

REGULAR MEETING

The Franklin Township Committee held a Public Auction for Block 11 Lots 29/30 and Block 63 Lot 45 at 6:30 pm on Monday, November 3, 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 Blaszkza, Michael Ferri, Jeffrey DeAngelis, Denise L. Cicerelle, Municipal Clerk, John Zaiter, Esq.

Following the flag salute, on motion by Mark Blaszkza and seconded by Michael Ferri to go into an Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

BE IT RESOLVED, on this 3rd day of November, 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

RE: Block and Lots Being Auctioned this evening

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 3rd, day of November, 2008 by the Franklin Township Committee, that the matter stated will be discussed in executive session, said session to commence at 6:31 p.m.

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

On motion by Mark Blaszkza and seconded by Jeffrey DeAngelis to return to the regular session 6:42 p.m. Unanimous Vote

A motion on the floor to withdraw said property, Block 11 Lots 29 & 30 from the Public Auction this evening was made by Mark Blaszkza and seconded by Michael Ferri.

| Roll Call Vote: | Yes | No | Absent/Abstained |
|------------------------|------------|-----------|---------------------------|
| Mark Blaszkza | X | | |
| Jeffrey DeAngelis | X | | |
| Michael Ferri | X | | |
| Michael Toretta | X | | |
| Mayor Bonnie Butler | X | | |
| | | (5) Yes | (0) Absent Motion carried |

At this time Mayor Butler opened up the Public Auction Advising that Block 63 Lot 45 will be the only property auctioned this evening and the minimum price for the property shall start at \$35,000. Purchaser shall have 6 months from time of closing to produce a State Forest Management Plan. The township shall reserve the right to reject all bids where the highest bid is not accepted. Highest bidder must pay a non-refundable deposit of 10% of the accepted bid price by cash or certified check. The property is being sold "AS IS" with no guarantee of any kind. Mayor Butler opened the bidding at \$35,000, after all said and done, Jeff Day is the purchaser of block 63, Lot 45 for \$50,000. The other bidder was Cy Rafalko.

On motion by Michael Ferri and seconded by Michael Toretta at 6:50 pm to break into a recess until 7:00 pm for the normal start time of the regular monthly meeting. Unanimous Vote

On motion by Mark Blaszk and seconded by Michael Ferri to return to the regular session at 7:00 pm.

Roll Call Vote: All Committee members were present and noted, Michael Finelli, Engineer (joined the meeting at 7:03 pm)

Regular Meeting Minutes of October 6th, 2008 were accepted on motion by Mark Blaszk and seconded by Michael Ferri. All in favor. Executive Session Meeting Minutes of October 6th, 2008 were accepted on motion by Michael Toretta, and seconded by Michael Ferri, all in favor. Special Meeting Minutes of October 29th, 2008 were accepted on motion by Michael Toretta and seconded by Michael Ferri. All in favor. Special Executive Session Meeting Minutes of October 29th, 2008 were accepted on motion by Michael Ferri, and seconded by Michael Toretta, all in favor.

New Jersey State Police – Trooper present with no problems/comments noted.

Youth Association – President Hamler noted that the soccer season is winding down with 170 participants this year. At the last Youth Association meeting they voted to donate a curtain partition to the community room to separate the two basketball courts. Joe Flynn commented that they already have two quotes and waiting on one more. They agreed on a “not to exceed number” of \$17,000 for the partition and electrical work. They would like to use the township’s electrician for the job. Committeeman Ferri concerned as to the snow load on the community room roof and how the partition being installed would affect this. The company that installs this partition has a 6-8 week turn around but has the week of Christmas available. The Youth Association will recommend which quote to use.

On motion by Jeffrey DeAngelis and seconded by Mark Blaszk to accept the donation of the curtain partition from the Youth Association

| 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) Absent Motion carried |

The following **Proclamation** was presented for First Reading/Adoption

American Education Week Proclamation

Whereas, public schools are the backbone of our democracy, providing young people with the tools they need to maintain our nation's precious values of freedom, civility and equality; and

Whereas, education employees, be they substitute educators, custodians, teachers, bus drivers, or librarians, work tirelessly to serve our children and communities with care and professionalism; and

Whereas, schools are community linchpins, bringing together adults and children, educators and volunteers, business leaders, and elected officials in a common enterprise.

