

YEAR END MEETING

The Franklin Township Committee Year End meeting of December 27, 2023, meeting was called to order by Mayor Mike Toretta, at approximately 4:00 p.m., 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: Bonnie Butler, Rich Herzer, Mike Toretta, David Guth, Mike Ferri (5) Present (0) Absent.

Present were Margaret Pasqua, CFO, Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk

NEW BUSINESS

The following resolution for consideration/approval, a Transfer Resolution 2023-72 as submitted by our CFO and a Tax Lien Redemption Resolution 2023-73 as submitted by our Tax Collector.

RESOLUTION - submitted by our CFO

Introduction/Adoption of Resolution 2023-72

**RESOLUTION 2023-72
TRANSFER RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that there are insufficient funds to meet the demands necessary for the 2023 balances in the Current Fund Budget. Including Employee Group Insurance O/E.

WHEREAS, the following accounts have sufficient excess funds to meet such demands: Tax Assessment O/E, Revenue Administrator S/W, Finance S/W, Road Maintenance S/W, and Municipal Clerk S/W.

BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 40A:4-58 the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to make the following transfers:

TO:	Employee Group Insurance O/E	\$11,300.00
	Electricity O/E	\$1,500.00
	Administration O/E	\$8,200.00
		\$21,000.00
 FROM:	Municipal Clerk S/W	1,000.00
	Tax Assessment O/E	1,000.00
	Finance S/W	1,000.00
	Road Maintenance S/W	7,300.00
	Revenue Administrator S/W	1,000.00
	Gasoline O/E	4,500.00
	FICA	1,000.00
	Land Use O/E	3,200.00
		\$21,000.00

On motion by Mike Ferri and seconded by Rich Herzer the aforementioned **Resolution 2023-72** be adopted as read.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstained
Bonnie Butler	X		
David Guth	X		
Mike Ferri	X		
Rich Herzer	X		
Mike Toretta, Mayor	X	(5)Yes (0) No	(0) Absent Motion carried

Dated: December 27, 2023

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, In the County of Warren, New Jersey, at a meeting held on December 27, 2023.

Witness my hand and the SEAL of the Township of Franklin.

Denise L. Becton

Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk

RESOLUTUION- submitted by our Tax Collector

Introduction/Adoption of Resolution 2023-73

**RESOLUTION #2023-73
TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN, WARREN COUNTY
TAX SALE REDEMPTION OF LIENHOLDER**

WHEREAS, Tax Sale Certificate #82-00001, Block 52 Lot 3, also known as 29 Shurts Road, was issued to the Township of Franklin, in the amount of \$18.29 on NOVEMBER 17, 1983.

WHEREAS, the lien was redeemed on December 27, 2023, in the amount of \$1,439.75 in accordance with provisions of NJSA 54:5-60 et seq; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on the 27 day of December 2023, by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, Warren County, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Chief Financial Officer issue a check in the amount of \$1,439.75 payable to the Township of Franklin, 2093 Route 57, Broadway NJ 08808.
2. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED: 12/27/2023

Mike Toretta, Mayor
Township Committee

Attest and Affix Seal:

Denise Becton, RMC
Municipal Clerk

On motion by David Guth and seconded by Mike Ferri the aforementioned **Resolution 2023-73** be adopted as read.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstained
Bonnie Butler	X		
David Guth	X		
Mike Ferri	X		
Rich Herzer	X		
Mike Toretta, Mayor	X	(5)Yes (0) No (0) Absent	Motion carried

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DISCUSSIONS/APPROVALS

Township Committee Meeting/Workshop Dates-

Dates were discussed by the committee, if a holiday occurred on the first Monday of the month to move meeting to the second Monday of the month. Workshop dates are the second Monday of March, April, May, June.

SALT Trust Fund –

Was the SALT Fund set up last year? We also need to move Open Space money to our DPW line item for the mowing of Open Space properties. Our CFO will look into this.

2024 Professional Contracts-

All contracts have been received and ready for execution at our re-organization meeting. The Land Conservancy is requesting a rate per hour increase from \$100 to \$115. The Municipal Auditor is requesting a \$1,000 increase. The Land Use Board Attorney is requesting a \$500 minimum meeting fee from \$350 last year. The Municipal Attorney is requesting a modest \$1,500 increase from last year’s contract. The Public Alliance Insurance Coverage Fund-2024 Fund final renewal assessment for Franklin Township will be \$117,607 which represents a 13% increase over last year’s assessment of \$103,776 as per Charlie Frinzi.

The CFO provided the committee with the 2024 Budget worksheet.

Township Committee Reports -

Bonnie Butler – nothing further to report

Rich Herzer – nothing further to report

Mike Ferri – nothing further to report

David Guth – The attorney has been working on filing an injunction on the Tigar property. Mayor Toretta just signed the Certification today.

Mike Toretta, Mayor – nothing further to report

MOTION FOR PAYMENT OF BILL LIST:

On motion by Mike Ferri and seconded by Rich Herzer, hearing no objection, to pay, the bills as submitted by the CFO.

Roll Call:	Yes	No	Absent/Abstained
David Guth	X		
Michael Ferri	X		
Rich Herzer	X		
Bonnie Butler	X		
Mayor, Mike Toretta	X	(5) Yes (0) No (0) Absent	Motion carried

A presentation of flowers by the township committee to the Municipal Clerk and CFO for their hard work and the extra duties they have taken on.

The CFO was advised to make changes as she sees fit to make her department run better for her. LEAD Grant money of \$2000 was received during the year and is sitting there, can an extension be given but how to proceed. There is also \$25,000 in grant money for MS4 Stormwater two additional installments to follow. Our CFO is wondering who is coordinating the grant monies received and to set this in motion? Fire/EMS should have one line item not two as they are one department.

Open Public Session - No public attended the meeting.

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:

On motion by Rich Herzer and seconded by David Guth, hearing no objection, meeting stands adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Roll Call:	Yes	No	Absent	Abstained
David Guth	X			
Michael Ferri	X			
Rich Herzer	X			
Bonnie Butler	X			
Mike Toretta	X	(5) Yes (0) No (0) Absent		Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Denise L. Becton

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Municipal Clerk