

## REGULAR MEETING

The Franklin Township Committee held their regular monthly meeting at 7:00 pm on Monday, April 07, 2008. Mayor Bonnie Butler 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.

**Present were:** Mayor Bonnie Butler, Mark Blaszk, Jeffrey DeAngelis, Michael Ferri, Michael Toretta, Denise L. Cicerelle, Municipal Clerk, Michael Finelli, Engineer, John Zaiter, Esq., Jim Onembo, Zoning.

Following the flag salute the committee at this time Regular Meeting Minutes of March 3rd, 2008 were accepted on motion by Michael Toretta and seconded by Jeffrey DeAngelis, all in favor except, Mark Blaszk abstained. Executive Session Meeting Minutes of March 3rd, 2008 were accepted on motion by Michael Ferri, and seconded by Michael Toretta, all in favor except, Mark Blaszk abstained. The Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes of March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008 were accepted on motion by Mark Blaszk and seconded by Jeffrey DeAngelis. Executive Session Meeting Minutes of March 12<sup>th</sup> were accepted on motion by Mark Blaszk and seconded by Michael Ferri.

Bonnie Onembo of the Franklin Township School presented (2) \$100 savings bonds to winners of the Municipal Alliance Drug Poster Awareness Contest.

1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grades – Gabby Kaczynski  
4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades – Brandon Everett

Presentation by the NJDOT regarding the Community Mobility Form Element. This is an experimental pilot project where the state would pay for the consultant. They are anxious to work in Franklin due to it being a small community and interested to see what it can do for us. We can have a variety of focal points such as the Community Room, Franklin Township School as well as develop an area to become a focal point. Many questions were asked by our committee and professionals to the NJDOT, such as; What is in it for Franklin Township asked Engineer Finelli; Mr. Barnes replied, this will alleviate the congestions off the highway. Mayor Butler was concerned with the obligation this will have to the township if we accept this project as well as our COAH obligation issues? Mr. Barnes replied that a consultant team is provided, a community based vision that will be worked into this facilitated process, we need to keep a sense of humor. It will take approximately 2 years to get through this process and the clock is ticking. Committeeman Toretta concerned with how much power the state is looking for with the Highlands on one side of our road. This is our project and we want a success story per the NJDOT. Engineer Finelli questioned without other communities in our area involved in this process as of now, how did the DOT pick Franklin? We have been through the Rt. 57 corridor, understand their planning, smaller factors which make it compelling to pick Franklin. This is our town and the state will give us advice as we go through this process. Mayor Butler advised the DOT that they should present this Element to our Land Use Board prior to a commitment from the township.

The following **Resolution 2008-35** was presented for First Reading/Adoption. This Resolution was tabled from our April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**RESOLUTION 2008-35**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF  
FRANKLIN SUPPORTING THE CONCEPT  
OF A SCENIC BYWAY**

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey has established a New Jersey Scenic Byways Program to help municipalities identify, evaluate, designate and manage roadways that link scenic, natural, cultural, historic, archaeological and recreational resources, and;

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Scenic Byways Program requires the submission of a Scenic Byway Nomination Application to request a New Jersey Scenic Byway designation for a roadway, and;

**WHEREAS**, Heritage Conservancy has prepared, in collaboration with local, county, regional, and state stakeholders, an application to nominate Route 57 in its entirety as a New Jersey Scenic Byway in recognition of the unique scenic, natural, cultural, historic, archaeological and recreational assets along this roadway, and;

**WHEREAS**, obtaining a New Jersey Scenic Byway designation for Route 57 involves a coordinated effort among the municipalities through which Route 57 passes including the Township of Franklin, Township of Greenwich, Town of Hackettstown, Township of Lopatcong, Township of Mansfield, Borough of Washington and the Township of Washington, in addition to other local stakeholders and county, regional and state agencies, and;

