

REORGANIZATION MEETING

The Franklin Township Committee held their annual reorganization meeting on January 7, 2008 at the hour of 7:00 p.m. Denise L. Cicerelle 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: Mark Blaszka, Bonnie Butler, Michael Ferri, Jeffrey DeAngelis, Michael Toretta, John Zaiter, Esq., Michael Finelli, Engineer, Denise L. Cicerelle, Municipal Clerk, Raymond Read, OEM, Jim Onembo, Zoning., Roger Bulava, Recycling.

Flag Ceremony performed by Brownie Troop #4457.

Attorney Zaiter swore in Committee-elect Bonnie Butler and Mark Blaszka for a three year term on the Franklin Township Committee, Terms of office January 1, 2008 - December 31, 2010.

Nominations for Mayor for the year 2008 were opened, Mark Blaszka nominated, Bonnie Butler, Michael Ferri seconded the motion. Mark Blaszka made motion to close nominations for Mayor and seconded by Michael Toretta. (5) Yes, Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote for Mayor: Mark Blaszka, Bonnie Butler, Michael Ferri, Jeffrey DeAngelis, Michael Toretta.

Nominations for Deputy Mayor for the year 2008 were opened. Michael Ferri nominated, Mark Blaszka and seconded by Jeffrey DeAngelis. Michael Ferri made motion to close nominations for Deputy Mayor and seconded by Michael Toretta. (5)Yes, Motion carried

Roll Call Vote for Deputy Mayor: Mark Blaszka, Bonnie Butler, Michael Ferri, Jeffrey DeAngelis, Michael Toretta.

John Zaiter, Esq., swore in Bonnie Butler as Mayor for a one (1) year term and Mark Blaszka as Deputy Mayor for a one year term for the year 2008.

John Zaiter, Esq., swore in the line officers of the Franklin Township Rescue Squad, Franklin Township Fire Department, Asbury Fire Department for a (1) year term.

On motion by Michael Ferri and seconded by Michael Toretta the following Regular Meeting Minutes from December 3, 2007 were accepted as posted. Unanimous Vote.

On motion by Mark Blaszka and seconded by Michael Ferri the following Executive Session Meeting Minutes from December 3, 2007 were accepted as posted. Unanimous Vote.

RESOLUTION 2008-1

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren and State of New Jersey that the regular meetings of the Township Committee for the year 2008 shall be held the first Monday of each month at the Franklin Township Municipal Building, Broadway, N.J. at the hour of 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

The Franklin Township Committee chose the following meeting dates for the year 2008.

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to provisions of Section 231 of the "Open Public Meetings Act" Chapter 231, PL 1975 the following is a schedule of the Regular Meetings of the Franklin Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren to be held for the year 2007. All meetings unless otherwise indicated shall be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Franklin Township Municipal Building, 2093 Rt. #57, Broadway, N.J. 08808.

January	7 Re-Org	July	7
February	** 4	August	4
March	3	September	8
April	7	October	6
May	5	November	3
June	2	December	1
		January 5, 2009	

****February 4, 2008 Meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. to meet with the Auditors and the regular township meeting session will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m.**

***Budget Workshop meetings will be held as follows:**

November 17, 2008 6:00 pm

Dated: January 7, 2008

Disposition

1. Star-Gazette
2. Express-Times
3. Clerks Office

Municipal Building Broadway, N.J. 08808

RESOLUTION 2008-2

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of. Warren, State of New Jersey deems it necessary to incorporate a purchase order system so that the State Directive requiring an encumbrance system be enacted, and

WHEREAS, by Order of the Mayor and Committee that system be initiated, utilizing pre-numbered purchase orders, and encumbering any purchase of \$1,000.00 or over

WHEREAS, P.L. 1983, chapter 8, Local Fiscal Affairs Law, N.J.S.A. 40A 59-2 has been amended to require that each municipality designate a Cash Management Plan for the deposit of local units monies.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following Cash Management Plan be adopted by the Township of Franklin.

A. Designation of Official Depositories:

1. The following institutions are designated Official Depositories.

PNC Bank	New Hope Bank
Bank of America	Soverign Bank

2. Designated Official Depositories are required to submit to the Financial Officer of the Township of Franklin a copy of the State of New Jersey, Department of Banking, Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act notification of eligibility which must be filed semi-annually in the Department of Banking as of June 30, and December 31, of each year.

3. Designated Official Depositories are required to submit to the Financial Officer a copy of the Institutions' Annual Report on an annual basis.

B. Deposit of Funds

All funds shall be deposited within forty-eight hours (48) of receipt in accordance with State Statutes.

1. Operating funds shall be deposited into interest bearing accounts to maximize earnings.

2. Trust funds may be deposited into interest bearing accounts, Non interest bearing accounts should be regularly monitored for

availability of funds for investment except where either State, Federal . laws or Local Ordinances prohibit the earnings of interest on such funds. .

C. Designation of Allowable Investment Instruments

The Township may permit deposits and investments in such depositories as permitted in section 4 of P.L. 1970 Chapter 23666 (c. 17:9-44)

D. Definitions of Acceptable Collateral and Protection of Township Assets.

1. All designated. depositories must conform to all applicable state statutes.

2. All depositories shall obtain the highest amount possible F.D.I.C.,and or F.S.L.I.C. coverage of all Township Assets. (Demand and Certification of Deposits.).

3. Collateral will be required for all deposits and investment of the Township except for those in the State Cash management fund, collateral must have a market value of not less than 100% of all deposits and investments

E. Reporting Procedures:

. The Financial Officer shall prepare for the Township Committee for the following investment reports.

1. Monthly reporting: A listing of all investments as part of the Financial Officer's monthly report.

2. The Financial Officer, shall prepare a schedule of outstanding investments for the independent auditors as of December 31, of each year and at other such times as required by the auditors.

