

REGULAR MEETING

The Franklin Township Committee held its regular monthly meeting at 7:00 pm on Monday, June 5, 2017. Mayor Jeff DeAngelis 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.

Following the flag salute a roll call of committee members present.

ROLL CALL OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Ferri, Jacob Pence, Mike Toretta, Jeff DeAngelis, Mayor (4) Present

Absent: Jeannene Butler

Present were: Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk, Mike Finelli Municipal Engineer, Kevin Benbrook, Municipal Attorney, Jim Onembo, Zoning/Code Enforcement, Raymond Read, OEM, Roger Bulava, Recycling Coordinator.

CONSENT AGENDA:

(One Roll Call to approve the following agenda items 2-3)

2. MINUTES

- a. Regular Meeting Minutes of June 5, 2017
- b. Executive Session Meeting Minutes of June 5, 2017

3. RESOLUTIONS

- a. Proclamation RE: July 31st-August 5th Youth Suicide Prevention Week
- b. Resolution 2017-51 RE: Regulating the growth of Brush, Noxious Weeds and Grass, etc.

On motion by _____ and seconded by _____ the meeting minutes be adopted as read.

Roll Call:	Yes	No	Absent/Abstained
Michael Toretta	X		
Jeannene Butler	X		
Jacob Pence	X		
Mike Ferri	X		
Mayor, Jeff DeAngelis	X		

(5) Yes (0) No (0) Absent (1) Abstained Motion carried

On motion by _____ and seconded by _____ the Resolutions and Renewal Application on the Consent Agenda be adopted as read.

Roll Call:	Yes	No	Absent/Abstained
Michael Toretta	X		
Jeannene Butler	X		
Jacob Pence	X		
Mike Ferri	X		
Mayor, Jeff DeAngelis	X		

(5) Yes (0) No (0) Absent (0) Abstained Motion carried

maintain optimal independence. They assist older adults with paperwork; such as insurance and financial as well as meals and transportation. Jim Onembo inquired as to PODS and was informed they do not provide them locally anymore.

Discussion – USEPA requiring installation of an additional monitoring well at township-owned agricultural parcel, Block 16 Lot 21.01 as to the Pohatcong Valley Groundwater Contamination Superfund Site.

After a brief discussion, Attorney Benbrook will reach out to the EPA to suggest a place as to where the committee would like the additional well installed. Further discussion to continue at the July meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

A brief discussion ensued as the possible entertainment of re-zoning the area of Rt. 57 from the old Rossini's Market to the old Hunter's Tavern. Currently this area is zoned as R.75 (Residential) looking to change to a C-1 (Village Commercial Zone). A clause would be attached for those residents wishing to remain in the R.75 zone and not changing to a C-1. This change in zone will have to be discussed/approved with our Land Use Board prior to the township committee finalizing. Further discussion to continue at the July meeting.

REPORTS/UPDATES:

Attorney Report –

Attorney Benbrook updated the committee as to a few items this past month.

Engineer Report – Report on File (see below)

Mr. Finelli reviewed his report updating the committee as to a few items.

1. Maple Avenue: 2015 NJDOT Trust Fund Grant Project (No change since last month's Report)

- Project complete. Refer to Engineer's Report dated March 3, 2017 for details and information.

2. Township Wastewater Management Plan (WMP) (No change since last month's Report)

We have been advised in a June 16, 2014 email from NJDEP that there are three (3) options with regard to the most recent grant allotment received for \$19,000 via correspondence from the NJDEP dated, 2/12/14.

- a. Don't accept the grant and don't do any additional work and see what

3. Hazard Mitigation Plan (No change since last month's Report)

- Please refer to the April 4, 2016 report for information on this project.