Now, Therefore, I, Bonnie Butler, serving as Mayor of Franklin Township, Warren County, New Jersey, do hereby proclaim November 16 - 22 as the 87th annual observance of American Education Week.

On motion by Mark Blaszkas and seconded by Michael Ferri the aforementioned **Proclamation** be adopted by unanimous vote.

I, Denise L. Cicerelle, Municipal Clerk, for the Township of Franklin, Warren County, NJ, hereby certify that this is a true copy of a Proclamation adopted by the Franklin Township Committee, November 3rd, 2008.

Denise L. Cicerelle, Municipal Clerk

Dated: November 3, 2008

The following **Proclamation** was presented for First Reading/Adoption

***WHEREAS**, during this season of Thanksgiving - as we pause to reflect on the many blessings that have been bestowed on us as individuals and as a State- we are especially grateful for the love of our families and friends. One of the most profound ways in which that love is expressed is through the generous support provided by family caregivers to loved ones who are chronically ill, elderly or disabled. Caregivers reflect family and community life at its best. They are among New Jersey's most important natural resources; and estimated at 836,000; and*

WHEREAS, the need for family caregivers is growing. We are blessed to live in a time when medicine and technology have helped us live longer. As a result, persons with disabilities are living longer and people over 85 are the fastest growing segment of our population. Family caregivers can be found in every city and town in America. It is likely that we all know at least one family caregiver, if not fulfilling the caregiver role ourselves; and

WHEREAS, family caregivers deserve our lasting gratitude and respect. This month, as we honor the many contributions that family caregivers make to the quality of our national life, let us resolve to work through our community, religious, social, business and other organizations to offer programs and services that will provide caregivers the support and encouragement they need to carry out their vital responsibilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bonnie Butler, Mayor of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren,, do hereby proclaim

November 2008 as National Family Caregivers Month

On motion by Jeffrey DeAngelis and seconded by Mark Blaszk a the aforementioned **Proclamation** be adopted by unanimous vote as written.

I, Denise L. Cicerelle, Municipal Clerk, for the Township of Franklin, Warren County, NJ, hereby certify that this is a true copy of a Proclamation adopted by the Franklin Township Committee, November 3rd, 2008.

Denise L. Cicerelle, Municipal Clerk

Dated: November 3rd, 2008

The following **Proclamation** was presented for First Reading/Adoption

**PROCLAMATION OF CONGRATULATIONS
TO Paul Dudan
FOR RECEIVING THE EAGLE SCOUT AWARD**

WHEREAS, the conferring of an Eagle Scout is one of the highest awards that can be bestowed upon a Boy Scout; and

WHEREAS, the recipient must perform and successfully complete and pass the rigid requirements exacted to achieve an Eagle Scout Award; and

WHEREAS, less than two percent of all Scouts actually achieve this goal; and

WHEREAS, he was awarded the VIGIL HONOR from the Order of the Arrow

WHEREAS, he is a 2008 graduate of Warren County Technical High School and a member of the National Honor Society and currently enrolled at Warren County Community College through the New Jersey Stars program

WHEREAS, he has become a Franklin Township Volunteer Firefighter, attending the Warren County Fire Academy after being a cadet and junior member the four previous years,

WHEREAS, he is a member of Troop 63 of the Boy Scouts of America and has recently completed the requirements for Eagle Scout,

WHEREAS, at a Court of Honor to be held at the Broadway United Methodist Church on Sunday, November 29, 2008, the Eagle Award will be conferred; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin Township Committee wishes to recognize this noteworthy achievement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Township Committee of Franklin Township, Warren County, New Jersey hereby extend their congratulations to Eagle Scout, Paul Michael Dudan, for having the Eagle Scout Award conferred upon him by the Boy Scouts of America.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this proclamation be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and the Township Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a suitable copy thereof to Paul Michael Dudan.

On motion by Michael Ferri and seconded by Jeffrey DeAngelis the aforementioned **Proclamation** be adopted as written.

I, Denise L. Cicerelle, Municipal Clerk, for the Township of Franklin, Warren County, NJ, hereby certify that this is a true copy of a Proclamation adopted by the Franklin Township Committee, November 3rd, 2008.

