

REGULAR MEETING

The Franklin Township Committee held its regular monthly meeting, via ZOOM, on Monday, June 7, 2021, hosted by Jean Paul Reece of ARAE Network. Mayor Mike Ferri opened the meeting, at approximately 7:00 pm, 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 Mayor Ferri informed that a resignation letter was received by Committeeman Jeff DeAngelis effective today. A discussion as to continue with a 4-person committee or reach out to the WC Republican Committee for submission of 3 names to continue with the remaining 6 months of said term, per the N.J.S.A.40A:16-5. The consensus of the committee is to continue, until the end of the year, with a 4-person committee.

A ROLL CALL OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Bonnie Butler, Rich Herzer, Mike Toretta, Mayor Mike Ferri, (4) Present.

Present: Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk, Jim Onembo, Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer, Kevin Benbrook, Municipal Attorney, Ron Read & Joe Biel DPW, Kathleen Reinalda, CFO, Anthony Ardito, Municipal Auditor (For Budget Discussion Only)

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

2. APPROVALS

- a. Meeting Minutes **RE: May 3, 2021**
- b. Junkyard Renewal **RE: Kober’s**
- c. Renewal **RE: Renewal of Snow/Ice removal in exchange for Community Room Cleaning Agreement between the Township of Franklin and Franklin Township Board of Education**

3. RESOLUTIONS – FIRST READING/ADOPTION

- a. Res. 2021-44 **RE: Liquor License Renewals**
- b. Res. 2021-45 **RE: Amndt. to Res. 2021-40 (including WC Res. 57-21 (adopted January 27, 2021))**
- c. Res. 2021-46 **RE: Group Affidavit**
- d. Res. 2021-47 **RE: Corrective Action Plan**
- e. Res. 2021-48 **RE: Tax Refund Block 11 Lot 12 Lienholder Redemption**

Table the Junkyard Renewal until July, as there as been no response to date.

The approval of the May 3rd, 2021 meeting minutes, and renewal of the contract agreement with the Franklin Township Board of Education, on motion by Mike Toretta seconded by Bonnie Butler by a unanimous vote.

The approval of the above Resolutions 2021-44 – 48, on motion by Bonnie Butler and seconded by Rich Herzer.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstained
Mayor Mike Ferri	X		
Bonnie Butler	X		
Michael Toretta	X		
Richard Herzer	X	(4)Yes	(0) No (0) Absent Motion carried

RESOLUTUIONS: Res. 2021-44 – Res. 2021-48

RESOLUTION 2021-44

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, has received applications for the renewal year 07/01/2021 to 06/30/2022 of liquor licenses; and

WHEREAS, each application for renewal was accompanied by the following fees: Plenary Retail Consumption \$826.80, Plenary Retail Distribution

\$609.60 and Club License \$63.00; and

WHEREAS, each application also electronically submitted to the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control a \$200.00 check; and

WHEREAS, the following submitted electronically to the State of New Jersey **Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor License** retail applications;

Wedgewood Inn, LLC, 2165 Rt. 57, Broadway, NJ, 08808
License# 2105-33-001-005

Playmakers Sports Bar & Grill, LLC, 288 Anderson Rd, Asbury, NJ,
License# 2105-33-003-012

WHEREAS, the following electronically submitted to the State of New Jersey a **Plenary Retail Distribution License** renewal application;

Village Discount Liquors, LLC; 2299 Rt. 57, Broadway, NJ,
License# 2105-44-004-003;

WHEREAS, the following **Club License** was submitted to the Franklin Township, by Paper File Only, Application, Municipal Fee and State fee of \$200. State Fee and Application mailed directly to the State of New Jersey for license renewal.

Warren County Rod & Gun Club No. 1, 279 Bloomsbury Rd., Asbury, NJ,
License# 2105-31-006-001

WHEREAS, the applicants for renewals have provided proof of tax clearance as issued by the New Jersey Division of Taxation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, and State of New Jersey, that the applications received for Plenary Retail Consumption and Plenary Retail Distribution and Club License have been duly inspected and that all appropriate documentation and fees have been submitted along with said applications and as such, the licensee applications are deemed complete and renewals of the same are hereby granted and that aforementioned liquor licenses for the year July 1st 2021 to June 30th 2022 be accepted and approved for issue

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Municipality is directed to execute the license certificates and deliver the same on behalf of the Township of Franklin.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

The within **Resolution 2021-44** was moved by Committeeperson Bonnie Butler and seconded by Committeeperson Rich Herzer and upon roll call vote was passed.