4. Pohatcong Valley Groundwater Contamination (OU2) Potable Water Main Extension Project

- As prompted by Mayor Butler, our Office has been in recent contact with Theresa Hwilka, EPA, regarding the Township applying for and securing reimbursement for the Township's expenses/fees associated with this Project to date. Although there has not been much work conducted recently, this Project dates back to 2012, and the Township has not applied, nor secured any reimbursement on this Project to date. Dawson Bloom of our Office has made contact with Ms. Hwilka, who has provided both a Form and instructions relative to the Township providing the EPA with the required supporting information to apply for reimbursement. I would recommend that the Township move forward towards developing the information necessary to make the required submission to the EPA to secure the Township's appropriate reimbursement for this Project. Authorization for this work was provided at the March 2, 2015 TC meeting.
- Our Office recently compiled all the information, including the EPA Task Breakdown Spreadsheet, and supporting Vouchers for submittal to the EPA for Reimbursement. We submitted this information to Dawn Stanchina for her use in submitting the Reimbursement request to the EPA. The amount of funds expended totaled \$9,332.01. I spoke with Mayor Butler at the LUB meeting on 4/1/15 and she indicated that the Twp. had just received an e-mail from Theresa Hwilka, EPA, which indicated that their review of our submission was both complete and satisfactory and that the Twp. would be receiving their reimbursement check ASAP.
- As per a prior e-mail from Mayor Butler, the Township has received their initial Reimbursement check from the EPA.
- The EPA was scheduled to conduct an updated Public Information Meeting to interested/impacted Township Residents, which was scheduled for 10/26/15 at the Municipal Building. I am unaware of the turnout for the Meeting.
- Our office recently reached out to the EPA to get an update on the status of this project as it has been "quiet" for some time now. The response we received on May 5, 2016 was as follows:

"We are currently getting ready to conduct some additional remedial design fieldwork in the OU2 area this June. Some fieldwork relates to the State Historic Preservation Office requirements including architectural survey and archaeological investigations. We will also be conducting wetlands surveys, land surveys, soil borings, and constructability assessments at various OU2 properties to further design and meet other permitting requirements. We are currently projecting to have our 95% Remedial design completed on or about January 2017. Once the design is completed, it will be turned over to the responsible party to do the construction. Feel free to give them my direct number if they have additional questions".
- On June 14, 2016, our office and the Township received an email update from Theresa Hwilka, EPA, regarding the project which provided an update to the project schedule. In summary, they're indicating that the 95% Design

- Our office has just, as of 12/2/16, obtained this information. At the December, 2016 Committee Meeting, the Township Committee authorized our office to review this information and to forward a review letter to the EPA. We proceeded accordingly and forwarded a review letter, dated January 19, 2017 with supporting, marked up plans to the EPA.
- At the February 6, 2017 Committee Meeting, the Township requested that our office develop the “back-up” documentation for purposes of a submittal to the EPA for reimbursement. We have assembled what we believe to be all of the necessary supporting Information and will be coordinating and working with both Denise B. and Dawn S. to submit this information to the EPA.
- A conference call between myself and John Tobia, P.E., CH2MHill, and other EPA/project reps occurred on March 9, 2017. Our review letter, dated January 19, 2017, was reviewed in detail during the conference call. Most of the issues were discussed and resolved. A revised set of plans reflecting both our prior comments and comments from the Water Co. were received by our office on March 29, 2017. Our office is currently in the process of reviewing this information and will provide a letter to the EPA and CH2MHill in the near future.
- Our office forwarded our latest set of review comments to John Tobia, P.E., CH2Mhill, on April 24, 2017. This memo reflects miscellaneous review comments based upon the 95% complete Final Design drawings.
- In addition to the comments provided regarding the Final Design drawings (referenced above), our office has also been in contact with Sonny Read, Fire Chief, regarding the proposed hydrant locations. CH2MHill has been coordinating with New Jersey American Water Co. (NJAWCo) regarding the location and spacing of all of the proposed hydrants within the Franklin Township section of the water main extension project. The latest set of marked up Plans indicating all of the proposed hydrants has been previously forwarded to Sonny Read for his review and comment. It is our understanding that John Tobia, P.E., spoke in detail with Sonny Read on April 25, 2017 regarding the number and location and type of hydrants. We believe that all of Sonny Read’s comments will be incorporated into the final design plans.
- The TC should be advised that they will need to provide an official approval letter for both the number and location of all the proposed hydrants which will need to be sent to both NJAWCo and the EPA.

5. New Municipal Roadway Connector: Stewartsville Road to NJSH Route 57:
(No change since last month's Report)

- At the September 12, 2016 Committee Meeting, this potential project was discussed. This project would consist of a new roadway being constructed from a point along Stewartsville Road to the existing driveway opening along Route 57 that was previously constructed by The Chapel at Warren Valley. This property has recently been purchased by Robert Santini who met with me and discussed the possibility of the conveyance of a Right-of-Way to the Township for the possible construction of this new connector road.

office did some research of our files and came across a number of previously developed draft ordinances and documents that had apparently been worked on quite a few years ago. Subsequently, a meeting was held at the Municipal Building with representatives of the DPW, our office and Denise B. Since a lot of previously developed information appears to be available, I do not believe that this ordinance development should be any great expense to the Township. The DPW was going to do most of the inventory work which would generate the majority of the time associated with accomplishing this task. Denise B. was also going to contact General Code to determine what information they have and what help they might be able to provide the Township in the development of this Ordinance.

- This matter was discussed at the March 6, 2017 Committee Meeting relative to the status of the DPW and their inventory of the existing signage. The DPW had nearly completed the inventory effort at that time. Denise B. was also in the process of checking with the General Code regarding what they had previously developed and what would constitute an updated Ordinance. To date, I do not believe that General Code has responded. Kevin Benbrook has provided a “sample” ordinance for our use and reference. Once General Code responds to Denise, we should be in a very good position to complete the update to Chapter 129 of our Ordinance. Also, as a reminder to all, this Ordinance will need to be sent to the NJDOT for their approval.
- Our office recently forwarded certain sections of Chapter 129 to Ron Read for his review and/or completion as some of this information was not either supplied or applicable as per the most recent information provided to our office by the DPW. Once this information is received, it will be incorporated into the Ordinance as agreed upon at the 4/3/17 Committee meeting, Kevin Benbrook, Esq. is going to prepare the initial “draft” of the new ordinance for our office to review prior to it being sent to the NJDOT for approval. The Township Committee decided against entering into any contract with General Code for the purposes of the development of this section of the Township Ordinances.
- Trevor Lamperti, of our office, recently met with Ron Read to review the balance of information to complete the outstanding sections of Chapter 129. Our office is in the process of transferring the data, obtained from Ron Read, into the applicable sections within Chapter 129. Once this is complete, we will forward a final draft of the Ordinance to Attorney Benbrook for final review and Ordinance preparation.

Roger Bulava – Recycling –

Mr. Bulava informed the committee that Spring Clean Up is this Saturday. The WC Jail has provided their Labor Assistance Program offering assistance at Clean Up. This program consists of individuals who report to the jail on the weekend for community service hours. This program is no cost to the township and the individuals come with an officer and lunches.

DPW REPORT – Ron Read – Not present

Franklin Township Youth Association – No one present

Rescue Squad – Ernie Buel

Chief Buel informed that the squad will be doing a Coin Drop next weekend.

Franklin Township Community Center – Eddy Patient – not present at this meeting – no report

OEM/Fire - Raymond Read – Nothing to report

Township Committee Reports:

Jacob Pence

Nothing further to report

Mike Ferri

Nothing further to report.

Jeannene Butler - absent

Mike Toretta

Nothing further to report.

Jeff DeAngelis, Mayor

Mayor DeAngelis advised that he is working on the township insurance renewals and will update the committee at the July meeting.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION –

Bob Taylor – Mr. Taylor, present at last month's meeting as to a concern with engine braking on Asbury-Broadway Road, would like to see larger signs posted and enforcement of the Ordinance. Mayor DeAngelis advised that he will reach out to Warren County for bigger signs to be made/posted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

BE IT RESOLVED, on this 5th day of June, 2017, 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

- Personnel** – DPW Workers Compensation Claim
- Personnel** – Rescue Squad/Fire Department – Answering of EMS Calls
- Contract Negotiations** – The Land Conservancy – Hourly Agreement

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 5th, day of June, 2017 by the Franklin Township Committee, that the matter stated will be discussed in executive session, said session to commence at 7:52 pm.

On Motion by Mike Toretta and seconded by Jacob Pence to exit to executive session at 7:52 p.m. Unanimous Vote.

On motion by Jacob Pence and seconded Mike Toretta to return to the regular session at 8:46 p.m. Unanimous Vote.

MOTION FOR PAYMENT OF BILL LIST:

On motion by Jacob Pence and seconded by Mike Ferri, hearing no objection, to pay the bills from the bill list provided by the Chief Financial Officer.

Roll Call:	Yes	No	Absent/Abstained	
Michael Toretta	X			
Jeannene Butler			X	
Jacob Pence	X			
Mike Ferri	X			
Mayor, Jeff DeAngelis	X			
		(4) Yes	(0) No	(1) Absent
				Motion carried

Jacob Pence X
Mike Ferri X
Mayor, Jeff DeAngelis X

(4) Yes (0) No (1) Absent Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Denise L. Becton
Municipal Clerk