

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**Budget Workshop**

The Franklin Township Committee held a Special Budget Workshop Meeting on Monday, November 15, 2010 at the hour of 6:30 p.m. Mayor Mark Blaszkka opened the meeting in accordance with the "Open Public Meeting Act" Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 at 6:30 pm having been duly advertised and a copy posted in the office of the Township Clerk.

**Present were:** Mayor Mark Blaszkka, Bonnie Butler, Michael Toretta, Jeffrey DeAngelis, Joe Flynn, Dawn Stanchina, CFO, Ron Read, Road Foreman, Raymond Read, OEM, Denise L. Cicerelle, Municipal Clerk, Sarah Payne (Committeeperson Elect)

At this time a brief discussion as to the Volunteer Thank You Dinner for those appointed to Township Boards. Consensus to hold dinner at Spain II on December 11<sup>th</sup>, 6pm cash bar, 7pm dinner.

Discussion as to property farmed by Roger Woolf behind Archives Building off of Rt. 57.

On motion by Jeffrey DeAngelis and seconded by Bonnie Butler to keep the fee the same as last contract and upon roll call vote was passed.

<b>Roll Call Vote</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Absent/Abstained</b>
Jeff DeAngelis	X		
Mike Toretta	X		
Joe Flynn	X		
Bonnie Butler	X		
Mark Blaszkka, Mayor	X	(5) Yes (0) No	(0) Absent Motion Carried

A discussion ensued as to a new phone system to be installed at the municipal building. This new system will have a considerable savings to the township. Committeeperson DeAngelis briefed the committee as to the figures and the features that this new phone system through Ancero will bring to us including, municipal garage can be placed on an extension without having a separate phone line, Zoning Officer can have this as well, committeepersons can have their cell phone ring for a call or a message outside of the office. CFO to get a Capital Budget Ordinance together to introduce at December's Meeting.

The following Proclamation was introduced and passed.

**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**, by equipping young Americans' with both practical skills and broader intellectual abilities, schools give them hope for, and access to a productive future; 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, Mark Blaszk, serving as Mayor of Franklin Township, Warren County, New Jersey, do hereby proclaim November 14 – 20, 2010 as the 89th annual observance of American Education Week.

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 15th 2010.**

Denise L. Cicerelle, Municipal Clerk

Dated: November 15, 2010

A discussion as to the final voucher for the Asbury Historic District Pedestrian Improvements Project. Change Order #1 reflects a net increase of \$4,300.00 to the original contract price which increases the total contract amount to \$66,904.00.

On motion by Jeffrey DeAngelis and seconded by Joe Flynn to approve the final voucher for payment.

<b>Roll Call Vote</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Absent/Abstained</b>
Jeff DeAngelis		X	
Mike Toretta		X	
Joe Flynn		X	
Bonnie Butler		X	
Mark Blaszk, Mayor	X	(5) Yes	(0) No (0) Absent Motion Carried

A letter was received from Warren County Technical School as to a 20,000 grant for BPU, would like for us to assign it to them. This was given to Committeeperson Flynn to handle this.

Third Street Drainage, Mayor gave an update as to the work that still needs to be done to finish up the easement with Mr. Chiu. Approximately \$5,000 will be needed to cover the engineer cost that will be covered by the grant. Mayor feels that a letter of memorandum might be the best way to go. Mayor Blaszk will work with the township attorney and get this to Mr. Chiu.

An email was received by our CFO from Rosemarie Piccone of the Warren County Housing Rehabilitation. She is looking for joint funding from the township from the account for property located at 2214 Rout 57 for a Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Vantuna.

Under the COAH regulations the township's portion would be a total of \$10,000. Copies of bids and a signed contract will be forwarded to us.

On motion by Bonnie Butler and seconded by Jeffrey DeAngelis to approve \$10,000 for rehabilitation for property located at 2214 Rt. 57..

<b>Roll Call Vote</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Absent/Abstained</b>
Jeff DeAngelis		X	
Mike Toretta		X	
Joe Flynn		X	
Bonnie Butler		X	
Mark Blaszka, Mayor		X	(5) Yes (0) No (0) Absent Motion Carried

Per Auditor, Anthony Ardito, Levy increase limited to 2% of prior year levy with some exclusions. Mayor Blaszka explained that the 2% cap on the township would mean a total increase in tax for capped items would be \$0.004/100 assessed value or a total of \$14,000. Committeeperson Toretta does not want to raise taxes at all next year. Question was asked what are other townships doing with raises and the Mayor stated that if there is no contract towns are doing 0% or 2%. Mayor Blaszka feels the Full Time Employees should receive a 2% raise to offset the increase to the Health Insurance cost. No decision was made on this.

Franklin fire Department is asking for an increase from \$25,000 to \$39,000.

Ron Read from DPW requested an increase from \$183,500 to \$200,000 in the DPW OE line item. The Department of Public Works Employees have requested a 4% increase in salary.

The Municipal Clerk and the Land Use Board Secretary have also requested a 4% increase in salary.

Line Items reviewed as well as figures for 2011 budget to see what money if any is left over and what can be moved to another line item. Committee to move \$5,000 to the DPW budget and \$5,000 for Fire Department for expenses for 2010.

Community Center expenses need to be addressed. A letter was received by the current Site Manager defining her current duties as well as ordinances from surrounding townships that have comparison recreational positions comparing salaries. Requesting additional compensation for 2011 would need looking into by committee as to the job responsibilities and duties already performed and maybe some additional responsibilities to entertain.

CFO enlightened committee that if a 2% increase is given to the Municipal Clerk that it will also need to be addressed to her position as well as other appointed positions. There is a statute that defines this, Mayor Blaszka will confer with township attorney as to this statute.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Joe Flynn – nothing further to report

Michael Toretta – nothing further to report

Bonnie Butler – nothing further to report

Jeffrey DeAngelis – nothing further to report

Mark Blaszk a – nothing further to report

**OPEN PUBLIC SESSION**

Nothing addressed

At this time the committee made a motion by Jeffrey DeAngelis and seconded by Bonnie Butler to go into Executive Session at 8:39 pm.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**BE IT RESOLVED,** on this 15th day of November, 2010, 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

**Professional Contracts**

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 15th day of November, 2010 by the Franklin Township Committee, that the matter stated will be discussed in executive session, said session to commence at 8:39 p.m.

On motion by Joe Flynn and seconded by Bonnie Butler to return to the regular session 9:39 p.m. Unanimous Vote.

Mayor Blaszk a updated committee that the activity down behind Victaulic off Edison Road has something to do with the NJDEP and dumping in cavren.

Received a letter from United States Department of Agriculture, due to a tract division, the tract number to our land off Beidleman Road, that is farmed by Roger Woolf. Determined that total crop land is 42 acres in lieu of 30.

On motion by Bonnie Butler and seconded by Michael Toretta to amend the Farming Contract with Roger Woolf on our property off of Beidleman Road to 42 + acres as per the USDA letter dated November 9, 2010 at \$90.00 an acre.

<b>Roll Call Vote</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Absent/Abstained</b>
Jeff DeAngelis		X	
Mike Toretta		X	
Joe Flynn		X	
Bonnie Butler		X	
Mark Blaszk a, Mayor	X	(5) Yes	(0) No (0) Absent Motion Carried

On motion by Bonnie Butler and seconded by Joe Flynn, hearing no objection, meeting stands adjourned at 9:42 pm. Unanimous Vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise L. Cicerelle, RMC/CMR  
Municipal Clerk