F. Maximum Maturity Policy:

Investments shall be limited to a maturity not to exceed one year on all operating funds unless a longer maturity is permitted within the provisions of regulation promulgated by either the Federal or State Government. .

G. Bonding:

The following Official shall be covered by surety bonds, said surety bonds to be examined by the Independent Auditor to insure their proper execution:

Financial Officer

Tax Collector

Staff members of the Department of Finance not covered by separate surety bonds shall be covered by a Public Employees' Faithful Performance Bond in the minimum amount of \$5,000.00.

H. Compliance:

The Cash Management Plan of the Township of Franklin shall be subject to the annual audit conducted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4.

RESOLUTION 2008-3

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, and State of New Jersey that the Clerk's fees for permanent registration and election fee and services for the year 2008 shall be and the same set at \$300.00 per each election. (Presidential Primary this year, February, 2008)

RESOLUTION 2008-4

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, and State of New Jersey, that all merchants of Franklin Township, County of Warren, doing retail business within the Township be obligated to obtain a mercantile license in the amount of \$50.00 during the month of January. Penalty after February 28, 2008 to be an additional \$10.00.

RESOLUTION 2008-5

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren and State of New Jersey that the following job titles for the year 2008 be made

DPW Foreman	Ronald Read
DPW Asst. Foreman	Richard Frankenfield
DPW Mechanic-Gen'l Laborer	Steven Tabert
Municipal Clerk	Denise L. Cicerelle
Deputy Municipal Clerk	Nancy Jacobsen
Tax Collector	Karin Kneafsey
Tax Assessor	Eloise Hagaman
Chief Financial Officer	Dawn Stanchina
Asst. Treasurer	Denise L. Cicerelle
Construction Official	Walter VanLieu
Plumbing Inspector	William Barry Gleason
Fire Inspector	Thomas Lance
Electrical Inspector	Joseph Rossi
Animal Control Officer	Betty & Gary Wysocki
Dog Licensing Official	Nancy Jacobsen
Welfare Director	Nancy Jacobsen
Crossing Guards (3)	Betty Lake, John Whitmore, Barbara Skeens
Health Officer	(5) Twsp. Comm. Members & Zoning Officer
Emergency Management Coordinator	Raymond Read
Deputy Emergency Mgt. Coordinator	Clint Ziegler
9-1-1 Coordinator	Raymond Read
Zoning Officer	James Onembo
Land Use Board Secretary	Margaret Housman
Open Space Clerk	Nancy Jacobsen
Tax Search Officer	Karin Kneafsey
Assessment Search Officer	Denise L. Cicerelle
Registrar Vital Statistics	Denise L. Cicerelle
Deputy Registrar Vital Statistics	Kelley D. Smith
Municipal Judge	Joseph W. Steinhardt
Municipal Prosecutor	Roger Skoog
Public Defender	Share w/Lopatcong Twsp.
Sgt. At Arms	Share w/Lopatcong Twsp.
Recycling Coordinator	Roger Bulava

RESOLUTION 2008-6

The following Temporary Budget for the year 2008 as prepared by Dawn Stanchina, C.F.O. was presented.

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40 A-19 provides that where any contract, commitment or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2008 budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purpose and time therein provided: and

WHEREAS, the date of this resolution is within the first thirty days of January 2008, and:

WHEREAS, the total appropriations in the prior years budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption, capital improvement fund and public assistance, is the sum of \$1,969,257.00; and

WHEREAS, One fourth (1/4) of the total appropriations in the 2007 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption, capital improvement fund, public assistance, is the sum of \$279,000.40

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following appropriations be made and that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer, Dawn Stanchina

Temporary Budget

General Admin: S/W	4,785.63
General Admin: OE	6,693.75
Human Resources (personnel): OE	787.50
Mayor & Council: S&W	3,805.20
Municipal Clerk: S& W	9,652.38
Financial Adm.S& W	8,455.65
Financial Adm. :OE	656.25
Audit Services:OE	5,137.12
Rev Admin (Tax Coll):S&W	6,624.18
Rev. Admin (Tax Col.): OE	540.75
Tax Assessment: S&W	8,652.00
Tax Assessment:OE	2,625.00
Legal Services (Lgl Dept):OE	19,687.50
Engineering Services: OE	10,500.00
Historical Sites Office: OE	13.12
Land Use: S&W	5,959.53
Land Use: OE	8,111.25
Construction Official: S& W	11,100.07
Construction Official: OE	918.75
Employee Group Insurance	13,248.37
Unemployment Insurance	840.00
Other Insurance Premiums	17,479.08
Police Department: S& W	2,362.50
Police Department: OE	131.25
Emergency Management:S& W	975.71
Emergency Manaagement:OE	393.75
Fire: OE	2,887.50
Road,Maintenance:S& W	40,687.50
Road Maintenance:OE. .	26,250.00
Solid Waste Collection:S&W	2,127.03
Solid Waste Collection:OE	2,100.00
Building & Grounds:OE	9,975.50
Animal Control Services:S& W	2,143.83
Animal Control Services:OE	393.75
Welfare/ Adm.of Pub. Serv:S&W	1,693.91
Welfare/ Adm of Pub.Serv:OE	262.50
Electricity	3,806.25
Street Lighting	2,756.25
Gasoline	4,462.50
Social Security	9,802.01
Municipal Court: S&W	1,312.50
Municipal Court: OE	8,203.12
Zoning Officer:S&W	5,537.96
Zoning Officer: OE	656.25
Recreation: OE	3,806.25

Temporary Budget Total 279,000.40

Certification

I, Denise L. Cicerelle, Clerk of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, and State of New Jersey hereby certify the foregoing Resolution is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, at a regular meeting held on Monday, January 7, 2008.