Denise L. Cicerelle, Municipal Clerk

Dated: November 3rd, 2008

The following **Resolution 2008-65** was presented for First Reading/Adoption titled:

Notice of Intent/Petition Highlands Council for Plan Conformance

After a brief discussion of the committee and engineer, a decision to put this Resolution on the November 17th Agenda for further review and consideration. Engineer Finelli to provide us with a couple Resolutions to assist with verbage to be added in.

The following **Resolution 2008-66** was presented for First Reading/Adoption

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

**RESOLUTION – 2008-66
BUDGET TRANSFER**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 and 59 authorizes transfers from certain budget appropriations where it is expected that it will be insufficient, and

WHEREAS, it is reasonable expected that certain appropriations will not be sufficient for contemplated expenditures;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer of Franklin Township, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, is hereby instructed to adjust the financial records in accordance with the provision of this Resolution:

CURRENT FUND

| <u>Account:</u> | <u>From:</u> | <u>To:</u> |
|------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Tax Assessment OE | \$200.00 | |
| Legal Services OE | \$2,000.00 | |
| Land Use Board OE | \$18,000.00 | |
| Welfare/Admin of Pub Serv OE | \$1,000.00 | |
| Police Dept OE | \$183.00 | |
| Other Insurance Premiums | | \$183.00 |
| Recreation OE | | \$1,000.00 |
| Aid to Volunteer Fire OE | | \$18,000.00 |
| Gasoline OE | | \$2,000.00 |
| Rev Admin (Tax Coll) OE | | \$200.00 |
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| TOTALS | \$21,383.00 | \$21,383.00 |

On a motion by Mark Blaszk and seconded by Jeffrey DeAngelis, the aforementioned **Resolution 2008-66** be adopted as read.

| 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) No | Motion Carried |

Dated: November 3, 2008

CERTIFICATION

I, Denise L. Cicerelle, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the resolution adopted by the Franklin Township Committee on Monday, November 3, 2008.

Denise L. Cicerelle, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk

The following **Ordinance 2008-8** was presented for Final Reading/Adoption. Jim Onembo will discuss with Attorney Zaiter as to the procedure of how to handle this new ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO 2008-8

ORDINANCE REGULATING THE GROWTH OF BRUSH, NOXIOUS WEEDS AND GRASS UPON THE LANDS LYING WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

On motion by Mark Blazka and seconded by Michael Ferri the aforementioned **Ordinance 2008-8** be Adopted as read.

| 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) Absent Motion Carried |

The following **Ordinance 2008-9** was presented for First Reading/Introduction

ORDINANCE 2008-9
Amendment Salary Ordinance

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that;

Purpose of Ordinance Amendment

Ordinance 2008-1 of the Township of Franklin is hereby amended by adding therefrom the following to Section 2:

MAINTENANCE PERSON **\$11.92/HOUR**

That this Ordinance shall remain in effect for the remainder of the 2008 year. That said Ordinance will be presented for final reading and adoption at a public meeting to be held on December 1st, 2008 at the hour of 7:00 p.m. following publication in the Star-Gazette.

On motion by Mark Blaszk and seconded by Jeffrey DeAngelis to approve at first reading the aforementioned **Ordinance 2008-9**.

| Roll Call Vote: | Yes | No | Absent/abstained |
|------------------------|------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Mark Blaszk | X | | |
| Michael Toretta | X | | |
| Jeffrey DeAngelis | X | | |
| Michael Ferri | X | | |
| Mayor Bonnie Butler | X | (5) Yes (0) Absent | Motion carried |

Dated: November 3, 2008

CERTIFICATION

I, Denise L. Cicerelle, Registered Municipal Clerk of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that this a true and correct copy of an Ordinance introduced by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin at their regular meeting held on November 3, 2008. Second reading, public hearing will be held on December 1, 2008 at or near 7:00 PM in the Franklin Township Municipal Building, 2093 Rt. 57, Broadway, New Jersey.

Denise L. Cicerelle, RMC/CMR

REPORTS, UPDATES/DISCUSSION:

Engineer’s Report – Mr. Finelli touch based on the Township Wastewater as to a general letter that needs to be mailed stating that the township will be assuming the responsibility as to the county’s action.

**1. 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 Duvencek 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 Duvencek 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). SHPO has requested that we answer questions/concerns submitted by the Warren County Morris Canal Commission.