**WHEREAS**, the benefits of such coordination include an increased public appreciation of the resources along this roadway, tourism revenue, and access to federal funds that can be used to support the planning and implementation of economic development activities, resource conservation measures, recreational amenities, and roadway improvements related to enhancing the experience of traveling along Route 57.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin of the State of New Jersey that the Township Committee supports the nomination of Route 57 as a New Jersey Scenic Byway, as described in the application, and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Heritage Conservancy may submit the nomination application on behalf of the Township of Franklin, and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township of Franklin is willing to continue its commitment to work with a variety of partners to maximize the benefits that can be derived from a properly managed scenic byway, and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township of Franklin will actively participate in the process associated with obtaining a scenic byway designation through the appointment of a representative from the Township of Franklin to work with local, county, regional and state stakeholders to prepare and implement a Corridor Management Plan for the future administration and management of the Route 57 Scenic Byway.

On motion by Jeffrey DeAngelis and seconded by Mark Blaszk a the aforenoted **Resolution 2008-35** by adopted as read.

<b>Roll Call Vote</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Absent/Abstained</b>
Mark Blaszk a	X		
Jeffrey DeAngelis	X		
Michael Ferri		X	
Michael Toretta		X	
Mayor Bonnie Butler	X	(3 ) Yes(2 ) No	Motion
Carried			

Dated: April 9, 2008

The following **Resolution 2008-38** was presented for First Reading/Adoption

**RESOLUTION 2008-38**

**Appointment of Deputy Court Administrators from Phillipsburg Municipal Court For Franklin Township Municipal Court**

**WHEREAS**, the administration of the Municipal Court requires the appointment of a Deputy Court Administrator to perform the duties of the Court Administrator during her absence from this position; and

**WHEREAS**, Joseph W. Steinhardt, Judge of the Municipal Court of Franklin Twp. has recommended the appointment of Laurie Kaulius, CMCA and Sue Zagra, DMCA court administrators of Phillipsburg Municipal Court as Acting Deputy Court Administrators for this Municipal Court; and

**WHEREAS**, Laurie Kaulius and Sue Zagra has satisfactorily completed all the required courses for the position of Municipal Court Administrator; and

**WHEREAS**, Franklin Township Municipal Court Committee has also recommended the appointment of Laurie Kaulius and Sue Zagra as the Acting Deputy Court Administrator.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the governing body of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, State of New Jersey to approve the appointment of Laurie Kaulius and Sue Zagra as Acting Deputy Court Administrators for the Franklin Township Municipal Court to act in the capacity of the Court Administrator of this court during her absence.

**BE IT FUTBER RESOLVED**, by the governing body that Laurie Kaulius and Sue Zagra shall be compensated for these services at the same rate as the Court Administrator receives for call outs.

On motion by Michael Ferri and seconded by Jeffrey DeAngelis the aforenoted **Resolution 2008-38** be adopted as read.

<b>Roll Call Vote</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Absent/Abstained</b>
Mark Blaszk a	X		
Jeffrey DeAngelis	X		
Michael Ferri	X		
Michael Toretta	X		
Mayor Bonnie Butler	X	(5) Yes (0) Absent	Motion
Carried			

The following **Resolution 2008-39** was presented for First Reading/Adoption

**RESOLUTION 2008-39**

**Appointment of Deputy Court Administrators from Greenwich Municipal Court for Franklin Township Municipal Court**

**WHEREAS**, the administration of the Municipal Court requires the appointment of a Deputy Court Administrator to perform the duties of the Court Administrator during her absence from this position; and

**WHEREAS**, Joseph W. Steinhardt, Judge of the Municipal Court of Franklin Twp. has recommended the appointment of Sue Fleming, MCA and Leslie Storezski, DMCA court administrators of Greenwich Municipal Court as Acting Deputy Court Administrators for this Municipal Court; and

**WHEREAS**, Franklin Township Municipal Court Committee has also recommended the appointment of Sue Fleming and Leslie Storezski as the Acting Deputy Court Administrator.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the governing body of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, State of New Jersey to approve the appointment of Sue Fleming and Leslie Storezski as Acting Deputy Court Administrators for the Franklin Township Municipal Court to act in the capacity of the Court Administrator of this court during her absence.

**BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED**, by the governing body that Sue Fleming and Leslie Storezski shall be compensated for these services at the same rate as the Court Administrator receives for call outs.

On motion by Mark Blaszk and seconded by Jeffrey DeAngelis the aforementioned **Resolution 2008-39** be adopted as read.

<b>Roll Call Vote</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Absent/Abstained</b>
Mark Blaszk	X		
Jeffrey DeAngelis	X		
Michael Ferri	X		
Michael Toretta	X		
Mayor Bonnie Butler	X	(5) Yes (0) Absent	Motion Carried

The following **Resolution 2008-40** was presented for First Reading/Adoption

**RESOLUTION NO. 2008-40**

**WHEREAS**, a tax payment was made on Block 59 Lot 1.03 for the first quarter of 2008 by the property owner's mortgage company, and

**WHEREAS**, the first quarter 2008 has also been paid by the property owner, and

**WHEREAS**, the second payment made has caused an overpayment on Block 59 Lot 1.03, and

**WHEREAS**, the property owner has requested a refund check be issued to him,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Committee authorize the Tax Collector to refund the sum of \$ 3481.28 to Anthony Plesh, 217 Bloomsbury Road, Asbury, NJ 08802.

On motion by Michael Ferri and seconded by Michael Toretta the aforesaid **Resolution 2008-40** be adopted as read.

<b>Roll Call Vote</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Absent/Abstained</b>
Mark Blaszk	X		
Jeffrey DeAngelis	X		
Michael Ferri	X		
Michael Toretta	X		
Mayor Bonnie Butler	X	(5) Yes	(0) No (0) Absent
Carried			Motion

Dated: April 7, 2008

The following **Resolution 2008-41** was presented for First Reading/Adoption

**TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN  
COUNTY OF WARREN  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**RESOLUTION-#2008-41**

**WHEREAS**, under provisions of N.J.S.A.40A:4-5, a municipality shall introduce the Local Municipal Budget no later than March 20 of the fiscal year; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Franklin holds its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on the first Monday of the month and has delayed the introduction of the 2008 Municipal Budget past the statutory deadline; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, Warren, Warren County, New Jersey, that the Township of Franklin hereby petitions the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to allow a delayed introduction of the 2008 Franklin Township Municipal Budget; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, 101 South Broad Street, P.O. Box 803, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0803.

On motion by Mark Blaszk and seconded by Michael Ferri the  
aforenoted **Resolution 2008-41** be adopted as read.

<b>Roll Call Vote</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Absent/Abstained</b>
Mark Blaszk	X		
Jeffrey DeAngelis	X		
Michael Ferri	X		
Michael Toretta	X		
Mayor Bonnie Butler	X	(5) Yes (0) No (0) Absent	

Dated: April 7, 2008

The following **Resolution 2008-42** was presented for First  
Reading/Adoption

**TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN  
COUNTY OF WARREN  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**RESOLUTION #2008-42**

WHEREAS, the 2008 Local Municipal Budget was introduced  
on the 7th  
day of April, 2008; and,

WHEREAS, during the fiscal year 2008 the Township of  
Franklin has been allocated a state grant for various programs in the amount of  
\$9,934.00.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that petition be  
made herewith to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services  
that the 2008 Local Municipal Budget include a special item of revenue under  
the heading of "**Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior  
Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services-Public and  
Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:**"

<b>Recycling Tonnage Grant</b>	<b>404.00</b>
<b>Clean Communities Program</b>	<b>5,749.00</b>
<b>Municipal Alliance on Alcoholism &amp; Drug Abuse</b>	<b><u>3,781.00</u></b>
	<b><u>\$ 9,934.00</u></b>

On motion by Mark Blaszk and seconded by Michael Toretta the  
aforenoted **Resolution 2008-42** be adopted as read.

