AYE

Motion carried.

Department Head/Subcommittee Reports

- **Finance, Administration, Insurance, HR/Benefits: Soloway & Burgess**

Motion to **Introduce on First Reading Ordinance 2017 – 01** An Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank. Public Hearing to be held at a regularly scheduled meeting 7:30 P.M., Thursday, April 13, 2017.

Moved Soloway Second Repmann All present in favor. Motion carried.

Animal Control Officer: The township has received quotes from 3 vendors for animal control services and the Municipal Attorney offered comments and suggestions for change to the Animal Control Solutions contract. The Committee then discussed background checks on vendors doing business with the township. Discussed background checks being done prior to awarding a contract and/or conditioning approval of any contract upon satisfactory background checks. Again discussed a tier system for those vendors who would be required to submit to a background check…….those individuals who may need to go into a resident's home. Background checks could be done on a case by case basis. The length of the contract submitted by Animal Control Solutions indicates February 21, 2017 through February 21, 2018. The Committee would prefer the contract terminating December 31, 2017.

Motion to award a **Professional Services Contract Between Animal Control Solutions LLC, and the Township of Franklin** for a period of February 21, 2017 through December 31, 2017 with a prorated fee and subject to some language changes recommended by the Municipal Attorney and submitting to any background checks required by the Township.

Moved Darocha Second Soloway

Roll Call Vote: Burgess ABSENT Repmann AYE Soloway AYE

Darocha AYE Blew AYE

Motion carried.

- **Land Use (Land Use Board, Open Space, Planning, Zoning, Construction, Environmental): Burgess & Soloway**

Motion to authorize participation in the New Jersey Conservation Foundation's preservation of property in the Township of Franklin known as Block 50 Lots 5 (8.57 acres) and 6 (1.30 acres) and utilizing a portion of the **Green Acres** funds previously awarded ($220,000.00) for the Alfieri property.

Moved Repmann Second Soloway

Roll Call Vote: Burgess ABSENT Repmann AYE Soloway AYE

Darocha AYE Blew AYE

Motion carried.

Verizon: The township is in receipt of information from Verizon regarding their being in the process of planning to upgrade and enhance its network by deploying small network nodes in the public right-of-way. They have asked the township to adopt a resolution authorizing permission and authority being granted to Verizon Wireless to use poles erected by parties that have the lawful right to maintain poles within the public right-of-way. Prior to any installation, Verizon would need to apply for permits and will also need to conduct a pre-construction meeting with appropriate officials so the township would learn of the location for the nodes.

Motion to **Adopt Resolution 2017 – 27** authorizing Verizon Wireless the lawful right to use poles in the township for the installation of nodes to upgrade and enhance its network.

Moved Soloway Second Repmann

Roll Call Vote: Burgess ABSENT Repmann AYE Soloway AYE

Darocha AYE Blew AYE

Motion carried.

The other proposal from Verizon requesting use of municipal property for the installation of a cell tower is under review by the Municipal Attorney and Township Committee.

Motion to Adopt **Proclamation for American Red Cross** Month 2017.

Moved Repmann Second Soloway All present in favor. Motion carried.

Municipal Building Closing: Deputy Mayor Darocha commented on coming to the Municipal Building yesterday at lunchtime and finding the building closed. Two employees were attending a seminar and one employee left for a half hour lunch. A resident was in the parking lot upset since she took time during her lunch hour to do municipal business. Mr. Darocha suggested there should be a policy in place about closing the building. The Municipal Clerk will also review the recent applicants for the general clerical position since the newly hired person will no longer be able to work since she has taken on a more permanent position.

Motion to **Adopt Resolution 2017 – 24** Resolution Urging the State Legislature to approve A-1834/S-178 which requires the Department of Health to license additional angioplasty facilities, with t least one in each county.

Moved Repmann Second Soloway

Roll Call Vote: Burgess ABSENT Repmann AYE Soloway AYE

Darocha AYE Blew AYE

Motion carried.

- **Public Safety (PD, Fire, EMS, OEM, Court, Health): Darocha & Blew**

Lt. Tim Snyder outlined his monthly report for the Township Committee on various incidents: investigtions, summonses, arrests, radio calls, etc. Deputy Mayor Joe Darocha asked Lt. Snyder if there were recurring false alarms and the Police Department hasn't had any problem with this though the fire company gets more repetitive alarms. To date 5 or 6 applicants have responded to the ad for a Class II officer. Overtime has been kept low.

- **Department of Public Works: Repmann & Darocha**

The DPW is preparing for snow this evening and a major storm predicted for next Tuesday.

- **Land Use (Land Use Board, Open Space, Planning, Zoning, Construction, Environmental): Burgess & Soloway**

The Land Use Board held a meeting last night on the solar farm application.

- **Community, Business, School, Recreation, Seniors: Repmann & Blew**

Committee Member Sue Soloway reported on Ella Haver's passing at age 104. She attended a memorial service for her. She also reported on the Hiram Deats Award being presented by Rural Awareness to Dan and Marty Campanelli. The Township Committee has been asked to adopt a resolution of gratitude to the Campanellis to be placed in a book along with other resolutions adopted by various municipalities and organizations.

Motion to adopt a **Proclamation in Appreciation of Dan and Marty Campanelli's** Contributions to the Township of Franklin.

Moved Repmann Second Darocha All present in favor. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to adopt a resolution to enter into executive session at 8:25 P.M. for discussion of matters pertaining to personnel. No formal action is anticipated upon returning to open session.

Moved Repmann Second Darocha

Roll Call Vote: Burgess ABSENT Repmann AYE Soloway AYE

Darocha AYE Blew AYE

Motion carried.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Motion to return to open session at 9:47 p.m. for adjournment.

Moved Soloway Second Darocha All present in favor. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Moved Soloway Second Repmann All present in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ursula V. Stryker, RMC
Municipal Clerk

DATE OF ADOPTION:_____