

MINUTES
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2017
7:30 P.M.

The Franklin Township Committee held a regular meeting at **7:30 P.M., Thursday, May 25, 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 PRESENT Craig Repmann PRESENT

Susan Soloway PRESENT Joseph Darocha ABSENT Kathryn Blew PRESENT

Also present: Katrina L. Campbell, Municipal Attorney

Some others present: John Barrett, Heidi Wohlleb, Lt. Timothy Snyder, Sgt. John Oliveira, Officers Kevin Richards and Dominick Zeveney, George Reichert, Matt Papenfuhs, Diane Enright, Steven Beam, Erik Eccles

Oath of Office: Newly appointed Steven Beam took the Oath of Office to serve as a Class II Police Officer. Erik Eccles will be attending the Essex County Police academy starting July 8.

Verizon Wireless Cell Tower Presentation: Diane Enright, Site Acquisition Specialist, addressed the Township Committee on a possible location for a cell tower at the Municipal Building property. Ms. Enright is a consultant for Verizon and is responsible for locating real estate for the Verizon network. Demand for service is higher than what the network currently provides and this creates a need for another tower. There is currently a service gap in this area. The municipal site is the most suitable. An agreement has been made for a new tower in the Town of Clinton at the Holiday Inn. As per Franklin Township's code, the Municipal Building is a permitted use for a tower. Maps were provided showing an idea of what the site would look like. Tower is designed for 4 co-locaters. Emergency services may also choose to use the tower. If the township is interested in putting out a bid she will bring their engineer, attorney on board for a technical review. Revenue generated will be a 50/50 split with additional revenue from co-locaters. Verizon if selected will own and manage the pole. Height of tower would be 150 feet and Ms. Enright offered to bring in a crane, set it to the height, and do a ride around visual in the neighborhood. An emergency generator would also be installed either diesel or propane. There's also a battery for short term emergencies. Also, each carrier would require 270 square feet on the ground for their equipment. A 25' x 40' concrete pad would be needed for all carriers. Ms. Enright said if the tower doesn't go here at the Municipal Building, she would look at the site across the road, Elks Club. They have to somehow fulfill their coverage ability. Typical lease would be for 5 years with four 5 year options; hence a 25 year lease agreement. Tower would be removed at the end of any termination of the agreement.

George Reichert as OEM Coordinator commented on having the DPW and OEM use the tower.

Department Head/Subcommittee Reports

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

Motion to accept with regret the letter of resignation submitted by Ella Ruta, Tax Collector.

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

Motion to **Adopt Resolution 2017 – 40** Relay for Life of Hunterdon County.

Moved Burgess Second Reppmann All present in favor. Motion carried.

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

Motion to **Introduce on First Reading Ordinance 2017 – 07** An Ordinance of the Township of Franklin to Amend, Revise and Supplement Chapter 125, "Vehicles and Traffic," to Create Article X "Commercial Vehicles", Public hearing to be scheduled for a meeting to convene at 7:30 P.M., Thursday, June 22, 2017.

Moved Reppmann Second Burgess All present in favor. Motion carried.

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

Motion to **Introduce on First Reading Ordinance 2017 – 05** An Ordinance to Provide for the Chip and Seal of Various Roads as a General Improvement for the Township of Franklin and Appropriating \$85,000.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund. Public Hearing to be scheduled for a meeting to convene at 7:30 P.M., Thursday, June 22, 2017.

Moved Reppmann Second Burgess All present in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to **Introduce on First Reading Ordinance 2017 – 06** An Ordinance to Provide for Drainage Improvements and Asphalt Overlay of Old Franklin School Road as a General Improvement for the Township of Franklin and Appropriating \$140,000.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund. Public hearing to be scheduled for a meeting to convene at 7:30 P.M., Thursday, June 22, 2017.

Moved Reppmann Second Burgess All present in favor. Motion carried.

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

Discussion 46 Sidney School Road: Denise Feit, resident at 36 Sidney School Road addressed the Township Committee on a matter regarding an alleged dump on neighboring land and pending construction. The Municipal Attorney advised Ms. Feit that the township's position on this issue is that the Municipal Land Use Law and all uniform construction codes will be followed for any building permits. The township is not allowed to put any new requirements on any applicant for permits. Ms.

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Moved Soloway

Second Burgess

All present in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted.

Ursula V. Stryker, RMC
Municipal Clerk

DATE OF ADOPTION: _____