Roll Call Vote:	Yes	No	Absent/Abstained
Bonnie Butler	X		
Rich Herzer	X		
Michael Toretta	X		
Mayor Mike Ferri	X	(4) Yes	(0) No (0) Absent Motion Carried

Dated: June 7, 2021

CERTIFICATION

I, Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the resolution adopted by the Franklin Township Committee on Monday, June 7, 2021.

Denise L. Becton, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-45

A Resolution Authorizing A Shared Service Agreement for Sharing Public Works Equipment between The Township of Franklin and The County of Warren, State of New Jersey

WHEREAS, the County of Warren adopted Resolution 57-21 on January 27, 2021 authorizing master public works shared services agreement for sharing public works equipment between Warren County municipalities and the County of Warren; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Franklin desires to utilize such services in accordance with the terms of an agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Uniform Shared Services & Consolidation Act (N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq.) authorizes the County of Warren and Franklin Township to enter into such an agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Franklin Township Committee of the County of Warren does hereby authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute agreements to provide the services to the Township of Franklin as described in said agreements.

The within **Resolution 2021-45** was moved by Committeeperson Bonnie Butler and seconded by Committeeperson Rich Herzer and upon roll call vote was passed.

Roll Call Vote:	Yes	No	Absent/Abstained
Bonnie Butler	X		
Rich Herzer	X		
Michael Toretta	X		
Mayor Mike Ferri	X		
		(4) Yes (0) No (0) Absent	Motion Carried

CERTIFICATION

It is hereby certified that this is a true and accurate copy of a Resolution adopted by the governing body of the Township of Franklin at a meeting held in the Municipal Building, on June 7, 2021.

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

Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk

**GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF THE ANNUAL
AUDIT FORM OF RESOLUTION**

RESOLUTION 2021-46

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 5-4 requires the governing body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions, and

WHEREAS, the Annual Report of Audit for the year 2020 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the Municipal Clerk pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 52:27BB-34 authorizes the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board has promulgated N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5, a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall, by resolution, certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the governing body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled "Comments and Recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have personally reviewed, as a minimum, the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled "Comments and Recommendations, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, such resolution of certification shall be adopted by the Governing Body no later than forty-five days after the receipt of the annual audit, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5; and

WHEREAS, all members of the governing body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board; and

WHEREAS, failure to comply with the regulations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the local governing body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52, to wit:

R.S. 52:27BB-52: A local officer or member of a local governing body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the director (Director of Local Government Services), under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his office.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

The within **Resolution 2021-46** was moved by Committeeperson Bonnie Butler and seconded by Committeeperson Rich Herzer and upon roll call vote was passed.

Roll Call Vote:	Yes	No	Absent/Abstained
Bonnie Butler	X		
Rich Herzer	X		
Michael Toretta	X		
Mayor Mike Ferri	X	(4) Yes (0) No (0) Absent	Motion Carried

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF THE RESOLUTION PASSED AT THE MEETING HELD ON June 7, 2021.

Denise L. Becton, Municipal
Clerk

Dated: June 7, 2021

**TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN
WARREN COUNTY
AUDIT REPORT YEAR: 2020**

**CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN
RESOLUTION 2021-47**

Whereas, the Township Committee of Franklin has received and reviewed the Annual Audit Report for the Year 2020 and;

Whereas, the Chief Financial Officer has prepared the following corrective action plan in accordance with the reports findings as follows;

Tax Office

Finding/Condition #1:

Various differences between the Collector’s tax system cash book and the bank deposits in the cumulative amount of \$3,767.00 represents 0.03% of a total tax levy of \$12,522,080, where bank deposits were in excess of the collector’s cash book. Collector’s cash book postings for date and amount frequently do not match the bank deposit, but instead are separated over various dates and amounts.

Recommendation:

We recommend that the Collector post deposit transactions in the tax system to correspond to the actual bank deposit date and amount. Also, the Collector’s cash book deposits should be reconciled to the bank statements, on a monthly-basis, and any discrepancies should be reconciled on a timely basis.

Explanation and Corrective Action:

The Township will investigate the Tax Collector’s cash book/bank deposits and reconcile monthly on a consistent basis.

Implementation Date:

Immediately

Now, therefore be it resolved by the Township Committee of Franklin that a certified copy of this corrective action plan resolution be transmitted to the Director of Local Government Services.

The within **Resolution 2021-47** was moved by Committeeperson Bonnie Butler and seconded by Committeeperson Rich Herzer and upon roll call vote was passed.

Roll Call Vote:	Yes	No	Absent/Abstained
Bonnie Butler	X		
Rich Herzer	X		
Michael Toretta	X		
Mayor Mike Ferri	X (4)	Yes (0)	No (0) Absent Motion Carried

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF THE RESOLUTION PASSED AT THE MEETING HELD ON June 7, 2021.

Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk

Dated: June 7, 2021

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-48

WHEREAS, US Bank-Cust Actlien holds Tax Sale Certificate #2020-003 on Block 11 Lot 12 and,

WHEREAS, the prior lien holder has redeemed this lien,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Committee authorize the Tax Collector to refund the Tax Lien amount of \$ 1,325.78 to US Bank-Cust Actlien, 50 South 16th Street, Suite 2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102.

The within **Resolution 2021-48** was moved by Committeeperson Bonnie Butler and seconded by Committeeperson Rich Herzer and upon roll call vote was passed.

Roll Call Vote:	Yes	No	Absent/Abstained
Bonnie Butler	X		
Rich Herzer	X		
Michael Toretta	X		
Mayor Mike Ferri	X	(4) Yes (0) No (0) Absent	Motion Carried

CERTIFICATION

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

Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING/INTRODUCTION

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-6

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE OPERATION OF CANNABIS BUSINESSES WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN

WHEREAS, on February 22, 2021, Governor Murphy signed into law P.L. 2021, c. 16, known as the “New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act” (the “Act”), which legalizes the recreational use of marijuana by adults 21 years of age or older, and establishes a comprehensive regulatory and licensing scheme for commercial recreational (adult use) cannabis operations, use and possession; and

WHEREAS, section 31a of the Act authorizes municipalities by ordinance to adopt regulations governing the number of cannabis establishments (defined in section 3 of the Act as “a cannabis cultivator, a cannabis manufacturer, a cannabis wholesaler, or a cannabis retailer”), cannabis distributors or cannabis delivery services allowed to operate within their boundaries, as well as the location manner and times operation of such establishments, distributors or delivery services, and establishing civil penalties for the violation of any such regulations; and

WHEREAS, Section 31b of the Act authorizes municipalities by ordinance to prohibit the operation of any one or more classes of cannabis establishments, distributors, or delivery services anywhere in the municipality; and

WHEREAS, Section 31b of the Act also stipulates, however, that any municipal regulation or prohibition must be adopted within 180 days of the effective date of the Act (*i.e.*, by August 22, 2021); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 31b of the Act, the failure to do so shall mean that for a period of five years thereafter, the growing, cultivating, manufacturing, selling and reselling of cannabis and cannabis items shall be permitted uses in all industrial zones, and the retail selling of cannabis items to consumers shall be a conditional use in all commercial and retail zones; and

WHEREAS, at the conclusion of the initial and any subsequent five-year period following a failure to enact local regulations or prohibitions, the municipality shall again have 180 days to adopt an ordinance regulating or prohibiting cannabis businesses, but any such ordinance would be prospective only and would not apply to any cannabis business already operating within the municipality; and

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

Section 1.

Pursuant to Section 31b of the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act (P.L. 2021, c. 16), the following cannabis classes be and hereby are prohibited from operating anywhere in the Township of Franklin:

- Class 1 Cannabis Cultivator license, for facilities involved in growing and cultivating cannabis;
- Class 2 Cannabis Manufacturer license, for facilities involved in the manufacturing, preparation, and packaging of cannabis items;
- Class 3 Cannabis Wholesaler license, for facilities involved in obtaining and selling cannabis items for later resale by other licensees;
- Class 4 Cannabis Distributer license, for businesses involved in transporting cannabis plants in bulk from on licensed cultivator to another licensed cultivator, or cannabis items in bulk from any type of licensed cannabis business to another;
- Class 5 Cannabis Retailer license for locations at which cannabis items and related supplies are sold to consumers; and
- Class 6 Cannabis Delivery license, for businesses providing courier services for consumer purchases that are fulfilled by a licensed cannabis retailer in order to make deliveries of the purchases items to a consumer, and which service would include the ability of a consumer to make a purchase directly through the cannabis delivery service which would be presented by the delivery service for fulfillment by a retailer and then delivered to a consumer.

Section 2. Section 90-54 of the Code of the Township of Franklin entitled, “General regulations,” is hereby amended to add a new Subsection L. as follows:

G. All classes of cannabis establishments or cannabis distributors or cannabis delivery services as said terms are defined in section 3 of P.L. 2021, c. 16, excepting the delivery of cannabis items and related supplies by a delivery service be and hereby are prohibited in all Districts.