- Our office recently forwarded a correspondence to the Warren County Morris Canal Committee in answer to questions they raised in their review of the project. Once the concerns of the Canal Committee have been addressed, the project may be in a position to proceed to the design phase.
- Our office has contacted Greg Sipple of the Warren County Morris Canal Committee and we are in the process of coordinating a field meeting to review the scope of work and discuss any concerns they may have regarding the project. At this juncture, we are cautiously optimistic that the project can move forward into the design phase.

2. 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. 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. It is my understanding that Mayor Butler has forwarded a response to Warren County confirming the position of the Township where the Township would wish to remain as its own wastewater management planning agency.
- It is our understanding that the County Freeholders recently met and voted not to move forward towards becoming the County's overall WMP agency. Therefore, all jurisdiction relative to Wastewater planning will remain with the individual municipalities.
- Our office received a copy of a letter, dated September 24, 2008, from the NJDEP, Division of Watershed Management, to Mayor Butler regarding this matter. In summary, based upon the County's decision not to assume the wastewater management planning responsibilities, the Township is now the lead entity for the wastewater management planning responsibilities for the Township. Per the recently adopted and amended Water Quality Management Planning Rules (NJAC 7:15), the municipality is responsible to submit a WMP within one year from the date of the adoption of the rules which would be July 7, 2009. If a WMP is not submitted, the Township would be subject to the withdrawal of any wastewater service area designations. This matter will need to be discussed further and monies budgeted in 2009 for this work.
- As per the NJDEP's September 24, 2008 letter to the municipality, the NJDEP is requesting a letter from the Township which would indicate the Township's intended course of direction and WMP responsibilities. It would be my recommendation for the Township Committee to authorize our office to draft a letter for the Mayor's signature which would indicate the Township's proposed intention towards its future WMP responsibilities. We should discuss this further at the November 3, 2008 Township Committee meeting.

3. 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.

4. 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.
- Our office has met with a contractor to inspect existing conditions in an effort to determine the most cost effective procedure for stabilization of the roadway. At this juncture, we will continue our design efforts towards the completion of the construction plans which would place the project in a position for construction in 2009.

5. SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS GRANT APPLICATION (SRTS) (No change from last month's report)

- The Township previously received a NJDOT Safe Routes to Schools Grant Application notice. The applications were due on April 18, 2008. According to the application criteria, the sidewalk project must be within two (2) miles of a school.
- The Township Committee previously authorized our office to prepare a SRTS grant application for a project which consisted of both a sidewalk extension on Bryan Road and sidewalk repair/replacement along Asbury-Broadway Road between NJSH Route 57 and the Elementary School. We completed the grant application for submittal which was prepared utilizing the System for Administering Grants Electronically (SAGE) procedure. The estimate developed by our office for this application totaled \$86,100.
- Our office submitted the application electronically and received confirmation that the application was received by the NJDOT in advance of the April 18, 2008 deadline.

6. 2009 NJDOT MUNICIPAL TRUST FUND APPLICATIONS
(No change from last month's report)

- Our office has completed the grant applications associated with the 2009 NJDOT Transportation Trust Fund. Applications for portions of both Willow Grove Road (0.17 miles in the amount of \$147,532.00) and Good Springs Road (1.52 miles in the amount of \$209,910.00) have been prepared utilizing the System for Administering Grants Electronically (SAGE) procedure. These applications were approved via Resolution by the Township Committee at the June 2, 2008 Committee meeting.
- Our office has forwarded the Approval Resolutions passed by the Committee to the NJDOT as required. At this point, all documentation has been forwarded to the NJDOT and the applications are being reviewed by the NJDOT. Typically, grant award notices are made in the late Fall of each year. We hope to get a response from the NJDOT by the end of November, 2008.

7. SMITH PROPERTY SUBDIVISION

- Our office met with attorney Zaiter and coordinated with attorney Schneider regarding development of the subdivision application on behalf of the Township. Our office has recently completed both a Preliminary Plat and Final Major Subdivision Plat representing the subdivision of this property into three separate tax lots. The subdivision application was heard at the October 1, 2008 Land Use Board meeting where both Preliminary and Final Major Subdivision approval were secured.
- Our office received communication from the Warren County Engineer's Office related to the Preliminary/Final Subdivision application filed with the County. I met with Dave Hicks, P.E., County Engineer, Nick Paoella, P.E. and Greg Sipple, P.P. on October 29, 2008 to discuss the aspects regarding the application as it relates to access to Asbury-Broadway Road, County Route 643 and other miscellaneous issues raised by the County Engineering and Planning Department in their review of our subdivision application. We will commence with the required revisions and additional information requested in an effort to secure their approval to allow for the Final Major Subdivision Plat to be recorded with the County. Once the Plat is recorded with the County, the three (3) new subdivided lots will be "officially" created.