RESOLUTION 2008-7

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A-11, etc. known as the Local Public Contracts Law, requires that all contracts or agreements for the performance of any work, shall not be made or awarded unless public advertising for bids and bidding therefore is solicited, and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A-11.5 provides that any contract agreement may be made, negotiated, awarded without public advertisement for bids and bidding therefore, if the subject matter thereof consists of professional services are rendered or performed by a person authorized by law to practice recognized profession and,

WHEREAS, The Township of Franklin, has need for professional services which said services will be performed by persons authorized to practice recognized profession.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, State of New Jersey.

1. That in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A-11.1, the Township of Franklin is authorized to award contracts and/or hire the following professional services for a term of one year.:

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|------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| a. Planner | Banisch Associates, Inc. |
| b. Bond Counsel | John G. Hudak, Esq., LLC |
| c. Special Tax Counsel | Richard Conley |
| d. Open Space Advisor | Morris Land Conservancy |
| e. Special Counsel | Lewis Goldshore, Goldshore, Cash & Kalac |

The Clerk of the Township of Franklin being she is hereby authorized and directed to forthwith publish a copy of this Resolution in the Star-Gazette in the next issue.

Dated: January 7, 2007

Resolution 2008-8

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Franklin Township Committee has a need to acquire general legal services as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 or 20.5 as appropriate; and,

WHEREAS, the purchasing agent has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will exceed \$17, 500; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is 1 year; and

WHEREAS, Broschious, Fischer & Zaiter, has submitted a proposal, November 8, 2007 indicating they will provide the general legal services on the term set forth therein;

WHEREAS, Broschious, Fischer & Zaiter, has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that John Zaiter, Esq. and Broschious & Fischer has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit John Zaiter, Esq., and Broschious & Fischer from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and

WHEREAS, adequate funds have been budgeted and are available for such services;- N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin authorizes the mayor to enter into a contract with Broschious & Fischer as described herein; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in a legally designated publication.

Resolution 2008-9

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES-MUNICIPAL AUDITOR FOR FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Franklin Township Committee has a need to acquire municipal Auditor as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and,

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will exceed \$17, 500; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is 1 year; and

WHEREAS, Ardito & Co., LLP has submitted a proposal dated, December 17, 2007 indicating they will provide the auditor services for the anticipated fee of \$20,280; and \$2,100 for Central Warren Court and,

WHEREAS, Ardito & Co., LLP., has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certified that Ardito & Co., LLP has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Ardito & Co., LLP from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and

WHEREAS, the required certificate for the availability of funds has been filed by the chief financial officer providing that legally appropriated balances are available to cover the amount of the contract as required by N.J.A.C. 5:30-14.5 and that fees for the aforementioned auditing and non-auditing services shall be made available by appropriate inclusion in either an annual municipal budget which includes current, revenue sharing and utility provisions, by budget amendments for Federal program spending or by inclusion in an appropriate bond ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin authorizes the Mayor and Clerk of the Township of Franklin to enter into a contract with Ardito and Co., LLP as described herein as auditors on and in behalf of the Township of Franklin for the year 2008; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in a legally designated publication.

Resolution2008-10

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE GENERAL LAND USE BOARD LEGAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Franklin Township Committee has a need to acquire general legal services as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 or 20.5 as appropriate; and,

WHEREAS, the purchasing agent has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will exceed \$17, 500; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is 1 year; and

WHEREAS, Vogel, Chait, Collins & Schneider, has submitted a proposal, November 13, 2007 indicating they will provide the general legal services for the Land Use Board on the term set forth therein;

WHEREAS, Vogel, Chait, Collins & Schneider, has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Richard Schneider, Esq. and Vogel, Chait, Collins & Schneider has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Richard Schneider, and Vogel, Chait, Collins & Schneider from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and

WHEREAS, adequate funds have been budgeted and are available for such services;- N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin authorizes the mayor to enter into a contract with Vogel, Chait, Collins & Schneider as described herein; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in a legally designated publication.

Resolution2008-11

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE AS OUR OPEN SPACE ADVISOR

WHEREAS, the Franklin Township Committee has a need to acquire general open space services as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 or 20.5 as appropriate; and,

WHEREAS, the purchasing agent has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will exceed \$17, 500; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is 1 year; and

WHEREAS, Morris Land Conservancy, has submitted a proposal, November 16, 2007 indicating they will provide the general open space services for the Open Space Committee on the term set forth therein;

WHEREAS, Morris Land Conservancy, has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure

Certification which certifies that Jennifer McCullough and Morris Land Conservancy has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Jennifer McCullough, and Morris Land Conservancy from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and

WHEREAS, adequate funds have been budgeted and are available for such services;- N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin authorizes the mayor to enter into a contract with Morris Land Conservancy as described herein; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in a legally designated publication.

RESOLUTION 2008-12

WHEREAS, It is resolved that the Mayor and Township Committee of each municipality in the County of Warren, in order to file Municipal Tax Appeals, pass a Resolution allowing the Attorney for the Municipality, to file and prosecute said appeals.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by a majority of the members of the Governing Body of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that the Municipal Attorney and/or Special Counsel are hereby authorized to file, prosecute, stipulate, modify, agree upon and otherwise perform the duties which are required of said Attorney, in the process of prosecution and/or filing of Municipal Tax Appeals.

IT IS THEREFORE, on this 7th day of January 2008, Resolved as aforesaid by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, in the County of Warren and State of New Jersey.

CERTIFICATION

I, Denise L. Cicerelle, Clerk of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, and State of New Jersey. hereby certify the foregoing Resolution is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Committee. Of the Township of Franklin at a regular meeting held on Monday, January 7, 2008.

RESOLUTION 2008-13

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of .the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, desires not to refund tax overpayments under the amount of \$10.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Township Committee of said Township of Franklin that all tax over-payments under the amount of. \$10.00 shall not be refunded, but shall be applied to the subsequent quarter's tax receivable.