<b>Roll Call Vote</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Absent/Abstained</b>
Mark Blaszk	X		
Jeffrey DeAngelis	X		
Michael Ferri	X		
Michael Toretta	X		
Mayor Bonnie Butler	X	(5) Yes (0) No (0) Absent	

Dated: April 7, 2008

The following **Resolution 2008-43** was presented for First Reading/Adoption

**TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN  
COUNTY OF W AHREN  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION-#2008-43**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Franklin is holding a meeting on April 7, 2008, for the purpose of introducing the 2008 Municipal Budget and conducting other matters; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, Warren County, New Jersey, that the Township of Franklin hereby petitions the Director of the Division of Local Government Services that the 2008 Local Municipal Budget be introduced and approved on April 7, 2008.

**2008 FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

Surplus anticipated general revenues	755,000
Total Miscellaneous revenue Amount	485,019
to be Raised by Taxes Receipts from	650,491
Delinquent Taxes Total General	<u>180,000</u>
Revenues	<u>2,070,510</u>
Total Operations	1,191,923
Capital Improvements	105,000
Debt Service	219,250
Statutory Expenses	
Reserve for Delinquent Taxes	<u>554,337</u>
Total Municipal Budget	<u>2,070,510</u>

On motion by Mark Blaszkza and seconded by Jeffrey DeAngelis the  
aforenoted **Resolution 2008-43** be adopted as read.

<b>Roll Call Vote</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Absent/Abstained</b>
Mark Blaszkza	X		
Jeffrey DeAngelis	X		
Michael Ferri	X		
Michael Toretta	X		
Mayor Bonnie Butler	X		
		(5) Yes	(0) No (0) Absent

Dated: April 7, 2008

The following **Resolution 2008-44** was presented for First Reading/Adoption. A brief discussion ensued as to the concern with what is being asked for in the grant application. Engineer Finelli informed that there would be new sidewalks constructed into Rocky Brook to get children safely to and from school. Steve Tabert commented as to those children are bussed from this development and do not walk to school. Carl Sigler commented as to the Smith Development was suppose to have included sidewalks leading from Bryan Road to Asbury Broadway Road, what ever happened to that and why should we spend anymore taxpayers money to submit a grant application when the sidewalks have already been approved. Mr. Finelli advised Mr. Sigler that this is a grant no money is coming out of the town's budgets just minimal to submit the actual application. Mr. Finelli also advised that when the Land Use Board revisited this sub division to realign the roadway with some improvements, the sidewalks were omitted. Bottom line there will be no sidewalks going in alongside Bryan Road. Mr. Finelli advised to go forward with this Resolution tonight, general in nature to go along with the application, they still have time to amend the application and to include a concerned part on Asbury-Broadway Road where there is no sidewalk coming off of Rt. 57, application is due next week.

**TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN  
COUNTY OF WARREN  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**RESOLUTION # 2008-44**

Resolution of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren and the State of New Jersey  
Authorizing the Submittal of an Application for the Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) Grant  
Program through the New Jersey Department of Transportation

**WHEREAS**, the Safe Routes to School Plan will support and encourage students to walk and bike to school through on-going programs, and through improvements to the walking and biking environment, and

**WHEREAS**, the Safe Routes to School Plan will support and encourage increased parent education and community development, decrease the amount of traffic near the schools, and encourage children to be independent and healthy, and

**WHEREAS**, the Safe Routes to School provides a way to pursue public goals related to:  
Reducing traffic congestion around schools  
Creating safer, calmer streets and neighborhoods  
Improving air quality and providing a cleaner environment  
Increasing physical activity for children

Fostering a healthier lifestyle for the whole family, and

**WHEREAS**, the Safe Routes to School will support and encourage objectives such as:  
Teaching age-appropriate walking and bicycle traffic safety skills routinely in School  
Providing opportunities for the community to participate in developing plans for making streets and sidewalks, pathways, trails, and crosswalks safe,  
Convenient and attractive for walking and bicycling to school  
Enforcing all traffic laws near schools and on school routes, and in other areas of high Pedestrian and bicycle activity  
Applying the use of human and technological resources, including volunteers,  
To provide routes to school that feel secure to both parents and children alike, and