Section 3. Severability. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such provision(s) shall be deemed severable and the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. Repealer. All ordinances or parts of ordinances or resolutions that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect after the second reading, public hearing, adoption and publication, in accordance with the law and filing with the Warren County Planning Board.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the aforesaid ordinance was introduced at a regular, advertised electronic meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, New Jersey, held on June 7, 2021 and at a regular, advertised electronic meeting of the same to be held on July 12, 2021, at the hour of 7: p.m., the said Township Committee will consider the final passage of said ordinance.

Denise L. Becton, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk/Registrar

On motion by Committeeperson Mike Toretta and seconded by Committeeperson Mike Ferri the aforesaid **Ordinance 2021-6** be adopted at first reading. Final reading and adoption to take place on **July 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstain
Bonnie Butler		X	
Rich Herzer	X		
Michael Toretta	X		
Mayor Mike Ferri	X		

(3) Yes (1) No (0) Absent Motion Carried

The within **Ordinance 2021-6** was moved by Committeeperson _____ and seconded by Committeeperson _____ and upon roll call vote was adopted.

Roll Call Vote:	Yes	No	Absent/Abstained
Bonnie Butler			
Rich Herzer			
Michael Toretta			
Mayor Mike Ferri			

() Yes (0) No (0) Absent Motion Carried

CERTIFICATION

I, Denise L. Becton, Registered Municipal Clerk of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that this a true and correct copy of an Ordinance introduced by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin at their regular meeting held on June 7, 2021. Second reading, public hearing will be held on July 12, 2021 at or near 7:00 PM in the Franklin Township Municipal Building, 2093 Rt. 57, Broadway, New Jersey.

Denise L. Becton, RMC/CMR

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
WARREN COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Ordinance 2021-7**

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$108,000.00 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE GENERAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT IN CONNECTION WITH THE COSTS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE MILLBROOK ROAD (SECTION I) IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, has determined that it needs to appropriate a sum of \$108,000.00 from the Capital

Improvement Fund – General Capital Account in conjunction with the Millbrook Road (Section I) Improvement Project; and

WHEREAS, the township has been awarded a grant from the NJDOT in the amount of \$136,700.00 for the Millbrook Road (Section I) Overlay Project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren and State of New Jersey that:

1. There are funds available in the Capital Improvement Fund of the General Capital Account in the Municipal Budget of the Township of Franklin for costs attributable to the paving project.
2. There is hereby appropriated the sum of up to \$108,000.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund of the General Capital Account in the Municipal Budget of the Township of Franklin for the aforementioned purpose.
3. There is no debt authorized by this Ordinance.
4. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage following a public hearing to be conducted thereon and publication of notice of final passage with the requirements of law.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the aforesaid ordinance was introduced at a regular, advertised electronic meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, New Jersey, held on June 7, 2021 and at a regular, advertised electronic meeting of the same to be held on July 12, 2021, at the hour of 7: p.m., the said Township Committee will consider the final passage of said ordinance.

Denise L. Becton, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk/Registrar

On motion by Committeeperson Mike Ferri and seconded by Committeeperson Bonnie Butler the aforementioned **Ordinance 2021-7** be adopted at first reading. Final reading and adoption to take place on **July 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstain	
Bonnie Butler	X			
Rich Herzer	X			
Michael Toretta	X			
Mike Ferri, Mayor	X	(4) Yes	(0) No	(0) Absent Motion carried

On motion by Committeeperson _____ and seconded by Committeeperson _____ the aforementioned Ordinance 2021-7 be adopted at final reading.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstain	
Bonnie Butler				
Rich Herzer				
Michael Toretta				
Mike Ferri, Mayor		() Yes	(0) No	() Absent Motion carried

CERTIFICATION

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Denise L. Becton, RMC/CMR

DISCUSSIONS/APPROVALS/EXECUTIONS

S.A. Comunale –

A proposal received from S.A. Comunale after a recent annual sprinkler inspection was received identifying a few issues in the amount of \$1,424.00.

On motion by Committeeperson Bonnie Butler and seconded by Committeeperson Mike Toretta to authorize S.A. Comunale to perform the work according to proposal received.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstain
Bonnie Butler	X		
Rich Herzer	X		
Michael Toretta	X		
Mike Ferri, Mayor	X	(4) Yes	(0) No (0) Absent Motion carried

Meeting Owl –

This discussion was not entertained due to the recent update with the Public Health Emergency expiring July 4th. Attorney Benbrook will review Executive Orders that remain in affect until January of 2022 and inform the committee on how to proceed with meetings and opening of municipal offices.

OLD BUSINESS

Adoption of 2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET (By Title Only)

PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION 2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Mayor Ferri opened the hearing for the **2021 Municipal Budget**, for the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, State of New Jersey. On motion by Rich Herzer and seconded by Mike Toretta to open the public hearing.

Hearing no questions or comments from the public a motion by Bonnie Butler and seconded by Mike Ferri to close the Public Hearing of the 2021 Municipal Budget.

On Motion by Mike Ferri and seconded by Bonnie Butler to adopt the 2021 Municipal Budget.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstained
Rich Herzer	X		
David Guth	X		
Michael Toretta	X		
Mike Ferri, Mayor	X	(4)Yes	(0) No (0) Absent Motion carried

PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF:

Final Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 2021-5

**ORDINANCE 2021-5
Amendments to the Land Use and Development Ordinance
of the Township of Franklin, Warren County, New Jersey**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE “CODE OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN” WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 90,
ARTICLE I, SECTION 90-3, DEFINITIONS, AND ARTICLE VIII, ZONING, SECTION 90-58B,
OFF-STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS**

On motion by Bonnie Butler and seconded by Mike Toretta to open the Public Hearing.

No Public Comments

On motion by Mike Ferri and seconded by Mike Toretta to close the Public Hearing.

On motion by Committeeperson Mike Ferri and seconded by Committeeperson Mike Toretta the
aforenoted Ordinance 2021-5 be adopted at final reading.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstain	
Bonnie Butler	X			
Rich Herzer	X			
Michael Toretta	X			
Mike Ferri, Mayor	X	(4) Yes	(0) No	(0) Absent Motion carried

REPORTS/UPDATES:

Engineer Report – Engineer Finelli was not present at tonight’s meeting, conferred with Mayor earlier in the day

Attorney Report –

Attorney Benbrook informed that the Tobias property, has been sold. We have no negotiation power or financial benefit without the PILOT Program. Pursuing an appeal is not a viable option.

On motion by Committeeperson Mike Ferri and seconded by Committeeperson Bonnie Butler the committee authorizes the attorney to withdraw the appeal.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstain	
Bonnie Butler	X			
Rich Herzer	X			
Michael Toretta	X			
Mike Ferri, Mayor	X	(4) Yes	(0) No	(0) Absent Motion carried

Open Space Commission – Committeeman Herzer advised there was no meeting.

Musconetcong River Management Council – MRMC -Ms. Barry absent

Jim Onembo – Code Enforcement/Zoning

Mr. Onembo advised of standard residential construction this month. We are down to two foreclosed properties. T&M Pallet, appears to be some activity with tires and trucks blocking the road. The Health Department and DEP will be advised in hopes that additional pressure will help with a resolution. Kober’s Junkyard has a tire problem as well.

Recycling –

Spring Clean Up is to be held June 21-26th, through the WC Pollution Control. Vouchers available at the municipal building for pick up or mailing.

Office of Emergency Management - Denise Becton, DOEM

Committeeman Herzer inquired as to Grants for Emergency Services. Advised that OEM Read is working with the Fire Chief. CFO informed that the township has not been reimbursed for the snow emergency to date.

Fire Department/EMS – Chief Jan Verkade – not present

Franklin Township Community Center – Eddy Patient – not present

DPW REPORT – Report submitted and on file

A drain on Good Springs Road that has been causing flooding is being addressed and will be fixed.

Franklin Township Youth Association – No one present

Township Committee Reports:

Mike Toretta –

Committeeman Toretta inquired as to the Foreman retiring in December. We need to move the Assistant Foreman up and get a new hire in as soon as possible to be trained. The township committee will be actively involved with the application process as well as the DPW. Mayor Ferri and Committeeperson Butler will meet to prepare an add and start the process this month.

Rich Herzer –

Committeeman Herzer would like to seek out a Grant Writer for all aspects of the town. Attorney Benbrook will further inform and report back.

Bonnie Butler-

Committeeperson Butler received the United Healthcare Renewal Kit and is also looking into comparable coverages and State Health Benefits.

Mike Ferri, Mayor –

Mayor Ferri informed that everything was discussed earlier.

Attorney Benbrook informed that he received a fly complaint from Don Craig.

At this time on motion by Rich Herzer and seconded by Mike Toretta to open the floor to Public Session at 8:28 pm.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

Hearing no public comments.

At this time on motion by Mike Toretta and seconded by Bonnie Butler to close the floor to Public Session at 8:29 pm.

MOTION FOR PAYMENT OF BILL LIST:

On motion by Mike Toretta and seconded by Rich Herzer, to pay, the Bills List as submitted by the CFO, accordingly.

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

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:

On motion by Mike Toretta and seconded by Bonnie Butler, hearing no objection, meeting stands adjourned at 8:34 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Denise L. Becton
Municipal Clerk