RESOLUTION 2008-14

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN,
COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
FIXING THE RATE OF INTEREST TO BE CHARGED
ON DELINQUENT TAXES OR ASSESSMENTS.**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:4-67 permits the governing body of each municipality to fix the rate of interest to be charged for non-payment of taxes or assessments subject to any abatement or discount for the late payment of taxes as provided by law; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54-4-67 has been amended to permit the fixing of said rates of 8% per annum on the first . \$1,500.00 and allows an additional penalty of 6% be collected against a delinquency in excess of \$10,000.00 on properties that fail to pay the delinquency prior to the end of the calendar year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to charge 8%.per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of

taxes becoming delinquent after due date and 18%.per annum on any amount of taxes in excess of \$1,500.00 becoming delinquent after due date and if a delinquency is in excess of \$10,000.00 and remains in arrears beyond December 31st an additional penalty of 6% shall be charged against the delinquency.

2. Effective January 1, 2008, there will be a ten (10) day grace period of quarterly tax payments made by cash, check or money order.

3. Any payments not made in accordance with paragraph two (2) of this resolution shall be charged interest from due date as set forth in paragraph one (1) of this resolution.

4. This Resolution shall be published in its entirety in the Star-Gazette, issue of January 10, 2008, official newspaper of the Township of Franklin.

5. A certified copy of this Resolution be provided by the Township Clerk to the Tax Collector, Township Attorney and Township Auditor for the Township of Franklin.

Dated: January 7, 2008

CERTIFICATION

. I, Denise L. Cicerelle, Clerk of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, and State of New Jersey hereby certify the foregoing Resolution is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin at a regular meeting held on Monday, January 7, 2008.

RESOLUTION 2008- 15

WHEREAS, Ordinance 2002-14 provides for the establishment of a "Land Use Board" consisting of nine members that shall be appointed by the Mayor of the Township of Franklin. The appointments for the year 2008 for the coming year were made on January 7, 2008 as follows.

Class 1: Mayor Butler	1 year exp. 12/08
Class 2: James Onembo	1 year exp. 12/08
Class 3: Mark Blaszk	1 year exp. 12/08
Class 4: Frank Jacobsen	3 year exp. 12/10

Alt. #3 Ron Sigler	1 year exp. 12/08
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RESOLUTION 2008-16

WHEREAS, the Franklin Township Committee has deemed it necessary to appoint the following members to the Open Space Commission that shall be appointed by the Mayor of the Township of Franklin. The appointments for the year 2008 for the coming year were made on January 7, 2008 as follows.

Morris Land Conservancy	1 year	exp. 12/08
Mark Fitzsimmons (Alt. #1)	3 year	exp. 12/10
Larry Adams	3 year	exp. 12/10

Resolution 2008-17

WHEREAS, there exists vacancies on the newly enacted Public Safety Committee and;

WHEREAS, the following appointments to fill said vacancy for a period of one year has been enacted, and:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following individuals take their place on the Public Safety Committee for a period of one year effective January 7, 2008.

- (1) Township Committee members
Michael Ferri – Jeffrey DeAngelis
- (2) Chief John Freschette
- (3) Chief Raymond Read
- (4) Rescue Squad Captain Steve Tabert
- (5) OEM Coordinator Raymond Read
- (6) Deputy OEM Coordinator- Clint Ziegler
- (7) Dawn Stanchina, CFO

RESOLUTION 2008-18

WHEREAS, the Franklin Township Committee has deemed it necessary to appoint the following members to the Local Board of Health for a period of one (1) year.

- Mark Blaszk
- Bonnie Butler
- Jeffrey DeAngelis
- Michael Ferri
- Michael Toretta
- James Onembo

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Resolution 2008-19

WHEREAS, the Municipal Court of Franklin Township, Warren County, a shared Court with Lopatcong Township, is required to appoint a Municipal Prosecutor pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2B:25-4; and

WHEREAS, Roger J. Skoog has been the Prosecutor appointed by the Township of Franklin for many years with precise and accurate knowledge of his duties as Municipal Prosecutor; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township of Franklin appoints Roger J. Skoog, Prosecutor of the Municipal Court of Franklin Township in the County of Warren, and State of New Jersey for a period of time from January 1,2008 through December 31,2008.

On Motion by Mark Blaszkka and seconded by Jeffrey DeAngelis to approve **Resolution 2008-19** be adopted as read. Introduced and Approved on January 7, 2008.

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

CERTIFICATION

I, Denise L. Cicerelle, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Franklin, Warren County, New Jersey is a true and correct copy of a Resolution approved by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin at a regular meeting held on January 7, 2008.

Denise L. Cicerelle, Clerk
Franklin Township
Warren County, State of New Jersey

RESOLUTION 2008-20

APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC DEFENDER

WHEREAS, the administration of the Municipal Court requires the appointment of a Public Defender to perform duties of the Franklin Township Municipal Court, Lopatcong, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Franklin Township will be sharing a Municipal Court with the Township of Lopatcong; and

WHEREAS, Franklin Township will also be sharing a Public Defender with Lopatcong Township;

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, to approve the appointment of the Public Defender for Franklin Township as approved by Lopatcong Township.

On Motion by Mark Blaszkka and seconded by Jeffrey DeAngelis to approve **Resolution 2008-20** be adopted as read. Introduced and Approved on January 7, 2008.

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

CERTIFICATION

I, Denise L. Cicerelle, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Franklin, Warren County, New Jersey is a true and correct copy of a Resolution approved by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin at a regular meeting held on January 7, 2008.

Denise L. Cicerelle, Clerk
Franklin Township
Warren County, State of New Jersey

RESOLUTION 2008-21

APPOINTMENT OF COURT ADMINISTRATOR

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, Franklin Township will be sharing a Court Administrator and Deputy Court Administrator with Lopatcong Township;

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, State of New Jersey to approve the appointment of the Deputy Court Administrator for Franklin Township as appointed by Lopatcong Township

On motion by Mark Blaszk a and seconded by Jeffrey DeAngelis to approve **Resolution 2008-21** be adopted as read. Introduced and Adopted on January 7, 2008.