**WHEREAS**, THE Township of Franklin will insure that the sidewalk will be maintained, and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Franklin has determined that the construction of a sidewalk on Bryan Rd. will meet the increasing demand of pedestrian and school children circulation within the Township and to the Township Elementary School, and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Franklin has committed to assist in the funding of the construction of the sidewalk;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Franklin Township and the Franklin Township Board of Education jointly endorse the Safe Routes to School Plan for the Franklin Township Elementary School, and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, the mayor and Committee endorses the Safe Route to School Grant Application.

On motion by Michael Ferri and seconded by Michael Toretta the aforementioned **Resolution 2008-44** be adopted as read.

<b>Roll Call Vote</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Absent/Abstained</b>
Mark Blaszk	X		
Jeffrey DeAngelis	X		
Michael Ferri	X		
Michael Toretta	X		
Mayor Bonnie Butler	X	(5) Yes (0) Absent	Motion Carried

Dated: April 7, 2008

The following **Ordinance 2008-6** was presented for Final Reading/Adoption

**ORDINANCE 2008-6**

**ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 74-9  
OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN**

On motion by Jeffrey DeAngelis and seconded by Michael Ferri the aforementioned **Ordinance 2008-6** be adopted.

**Roll Call Vote**

**Yes**

**No**

**Absent/Abstained**

Mark Blaszk	X			
Jeffrey DeAngelis	X			
Michael Ferri	X			
Michael Toretta	X			
Mayor Bonnie Butler	X	(5) Yes	(0) Abstained	(0) Absent Motion Carried

Acceptance on Raffle License # RA2008-3 from the Franklin Township Youth Association Cash 50/50 on motion by Michael Ferri and seconded by Jeffrey DeAngelis.

<b>Roll Call Vote</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Absent/Abstained</b>
Mark Blaszk	X		
Jeffrey DeAngelis	X		
Michael Ferri	X		
Michael Toretta	X		
Mayor Bonnie Butler	X	(5) Yes	(0) Absent Motion Carried

**REPORTS:**

**Attorney Report (on file)** – Brief discussion as to the tax foreclosures further discussion to ensue in Executive Session.

**Engineer’s Report –**

**1. MILLBROOK ROAD REALIGNMENT PROJECT  
(No change from last month’s report)**

- As reported at last month’s Committee Meeting, the work associated on this project has been completed. The final NJDOT close-out documentation has been developed and recently forwarded to the NJDOT for the Township to secure the balance of grant monies due from the NJDOT in the amount of \$30,000.00.
- Recently, the Township DPW placed rip rap in the channel as required by the Warren County Soil Conservation District to stabilize the existing drainage swale at the project.

**2. THIRD STREET DRAINAGE PROBLEMS  
(No change from last month’s report)**

- As authorized by the Committee, our office sent a Highlands Applicability Determination (HAD) application to the Highlands Council to receive formal authorization to construct the project. Unfortunately, the Township’s HAD application was denied by the Highlands Council as it did not meet the requirements to be classified as one of the Qualified Exemptions.
- Our office previously prepared and submitted a “Pre-Application” package for review by the NJDEP. Nevitt Duvneck attended a meeting on October 4, 2007 with various NJDEP representatives including John Moyle, Division of Dam Safety and Lou Cattuna, Land Use Regulation. Nevitt Duvneck will continue to coordinate with both John Moyle and Lou Cattuna. We were notified by Lou Cattuna that in order for the project to proceed forward, an application to SHPO must be made in order to receive a “Project Authorization.”
- Our office submitted the required SHPO application (refer to separate correspondence dated December 13, 2007). Our office has coordinated with SHPO and we are attempting to answer some of their questions related to the application.

- Once the Township receives approval for the project, we will begin negotiating with the landowner, Mrs. Chiu, regarding gaining rights to the canal property.

**3. SIDEWALK DAMAGE, LAUREN DRIVE  
(No change from last month's report)**

- The Township Committee previously awarded a contract for the required sidewalk repair work to Breslin Masonry and Concrete at their current pricing of \$6.00 per SF.
- Our office coordinated with the Breslin Masonry and the DPW regarding this work. The concrete sidewalk replacement work was completed and the DPW has placed topsoil in all areas where required. Final seeding and stabilization of the disturbed areas will be completed in the Spring.

**4. TOWNSHIP WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN**

- Mayor Butler recently received a letter, dated February 15, 2008, from Dave Dech, Warren County Planning Director, regarding the proposed new Water Quality Management Planning rules which will soon be adopted by the NJDEP. One of the major changes in the pending rules would be that the County would be designated as the Wastewater Planning Agency vs. the current regulation which allows for each individual municipality to be their own Wastewater Planning Agency. Mr. Dech is requesting a response from the Township relative to their position on this matter as it affects potential grant funding to the County should the County accept the role as Wastewater Management Planning Agency. The letter requests a response from the Township by the end of March. At the March 3, 2008 Committee Meeting, there was a decision made for a correspondence to be issued by the Township regarding the Township's desire to retain jurisdiction over wastewater planning issues.

**5. MOUNTAIN VIEW ROAD RECONSTRUCTION (2005 NJDOT GRANT)**

- Via correspondence and supporting documentation prepared by our office, dated June 18, 2007, we have submitted the final close-out documents for this project to the NJDOT. Please be advised that the final installment of this grant to the Township equates to \$27,500.00. The NJDOT has recently completed their final inspection which will allow for the final installment payment to be released to the Township.

**6. STEWARTSVILLE ROAD (2007 NJDOT MUNICIPAL TRUST FUND PROJECT)**

- The final top course of paving on the roadway was completed by Tilcon through the MCCPC on September 19, 2007. Our office has prepared the final NJDOT close-out documents and has submitted same to the NJDOT which should enable the Township to secure the balance of grant monies due on this project which equates to \$37,500.00.

**7. REGIONAL FLOOD MITIGATION PLAN  
(No change from last month's report)**

- The Township previously agreed to participate in a Regional Flood Mitigation Plan being prepared by the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC). Our office has been coordinating the various efforts and work on this project through both Denise Cicerelle and Sonny Read. Joe Nalio from our office represented the Township at the mandatory Regional Flood Mitigation Plan meeting on October 17, 2007.
- We have prepared and submitted the required Municipal Worksheets to the DRBC and also have prepared the required questionnaire to be sent to Township property owners located in the various flood plains which will be mailed by Denise Cicerelle.
- Our office presented the Plan to both the Committee and the public at a public hearing held at the November 5, 2007 Township Committee Meeting. The purpose of the presentation was to receive input from any concerned property owners. The few comments which were made at the public hearing were consistent with the information previously developed and supplied to the DRBC by our office. The DRBC is estimating that the draft Plan will be ready for review by the end of

November, 2007. As of the date of this report, we have not been notified that the draft Plan has been released.

#### **8. MILLBROOK ROAD ROADWAY FAILURE**

- The Township DPW previously alerted our office to a significant problem to an existing section of Millbrook Road. Subsequently, we inspected a section of Millbrook Road which has exhibited significant failure. The section of the roadway in question is further north and beyond the limits of the Millbrook Road Realignment Project (reference Report Item #1).
- At the November 5, 2007 Township Committee Meeting, the Township Committee authorized our office to prepare an NJDOT Discretionary Grant Application based upon confirmation from the NJDOT that the application was both fundable and appropriate through this grant program. Our office completed and submitted the Discretionary Aid Grant Application to the NJDOT for consideration (refer to separate correspondence, dated December 24, 2007).
- The Township received notification that we were successful in obtaining a \$300,000 grant to stabilize and remediate the damage to the roadway.
- The Township Committee has authorized our office to prepare the construction plans for the project. Currently, we have completed the field survey work and we are in the process of developing the design plans for the project. We are also in the process of coordinating with a geotechnical engineering firm relative to making a determination as to any specific design requirements associated with the future stabilization and integrity of the steep slope on the northern embankment of the roadway adjacent to the stream. We will continue to keep the Committee apprised regarding this project.

#### **9. SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS GRANT APPLICATION (SRTS)**

- Our office is in receipt of a NJDOT Safe Routes to Schools Grant Application notice. The applications are due by April 18, 2008. Our office was successful in another municipality in receiving a substantial grant for construction of new and replacement sidewalk. According to the application criteria, the sidewalk project must be within two (2) miles of a school. The Township may want to consider submitting an application if there is an area in need of sidewalk construction or replacement or any new bike path/pedestrian path project. Our office looks to the Township Committee for direction related to the submission of this grant application.
- The Township Committee authorized our office to prepare a SRTS grant application for a sidewalk extension on Bryan Road. At this juncture, we are finalizing the grant application for submittal which is completed utilizing the System for Administering Grants Electronically (SAGE) grant application procedure. After coordination with Committeeman DeAngelis, the scope of the application was finalized and is being submitted for the construction of approximately 1400 LF of sidewalk along Bryan Road from Asbury-Broadway Road to Warne Way with an estimated cost of approximately \$41,000.00.
- In conjunction with the grant application, there is a Resolution of Authorization that must be passed at the April 7, 2008 Committee meeting in support of the application. Our office has previously forwarded a sample resolution to Denise Cicerelle for her use and action by the Township Committee.

#### **Committee Reports; Updates/Discussions –**

Jim Onembo – had nothing formal to report

Roger Bulava – not present

OEM – not present

Michael Ferri – nothing to report

Michael Toretta – nothing to report

Jeffrey DeAngelis – nothing to report

Mark Blaszkza – Mansfield Twp. Little League will be dedicating a field in memory and honor of the late Attorney James Broschious on Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. Also they are on a 2<sup>nd</sup> phase for expertise of groups for the Park on the old Smith Property.

Bonnie Butler – Advised that the state has decided detergent/degreaser is a hazardous waste. Our township road department has been given permission to utilize the County facilities to wash off the trucks, otherwise, we would need to build a special facility to do this. We will be receiving \$715,000 in grant money from the county shortly. The defibrillator is in and we need to decide where to mount this to be utilized in the municipal offices as well as the community room. Decision made to place in hallway near the bathrooms.

**Franklin Township Youth Association -** Joe Flynn reported that winter season is complete. Opening Day for Softball/Baseball is April 19<sup>th</sup>. Open House tomorrow night at the municipal building discussing direction going, where money is spent, coordinators of sports at 7pm coffee/danish and a movie for kids.

**Open Space Committee** – Beth Barry not present.

#### **Open Public Session -**

Steve Tabert, on behalf of the Franklin Rescue Squad, advised that documentation with the First Aid Council, how money is spent. Squad to date has answered 97 calls equaling 340 man hours of time.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**BE IT RESOLVED,** on this 7th day of April, 2008, 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

#### **POSSIBLE LITIGATION/CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS**

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 7th, day of April, 2008 by the Franklin Township Committee, that the matter stated will be discussed in executive session, said session to commence at 8:44 p.m.

On Motion by Mark Blaszkza and seconded by Michael Ferri to exit to executive session. Unanimous Vote

On motion by Jeffrey DeAngelis and seconded by Mark Blaszkza to return to the regular session 9:30 p.m. Unanimous Vote

On motion by Mark Blaszk a and seconded by Jeffrey DeAngelis to pay the appropriate bills.

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSENT/ABSTAINED</b>
Mark Blaszk a	X		
Jeffrey DeAngelis	X		
Michael Ferri	X		
Michael Toretta	X		
Mayor Bonnie Butler	X	(5) Yes (0) Absent	Motion Carried

On motion by Michael Toretta and seconded by Michael Ferri, hearing no objection, meeting stands adjourned at 9:32 pm. Unanimous Vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise L. Cicerelle  
Municipal Clerk