8. TOWNSHIP RECREATIONAL FIELDS COMPLEX

- Our office has met with Deputy Mayor Blaszk a on a number of occasions regarding the design for the Township recreational complex. We have recently forwarded to Mr. Blaszk a second revised Concept Plan for the future Township recreational fields complex. It is our understanding that this revised plan will soon be reviewed by the Franklin Township Recreational Subcommittee. We believe that the concept layout, at this juncture, is very close to being finalized and approved.
- The wetlands have been delineated by our wetlands consultant and we have developed the plan which will accompany the Letter of Interpretation (LOI) application to the NJDEP. It was decided to wait until the subdivision of the property (ref. report item #7) was perfected before the application is submitted to reduce the total acreage of the property which will reduce the required application fees.

9. MOUNTAIN VIEW ROAD PAVING

- Our office assisted in the coordination with Tilcon to pave the roadway. There was much discussion regarding the exact location of the roadway and the width of same which was ultimately resolved in the field with input from the adjacent

property owners, Mayor Butler, our office and the DPW. Our office field established the alignment and coordinated with Tilcon regarding the paving operation. The final section of the roadway (which had never been previously paved) was paved on September 2, 2008 for the entire length and is much safer as a result of the increased sight lines, improved geometry and the paving of the cartway. The roadway is now ready for centerline striping and the installation of some edge of pavement and/or “chevron” (curve warning) signs.

- It is our understanding that the DPW is approximately 90% complete with the clean-up of the trees and debris from the corner excavation.

10. MILLBROOK ROAD / NJSH ROUTE 57 INTERSECTION: POLE RELOCATION

- As a follow-up and in response to complaints from a number of Millbrook Road residents, our office has investigated the ability for the relocation of an existing signal service pole at the Millbrook Road/NJSH Route 57 intersection. On September 4, 2008, our office forwarded a “package” of information to Mr. Alexander Parr, NJDOT, for Mr. Parr’s review and use in his evaluation of the feasibility for this pole relocation. Our office will continue to keep the Township Committee apprised regarding any response we receive from Mr. Parr and the NJDOT.
- Our office recently received a return call from the NJDOT regarding relocation of the service pole. According to the NJDOT, the Township would have to fund the cost to move the pole which has been estimated at \$16,000.00.
- Our office received a copy of the Millbrook Road intersection signal agreement between the Township and the NJDOT. At this juncture, it is our assessment that the Township would be required to provide the funding listed above to have the pole relocated. Our office forwarded the NJDOT intersection agreement to John Zaiter for review and comment. Our office received a letter from Attorney Zaiter, dated October 30, 2008, regarding his opinion of the responsible party relative to the pole relocation and its associated cost. As recommended in Attorney Zaiter’s letter, this matter should be discussed at the November 3, 2008 Township Committee Meeting.

Attorney Report on file – Further discussions to ensue in Executive Session

Committee Reports –

Michael Ferri – Breslin’s block work has been completed at the road garage need approval for Washington Door to install the doors.

On motion by Michael Toretta and seconded by Mark Blaszkza to purchase 2 doors as soon as possible.

| Roll Call Vote | Yes | No | Absent/Abstained |
|-----------------------|------------|-----------|-------------------------|
| Mark Blaszkza | X | | |
| Jeffrey DeAngelis | X | | |
| Michael Ferri | X | | |
| Michael Toretta | X | | |
| Mayor Bonnie Butler | X | (5) Yes | Motion Carried |

Committeeman Ferri also noted that from the previous storm we have some major roof problems with the water that was coming into the building from the roof and the windows. We need to get prices either to repair or start thinking about replacing the roof of the municipal building. Further discussion to ensue in the Special Budget Workshop Meeting.