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

CERTIFICATION

I, Denise L. Cicerelle, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Franklin, Warren County, New Jersey is a true and correct copy of a Resolution approved by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin at a regular meeting held on January 7, 2008.

Denise L. Cicerelle, Clerk
Franklin Township
Warren County, State of New Jersey

RESOLUTION 2008-22

APPOINTMENT OF SERGEANT AT ARMS

WHEREAS, the administrator of the Municipal Court requires the appointment of a Sergeant at Arms to perform duties of the Franklin Township Municipal Court, Lopatcong, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Franklin Township will be sharing a Municipal Court with the Township of Lopatcong; and

WHEREAS, Franklin Township will also be sharing a Sergeant at Arms with Lopatcong Township;

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, to approve the appointment of the Sergeant at Arms for Franklin Township as approved by Lopatcong Township

On motion by Mark Blaszk and seconded by Jeffrey DeAngelis to approve **Resolution 2008- 22** be adopted as read. Introduced and Approved on January 7, 2008.

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	Motion Carried

CERTIFICATION

I, Denise L. Cicerelle, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Franklin, Warren County, New Jersey is a true and correct copy of a Resolution approved by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin at a regular meeting held on January 7, 2008.

Denise L. Cicerelle, Clerk
Franklin Township
Warren County, State of New Jersey

RESOLUTION 2008-23

WHEREAS, there remains on the records and books of the Township of Franklin delinquent taxes and municipal charges owing as of December 31, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the statutes of the State of New Jersey, expressly N.J.S.A. 54:5 et seq., provide for the enforcement and collection of such delinquencies through a tax lien sale; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector is empowered by statute to conduct and preside over the sale of liens;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Township of Franklin, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to sell all municipal liens in accordance with New Jersey law, on or before December 31, 2008

RESOLUTION 2008-24

WHEREAS, N.J .S.A. 40A: 4-19 provides authority for appropriating in a resolution the permanent debt service requirements for the coming fiscal year providing that such resolution is not made earlier than December 20, of the year preceding the beginning of the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the date of this resolution is subsequent to December 19th.; and

WHEREAS, principal and interest will be due on dates from January 1st to December 31st., inclusive, on sundry bonds and notes issued and outstanding; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following appropriations be made to cover the period from January 1st to December 31st inclusive.

Debt - Principal	\$80,000.00
Debt - Interest	\$20,000.00

RESOLUTION 2008- 25

SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH

WHEREAS, New Jersey's public schools serve more than 1.2 million children from Kindergarten through Grade 6; and

WHEREAS, The direction of public education in New Jersey is chartered locally by individual school boards, whose 4,800 members serve as advocates for public education as they work with administrators, teachers, parents and local residents; and

WHEREAS, Boards of Education provide accountability to the democratic system of governing the

schools by communicating the needs of the district to the community while impressing upon administrators the public's expectations for the school district; and

WHEREAS, School Board members receive no remuneration for their services;
and

WHEREAS, The Township of Franklin is justly proud of the academic, athletic and social achievements of the students in our community; and ,

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Board of Education and the New Jersey School Boards Association have declared January 2008 to be School Board Recognition Month, a time that all residents might acknowledge the contributions made by our local school board members; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Franklin Township Committee does hereby commend the service of the Franklin Township Board of Education and its members to our community and its children; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Franklin Township Committee proclaims January as **SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH** in Franklin Township, and urges all citizens to join in recognizing the dedication of local school board members, past and present, as we work together to improve educational opportunities for our children.

Dated: January 7, 2008

On motion by Mark Blaszk and seconded by Jeffrey DeAngelis the aforementioned **Resolution 2008-25** be adopted as recertification

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	Motion Carried

CERTIFICATION

I, Denise L. Cicerelle, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Franklin, Warren County, New Jersey is a true and correct copy of a Resolution approved by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin at a regular meeting held on January 7, 2008.

Denise L. Cicerelle, Municipal Clerk
Franklin Township

**RESOLUTION 2008-26
FUND YEAR
STATEWIDE INSURANCE FUND**

RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT'S AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT entered into this 1st day of January 2008, among the Statewide Insurance Fund ("FUND"), a joint insurance fund of the State of New Jersey, Franklin Township ("MEMBER") and Herder Terricone("CONSULTANT").

WHEREAS, the CONSULTANT has offered to the MEMBER professional risk management consulting services as required by the Bylaws of the FUND; and

WHEREAS, the CONSULTANT has advised the FUND that he/she is familiar with the terms, conditions and operations of the FUND; and

WHEREAS, the MEMBER desires these professional services from the CONSULTANT; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws of the FUND require that members engage a CONSULTANT and that the CONSULTANT comply with certain requirements set forth therein.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants set forth herein, agree as follows:

1. For and in consideration of the amount stated hereinafter, the CONSULTANT shall:
 - (a) assist in evaluating the MEMBER'S exposures and advise on matters relating to the Member's operation and coverage.
 - (b) explain to the MEMBER, or its representatives, the various coverages available from the FUND.
 - (c) explain to the MEMBER, or its representatives, the terms of the member's commitment and obligations to the FUND.
 - (d) explain to the MEMBER, or its representatives the operation of the FUND.
 - (e) prepare applications, statements of values, etc., on behalf of the MEMBER, if required by the FUND.
 - (f) review the MEMBER'S assessment and assist in the preparation of the MEMBER'S insurance budget.
 - (g) review losses and engineering reports and provide assistance to the MEMBER'S safety committee, if required.

- (h) assist in the claims settlement process, if required, by MEMBER or FUND.
 - (i) attend the majority of meetings of the Fund Commissioners or Executive Committee, if requested, and perform such other services as required by the MEMBER or the FUND.
 - (j) comply with the obligations imposed upon Risk Managers in the FUND's Bylaws.
 - (k) act in good faith and fair dealing to the FUND.
 - (l) perform other duties for the FUND as may be required from time to time by the FUND.
2. In exchange for the above services, the CONSULTANT shall be compensated in the following manner:
- (a) The CONSULTANT shall be paid by the FUND, on behalf of the MEMBER, a fee as compensation for services rendered. Said fee, an apportionment of the MEMBER's assessment: 6% of workers' compensation (excluding any fees, PLIGA, and loss ratio apportionment); 7.5% of all lines assessment (excluding any fees, PLIGA, and loss ratio apportionment); and 10% of Selective umbrella assessment (excluding fees, PLIGA and administrative expenses).
 - (b) The CONSULTANT shall be entitled to compensation for services provided during any calendar year only if the CONSULTANT has been appointed and holds the position of Risk Management Consultant, as of January 31 of the said calendar year for counties and municipalities holding general elections and July 30 for municipalities holding regular elections.
 - (c) For any insurance coverages authorized by the MEMBER to be placed outside the FUND, the CONSULTANT shall receive as compensation the normal brokerage commissions paid by the insurance company. The premiums for said policies shall not be added to the FUND's assessment in computing the fee set forth in 2(a).
 - (d) If the MEMBER shall require of the CONSULTANT extra services other than those outlined above, the CONSULTANT shall be paid by the MEMBER a fee at a rate to be negotiated by the parties.

3. The term of this Agreement shall be from **January 1, 2008** to **January 1, 2009**. However, this Agreement may be terminated by either party at any time by mailing to the other thirty (30) days written notice, certified mail return receipt. In the event of termination of this Agreement, the CONSULTANT's fees outline in 2(a) above shall be prorated to date of termination.
4. The CONSULTANT shall comply with all laws applicable to producers who provide insurance products to public entities and shall comply with all applicable statutes and regulations relating to joint insurance funds.
5. The CONSULTANT agrees to comply with all affirmative action laws applicable in accordance with Exhibit A and to submit all necessary documentation establishing compliance within seven (7) days of this Agreement.

ATTEST:

MEMBER'S REPRESENTATIVE

ATTEST:

RISK MANGEMENT CONSULTANT

ATTEST:

STATEWIDE INSURANCE FUND CHAIRMAN

RESOLUTION 2008-27

RESOLUTION APPOINTING RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT

WHEREAS, Township of Franklin (hereinafter "Local Unit") has joined the Statewide Insurance Fund (hereinafter "Fund") a joint insurance fund as defined in N.J.S.A. 40A:10-36 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws require participating members to appoint a Risk Management Consultant, as those positions are defined in the Bylaws, if requested to do so by the "Fund", and

WHEREAS, the "Fund" has requested its members to appoint individuals or entitles to that position; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of "Local Unit" in the County of Warren and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. Township of Franklin hereby appoints Herder Terricone Associates its local Risk Management Consultant.
2. The Mayor and Risk Management Consultant are hereby authorized to execute the Risk Management Consultant's Agreement for the year 2008 in the form attached hereto.

Township of Franklin

Name and title

Attest:

Certification

I, Denise L. Cicerelle, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the governing body on January 7, 2008.

Municipal Clerk

Witness my hand and seal of the
Township of Franklin of this 7th day of January, 2008

RESOLUTION 2008-28
TONNAGE GRANT

WHEREAS, The Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act P.L.1987, C.102, has established a recycling fund from which tonnage grant may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent and the spirit of the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act to use the tonnage grants to develop new municipal recycling programs and to continue and to expand existing programs; and

WHEREAS, The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection is promulgating recycling regulations to Implement the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act; and

WHEREAS, The recycling regulations impose on municipalities certain requirements as a condition for applying for tonnage grants, including but not limited to, making and keeping accurate, verifiable records of materials collected and claimed by the municipality; and

WHEREAS, A resolution authorizing this municipality to apply for such tonnage grants for 2007 will memorialize the commitment of this municipality to recycling and to indicate the assent of the Township of Franklin to the efforts undertaken by the municipality and the requirements contained in the Recycling Act and recycling regulations; and

WHEREAS, Such a Resolution should designate the individual authorized to ensure the application is properly completed and timely filed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, that Franklin Township hereby endorses the submission of the recycling tonnage grant application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and designates Roger Bulava to ensure that the application is properly filed, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the monies received from the recycling tonnage grant be deposited in a dedicated recycling trust fund to be used solely for the purposes of recycling.

On motion by Mark Blaszk and seconded by Jeffrey DeAngelis to adopt the aforementioned **Resolution 2008-28**.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstained
Mark Blaszk	X		
Bonnie Butler	X		
Mike Ferri	X		
Jeff DeAngelis	X		
Michael Toretta	X		

(5) Yes (0) No Motion carried

Dated: January 7, 2008

A MUNICIPAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A RECYCLING
TONNAGE GRANT MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE GRANT APPLICATION

RESOLUTION 2008-29

Public Agency Compliance Officer

WHEREAS, The Township of Franklin (hereinafter "Public Agency") in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-3.5 that each agency shall designate a Public Agency Compliance Officer; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Treasury, Division of Contracts Compliance and Equal Employment Opportunity in Public Contracts; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of The Township of Franklin, in the County of Warren and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Township of Franklin hereby designates Denise L. Cicerelle, RMC, as its Public Agency Compliance Officer.

On motion by Mark Blaszk a and seconded by Jeffrey DeAngelis the aforementioned **Resolution 2008-29** be adopted as read.

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

RESOLUTION 2008-30

**APPOINTMENT OF
MUNICIPAL
AGRICULTURE
ADVISORY BOARD**

WHEREAS, the Franklin Township Committee has deemed it necessary to appoint the following members to the Municipal Agriculture Advisory Board that shall be appointed by the Mayor of the Township of Franklin. The appointments are for the year 2008.

Robert Hood
Joel Reger
Roger Woolf

On motion by Mark Blaszk a and seconded it by Jeffrey DeAngelis the aforenoted **Resolution 2008-30** be adopted as read.

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

Dated: December 4, 2007

On motion by Mark Blaszkka and seconded by Jeffrey DeAngelis the aforementioned **Resolutions 2008-1** through and including **Resolution 2008-30** be adopted as read.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstained
Mark Blaszkka	X		
Bonnie Butler	X		
Jeff DeAngelis	X		
Michael Ferri	X		
Michael Toretta	X	(5) Yes	Motion Carried

Trooper Paruta was present this evening for any concerns we might have. Resident Rondi Bogwald commented as to beer cans and speeders on Good Springs Road. She also commented as to other garbage along side of the road. Trooper will direct this to matter to his barracks.

Attorney Zaiter swore in members of the Agricultural Advisory Committee, Roger Woolf and Joel Reger, for a one year term. Term of office January 1, 2008 - December 31, 2009.

EngineerReport:

1. Millbrook Road Realignment Project

- 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 stabilized the existing drainage swale at the project.

2. Third Street Drainage Problems

- 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 Duvenceck 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 Duvenceck will continue to coordinate with both John Moyle and Lou Cattuna. We were notified by Lou Cattuna that in order for the project to continue 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). As of the date of this report, we have not received any communication with SHPO related to our application.
- Once the Township receives approval for the project, we will begin negotiating with the landowner, Mrs. Chiu, regarding gaining rights to canal property.

3. Sidewalk Damage, Lauren Drive

- 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 Update
(No change from last month's report)**

- The Township Committee was briefed a number of months ago regarding the status of the Wastewater Management plan update. Our office will continue to coordinate with the Township Attorney's office and all other involved parties, as required, should we move forward with this project.

**5. Mountain View Road Reconstruction (2005 NJDOT Grant)
(No change from last month's report)**

- 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. Key-Tech performed the required pavement testing work and the pavement testing passed NJDOT requirements. Our office has prepared the final NJDOT close-out documents and will be submitting same enabling 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).
- Following our inspection of the roadway, we contacted the NJDOT to both advise them of the problem and inquire relative to the applicability of repairs and improvements to this section of the roadway through their Discretionary Aid Grant Program. Nevitt Duveneck spoke to John Duke, NJDOT, who has recently inspected the roadway to evaluate the conditions of same. Mr. Duke advised Nevitt that the roadway was an excellent candidate through the Discretionary Aid Grant Program based upon the emergent nature of the roadway conditions and potential safety-related impacts of further failure to the roadway.
- 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). Our office will keep the Committee apprised of any action taken by the NJDOT on this application.

Attorney Report:

Report on File, additional information to be discussed in Executive Session.

Committee Reports:

Michael Ferri – had no comment

Michael Toretta – had co comment

Jeffrey DeAngelis – Insurance updates:

1.Pollution control was discussed last year due to oil spills, \$2500 annual additional premium to cover/clean up an oil spill at the road garage on their 2 oil tanks. On motion by Bonnie Butler and seconded by Michael Ferri to amend the policy to add this coverage.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstained
Michael Ferri	X		
Mark Blaszk	X		
Bonnie Butler	X		
Michael Toretta	X		
Jeff DeAngelis	X	(5) Yes	Motion carried

2.Volunteer Services; We now have up to \$125 for first 28 days. After 28 days \$375. The State Disability Policy would pick up first then our insurance would be 2nd to the Disability insurance carried by a member. On motion by Mark Blaszk and seconded by Jeffrey DeAngelis to amend the policy as to now carry \$300 for first 28 days and after 28 days \$500. Approximate increase of \$600. This coverage includes loss of life and amputation.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstained
Michael Ferri	X		
Mark Blaszk	X		
Bonnie Butler	X		
Michael Toretta	X		
Jeff DeAngelis	X	(5) Yes	Motion carried

Bonnie Butler: Did you know that Radar Awareness Month is in January? Also the Franklin Townshi’s Free Rabies Clinic will be held on Saturday, January 26th from 2-4pm at the road garage. State Law that the rabies’ shot has to be good through November of the year in order for the township to issue the dog’s license. New COAH regulations have come out, and will be posted on the Township’s Bulletin Board in the front foyer.

Jim Onembo, Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer advised Speedex will be in Municipal Court in February.

Roger Bulava, Recycling will meet with Road Foreman Read in reference to spring clean ups.

Raymond Read, OEM – had no comment

First Reading and Introduction -

**Ordinance 2008-1
SALARY ORDINANCE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN
WARREN COUNTY, NJ**

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

1. The Compensation of each member of the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren and Sate of New Jersey shall be and the same is hereby set at 2,734.00 per annum. payable quarterly. Mayor \$3,738.00 per yr.

2. The salaries and wages of the Officers and other employees of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, and State of New Jersey hereinafter set forth, shall be as follows:

Assessor, per year	\$29,526.00
Collector, per year	\$25,348.30
Tax Searches	All fees
Chief Financial Officer, per year	\$23,690.00
Assistant Treasurer, per year	\$4,042.00
Municipal Clerk, per year	\$39,768.00
Deputy Municipal Clerk, per year	\$18,647.12
Registrar/Deputy Registrar	\$3.00 per original marriage app/Certified copies all fees
Assessment Searches	All fees
Dog Licensing Official, per year	\$2,725.00
Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer, per year	\$21,730.00
Land Use Board Secretary, per year	\$18,540.00
LUB Special Meetings to be paid at \$150	Out of Applicants Fee
Animal Control Officer	\$5,687.00
Dog Canvasses, every other year	\$500.00
Welfare Director, per year	\$6,647.00
Emergency Management Co-Ord., per year	\$2,405.00
911 Co-Ord., per year	\$1,423.00
Recycling Co-Ord., per year	\$8,346.00
Crossing Guard, per hour	\$12.51/hour
DPW Foreman	\$46,488.00 (\$22.35/hourly)
DPW Asst. Foreman	\$ 44,907.00 (\$21.50/hourly)
DPW Mechanic	\$ 43,306.00 (\$20.82/hourly)
All Department of Public Works. Employees time and a half over 8 hour day.	
Day Laborer	\$ 11.92/hour
Emergency Call Out	\$ 16.37/hour
Construction Official, per year	\$ 27,005.00
Maintenance Person	\$15.45/hour
Open Space Advisor, per year	\$ 10,815.00
Open Space Clerk, per year	\$ 5,000.00
Plumbing Inspector, per year	\$ 12,875.00
Fire Inspector, per year	\$ 5,683.00
Electrical Inspector, per year	\$ 5,150.00
Municipal Judge	\$ 6,241.00
Municipal Prosecutor	\$ 5,437.00

ALL AUTHORIZED TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS OR EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP WHILE ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS FOR THE TOWNSHIP, WHEN A SWORN VOUCHER IS APPROVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE, SHALL BE PAID 50.5 CENTS PER MILE FOR USE OF THEIR OWN PERSONAL VEHICLE.

3. The salaries of all full-time employees, the crossing guards, the land Use Board Secretary, shall be paid on the 15th and the last day of the month.

4. The salaries of the Mayor, Committee and the Zoning Official shall be paid quarterly.

5. The salaries of all other employees shall be paid on the last day of the month.

6. All Ordinance or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent with the terms of this ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

That this Ordinance shall remain in effect for one year. That said Ordinance will be presented for final reading and adoption at a public meeting to be held on February 4th, 2008 at the hour of 7:30 p.m. following publication in the Star-Gazette.

On motion by Mark Blaszk and seconded by Jeffrey DeAngelis the aforementioned **Ordinance 2008-1** be adopted as read.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstained
Michael Ferri	X		
Mark Blaszk	X		
Bonnie Butler	X		
Michael Toretta	X		
Jeff DeAngelis	X	(5) Yes	Motion carried

First Reading and Introduction -

ORDINANCE 2008-2

CALENDAR YEAR 2008

**ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS
AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin in the County of Warren finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2008 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee hereby determines that a 1 % increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$ 10,871.09 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, in the County of Warren, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2008 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Franklin shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5 %, amounting to \$ 38,048.82, and that the CY 2008 municipal budget for the Township of Franklin be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

On motion by Mark Blaszk and seconded by Jeffrey DeAngelis the aforementioned **Ordinance 2008-2** be adopted on first reading. Final reading and adoption will take place on Monday, February 4th, 2008 at 7:30 pm.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstained
Michael Ferri	X		
Mark Blaszk	X		
Bonnie Butler	X		
Michael Toretta	X		
Jeff DeAngelis	X	(5) Yes	Motion carried

First Reading and Introduction –

ORDINANCE 2008-3

Appointment of Purchasing Agent

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.40A:11-3 there exists the need for the appointment of a Purchasing Agent; and

WHEREAS, the Township has decided to appoint its Chief Financial Officer, to fill that post;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, New Jersey, that Ordinance 89-8 and Section 4.5 of the Codification of Ordinances of the Township of Franklin be and they hereby are amended to add to the duties of the Chief Financial Officer that of the Purchasing Agent as that term is defined in the Revised Statutes of New Jersey.

On motion by Michael Ferri and seconded by Michael Toretta the aforementioned **Ordinance 2008-3** be adopted as read. Final reading and adoption on **February 4th, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.**

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

Dated: January 7, 2008

Open Space Report –

Beth Barry updated the committee as to the “Draft Area” of the proposed PIG Area on a map that was displayed in meeting room. A thank you from Mayor Butler as to all the work done by Ms. Barry and to Denise and Nancy in the office completing applications.

Open Public Session -

Doug Muessig questioned as if there is a cap to be paid out on the oil tank coverage.

Joe Banghart commented as to the affordable housing, limiting senior housing. Mayor commented that the new COAH rules will be posted in the front lobby bulletin board.

Rondi Bogwald commented as to the chicken farm. She lives close to the farm and stated that there is no smell and hardly and flies. She did question as to the trucks leaving the facility why they can’t cover up the manure which creates manure being spilled on to the roads. Could a “No Litter” sign be posted on Good Springs Road? Mayor commented that she has already contacted the farm as to feathers coming off trucks that are not covered. Another area of concern was to a noise coming from the facility that comes on at different times of the day and night.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

BE IT RESOLVED, on this 7th day of January, 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

LITIGATION

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 January, 2008 by the Franklin Township Committee, that the matter stated will be discussed in executive session, said session to commence at 8:08 p.m.

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

On motion by Michael Toretta and seconded by Michael Ferri to return to the regular session 8:35 p.m. Unanimous Vote

On motion by Michael Ferri and seconded by Michael Toretta, to pay appropriate bills. Unanimous Vote.

Roll Call:	Yes	No	Absent	Abstained
Mark Blaszkka	X			
Jeffrey DeAngelis	X			
Michael Ferri	X			
Michael Toretta	X			
Mayor Bonnie Butler	X		(5) Yes	Motion carried

On motion by Jeffrey DeAngelis and seconded by Michael Ferri, hearing no objection, meeting stands adjourned at 8:36 pm. Unanimous Vote.

Roll Call:	Yes	No	Absent	Abstained
Mark Blaszk	X			
Michael Toretta	X			
Jeffrey DeAngelis	X			
Michael Ferri	X			
Mayor Bonnie Butler	X	(5) Yes		Motion carried

Dated: January 7, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

Denise L. Cicerelle
Municipal Clerk

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