Michael Toretta – nothing further to report

Jeffrey DeAngelis – Found a comparable Health Insurance plan with a potential annual savings of approximately \$8388. Prior to any decisions made would like to meet with the employees and a representative of the company that would be an expert to field questions that might be asked. Nancy Jacobsen will coordinate a meeting between Committeeman DeAngelis’s schedule and Mayor Butler’s. Committeeman DeAngelis is also still working on the General Liability Insurance as to renewing with Statewide or not. Lastly, question to Jim Onembo as what constitutes a business to have a Mercantile License with the township. Mr. Onembo stated that there are different areas he looks at as to if a business is being run out of a home, the nature of the business, where it would be different than the standard business.

Mark Blaszk – The Park Sub-Committee met, holding a Public Forum, January 12th. Also advised that it is quite hard to get a building security company out here to get a quote for the municipal building. One quote has already been obtained but otherwise either they aren’t interested, canceled appointments, don’t show up for the appointment. Attorney Zaiter commented that if reasonable effort has been made to attempt but not to receive a quote than 1 quote should be sufficient. Mr. Onembo has a few more companies that he knows of and will get these names to Committeeman DeAngelis.

Bonnie Butler – Mayor thanked Foreman Ron Read for purchasing and installing additional 25 mph signs on Mountain View Road. Mayor informed the committee as to whether they feel if we should still have our annual Holiday Party or possibly another way to thank those volunteers that sit on our boards as well as our employees. Mayor commented that we could give gift certificates or a check would cut the cost. If we were to give the 5 Full Time Employees \$50, Part Time Employees \$25 and the Volunteers \$25 would be approximately \$1600. Or \$25 for Full Time Employees, \$25 for Part Time Employees and \$50 for each volunteer would be approximately \$1475. Committee DeAngelis commented that we should definitely take care of the people who take care of the town. Beth Barry voiced opinion as to if a gift certificate or check were received the volunteer could have the option to donate it or return it to the township.

On motion by Michael Toretta and seconded by Jeffrey DeAngelis to approve gift certificates/checks as follows: \$50 Full Time Employees, \$25 Part Time Employees and \$25 to each volunteer on a board. We will have cookies at our December township meeting and invite all those to attend.

| 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 | Motion Carried |

Zoning Officer – Mr. Onembo questioned what was going on with the old Raritan Valley Logging Property, Mayor Butler informed that the committee is working on this. Inquiries about windmills, doesn’t believe we have regulations on this.

Recycling Coordinator – Mr. Bulava met with a solicitor on the Recycle Ordinance, still working on this. Also Mayor commented as to a 21 day seminar for Recycle Coordinators being proposed by Assemblyman Doherty’s Office

OEM – Mr. Read commented as to Independence requesting resources from the Franklin Township Fire Company from the past storm. Also ordered the state mandated vest for the DPW, Fire Companies and Rescue Squad.

Open Space/Beth Barry – Mrs. Barry had nothing specific to report to the committee, but informed that November 18th there will be a Highlands Coalition Presentation here, Watershed Association hosting.

Open Public Session –

Steve Tabert – Commented as to the roof repair vs. roof replace will cost almost the same price as to his past experience with the squad buildings roof.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

BE IT RESOLVED, on this 3rd day of November, 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

**BRANDYWINE LITIGATION/MOUNTAIN VIEW ROAD/MILLBROOK ROAD
LITIGATION/ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE**

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 3rd, day of November, 2008 by the Franklin Township Committee, that the matter stated will be discussed in executive session, said session to commence at 8:20 p.m.

On Motion by Mark Blaszkka and seconded by Jeffrey DeAngelis to exit into executive session. Unanimous Vote

On motion by Michael Ferri and seconded by Michael Toretta to return to the regular session 9:00 p.m. Unanimous Vote

On motion by Jeffrey DeAngelis and seconded by Michael Ferri to pay the appropriate bills.

| ROLL CALL VOTE | YES | NO | ABSENT/ABSTAINED |
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| Mark Blaszkka | X | | |
| Jeffrey DeAngelis | X | | |
| Michael Ferri | X | | |
| Michael Toretta | X | | |
| Mayor Bonnie Butler | X | (5) Yes (0) Absent | Motion Carried |

On motion by Mark Toretta and seconded by Jeffrey DeAngelis, hearing no objection, meeting stands adjourned at 9:02 pm. Unanimous Vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise L. Cicerelle, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk