

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

The Franklin Township Committee held their Budget Workshop meeting at 5:00 p.m. and their regular scheduled monthly meeting at the hour of approximately 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 3, 2025. Mayor David Guth opened the meeting in accordance with the "Open Public Meeting Act" Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 having been duly advertised and a copy posted in the office of the Township Clerk.

Following the flag salute, **Roll Call of Committeepersons present:** Bonnie Butler, Sarah Payne, Mike Toretta, David Guth, Mayor, **Absent (Rich Herzer)**

Present were: Margaret Pasqua, CFO, Joe Biel, DPW Foreman, Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk

BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING @ 5:00 p.m.

Review of the 2025 Municipal Budget Worksheet by the CFO. The CFO is looking for direction from the township committee on how to proceed. Right now, a 2% pay increase across the board for all employees. The Tax Levy CAP is good however we will need to cut out approximately \$100,000 from Appropriation CAP, lower spending is the ultimate goal. The Municipal Tax Relief Fund may have been cut by the State. No grant figures have been received to date. A discussion about the need of an Open Space Tax whether it is needed to preserve farmland. The clerk will reach out to Aaron Cela for further clarification. The municipal clerk's line item is currently at \$108,000 including her salary and \$15,000 payout of accrued sick time and additional money for her replacement to work with her prior to when she retires. Tax Assessor plans for map digitization with an approximate cost of \$100,000. The auditor advised to pull the money from the budget and adopt a Special Emergency Resolution for the next 5 budget years, \$20,000 a year to fix the short fall. The Tax Collector is looking to increase her hours with a salary increase of either a lump sum or \$40.00 per hour. Committeeperson Toretta will speak with the Land Use Board Secretary as to the decline in applications and meetings and her current salary. An increase in legal services was noted at \$50,000. Historical Commission line item of \$2,500 will be moved to Open Space. Our General Liability Insurance premium is \$110,000 and we will be receiving \$25,000 from Fire/EMS for their portion of insurance. The Fire/EMS line was at \$126,000 last year. DPW requested a salary increase of 4.5%. Joe Biel would like to utilize his CPWM certification, requesting a pay increase of \$7,000. We need to budget for a new truck this year and for the following year. The CFO suggested across the board all employees receive a 3% salary increase. Looking to increase dog licensing fees in 2026, for non-neutered/spayed \$20, neutered/spayed \$15. The CFO asked what an acceptable tax increase looked like, a consensus no more than a penny.

At the hour of 6:28 p.m. the mayor called for a recess on motion by Committeeperson Payne and seconded by Committeeperson Toretta.

At the hour of 7:00 p.m. the mayor reconvened into regular meeting session on motion by Committeeperson Payne and seconded by Committeeperson Toretta.

Present were: Jim Onembo, Zoning Officer, Joe Biel, DPW Foreman, Shawna Tabert, OEM, Donna Becker, Municipal Engineer, Kevin Benbrook, Municipal Attorney, Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk

CONSENT AGENDA @ 7:00 p.m.:

(One Roll Call to approve the following agenda items 3-4)

3. APPROVAL OF

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| a. Meeting Minutes | RE: February 3, 2025 |
| b. Letter of Approval | RE: Balloonsport Warren County Community College |

4. RESOLUTIONS – FIRST READING/ADOPTION

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| a. Res. 2025-28 | RE: To support publishing Legal Notices on official government websites |
| b. Res. 2025-29 | RE: Appointment of Gary Corde to the Warren County Municipal and Charitable Conservancy Trust Fund Committee two-year Term 01/01/2025-12/31/2025 |

RESOLUTIONS-First Reading/Adoption – Resolution 2025-28 thru Resolution 2025-29

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP,
WARREN COUNTY, NJ
RESOLUTION 2025-28**

**TO SUPPORT PUBLISHING
LEGAL NOTICES ON OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT WEBSITES**

WHEREAS, the sunset provision of March 1, 2025, imposed under P.L. 2024 c.106 is fast approaching in what was a temporary solution that allowed local governments to comply with the public notice requirements under the law in time for annual reorganization meetings in January; and,

WHEREAS, local government officials serve as the stewards of property taxpayer dollars and should no longer be required to subsidize the newspaper industry with revenues collected from publishing legal notices in the press; and,

WHEREAS, long before NJ Advanced Media’s announcement that it was terminating daily print publications in January of 2025, local government officials found it increasingly difficult to comply with the public notice requirements under the law as the media has become almost exclusively digitized and struggled to retain staff, resources, and publications; and,

WHEREAS, legislation that will authorize local governments to publish legal notices on a local government’s official website will streamline an antiquated and overly burdensome process and save valuable time, resources, and property taxpayer dollars; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Franklin Township, Warren County, NJ does in fact, hereby urge state leaders to pass legislation that will authorize municipalities, counties, school districts, and all local governments to publish legal notices in a clear, transparent, and timely manner on a local government’s official website.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be sent to Governor Phil Murphy, Senate President Nicholas Scutari, Speaker of the General Assembly Craig Coughlin, Senator Douglas J. Steinhardt, Assemblymembers John DiMaio and Erik Peterson, and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

RESOLUTION 2025-29

WHEREAS, the Warren County Municipal and Charitable Conservancy Trust Fund Committee is requesting a representative from **Region 4 (Oxford, Washington Borough, Franklin Township and Washington Township)** be appointed to serve on this Committee for a two-year appointment.

Be it Resolved, Franklin Township hereby appoints Gary Corde for a two-year term to represent Region 4.

Now Hereby Be It Resolved, Mayor David Guth of the Franklin Township Committee hereby appoints Gary Corde for the term 01/01/2025 – 12/31/2026 representing Region 4.

On motion by Committeeperson Butler and seconded by Committeeperson Payne the meeting minutes of February 3rd and the letter of approval for the Warren County Community College Balloonsport and **Resolution 2025-28, Resolution 2025-29** be adopted.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstained
Bonnie Butler	X		
Rich Herzer			X
Sarah Payne	X		
Mike Toretta	X		
David Guth, Mayor	X		
(4) Yes (0) No (1) Absent Motion Carried			

NEW BUSINESS
Discussions/Approvals/Presentations

RESOLUTUION 2025-26
Approving LEW Environmental

WHEREAS, as Franklin Township, Warren County, NJ is seeking professional services for staffing to support management of lead testing of rental units in the Township to comply with N.J.A.C. 5:28A; and

WHEREAS, LEW Environmental Services has submitted a proposal, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, setting forth the terms and conditions of the lead testing; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin Township will not incur any fee from LEW Environmental as all fees are billable and payable by the property owner; and

WHEREAS, The Municipal Attorney has reviewed the proposal submitted by LEW Environmental, a copy of which is attached hereto, and recommends the approval of same; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Committee of Franklin Township that the proposal for professional services for staffing to support management of lead testing of rental units in the Township, submitted by LEW Environmental Services, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, is hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Township of Franklin will not incur any direct fee as same is billable and payable by the property owner; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the mayor is hereby authorized and directed to take all steps necessary to effectuate the intent of this resolution; and

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED, the Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of the resolution together with the professional agreement and signed proposal to LEW Environmental Services upon its passage.

On motion by Committeeperson Bonnie Butler and seconded by Committeeperson Sarah Payne the **Resolution 2025-26** be adopted as read.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstained
Bonnie Butler	X		
Rich Herzer			X
Sarah Payne	X		
Mike Toretta	X		
David Guth, Mayor	X	(4) Yes (0) No (1) Absent	Motion Carried

Donna Becker, Municipal Engineer –
Construction to begin this month for the Dioxane Project. Dave Leary inquired where they would begin. He was informed that a notification should be received 24 hours prior to the work being started. Warren County Habitat has placed a sign on site showing duplexes coming soon at the old Hunters Tavern building.

FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION – Ordinance 2025- 3 and Ordinance 2025-4

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-3
TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A NEW CHAPTER 110 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN ENTITLED “SHORT-TERM RENTAL UNITS”

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that the Code of the Township of Franklin is hereby amended to add a new Chapter 110 entitled “Short-Term Rental Units” as follows:

SECTION I.
CHAPTER 110
SHORT-TERM RENTAL UNITS

§110-1. Short-term rental units.

A. Purpose. The provisions of this section are intended to license and regulate residential short-term rental units within the Township to protect the health, safety, morals and general welfare of residents by limiting potential deleterious effects from such rentals. Short-term rentals of less than 30 days are permitted as accessory uses in certain cases and provided they are in compliance with the standards set forth below.

B. Definitions. As used in this section, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated: OWNER — The individual or individuals or entity holding title to a property.

OWNER-OCCUPIED — The owner of the property resides on the property or in the principal dwelling unit on the property and identifies same as their principal residence. Should the owner of the property or dwelling unit be an entity, then at least one member of the entity with at least a 50% interest in ownership must reside on the property or in the principal dwelling unit on the property and identify it as their principal residence.

PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE — A dwelling occupied by the mortgagor or owner in fee simple or by a lessor leasing for a term of not less than six months, maintained as his or her permanent residence and within which they reside the majority of the calendar year. The term "principal residence" shall not include a home utilized as an investment property or a vacation home.

SHORT-TERM RENTAL UNIT — Any dwelling unit or portion of an owner-occupied dwelling unit or secondary dwelling unit or units offered to the public by any means for rent and occupancy for a period of less than 30 days. Short-term rentals shall not include legally existing hotels, motels or rooming houses and bed and breakfasts.

C. Regulated short-term rental units and prohibition of certain short-term rental units.

(1) When licensed in accordance with the requirements outlined herein, the following short-term rental units shall be permitted accessory uses within the Township of Franklin:

- (a) Rental of a dwelling unit.
- (b) Rental of a room or rooms within an owner-occupied dwelling unit.

(2) The following short-term rentals are expressly prohibited:

- (a) Rental of a room or rooms within a dwelling unit that is not owner-occupied.
- (b) Rental of a multifamily dwelling unit unless at least one of the units is owner-occupied.
- (c) Rental of any accessory structure that does not qualify as a dwelling unit.

D. Requirements. Short-term rental units shall be permitted accessory uses within the Township of Franklin subject to the following requirements:

- (1) The short-term rental unit shall be located in the Township's residential zoning districts.
- (2) The unit is located within a legally existing residential structure.
- (3) The owner of a short-term rental unit within the Township shall obtain a short-term rental permit from the Township Clerk prior to offering the short-term rental unit for occupancy.

E. Application process for short-term rental units.

- (1) Applicants for a short-term rental unit permits shall submit, on an annual basis, an application for a short-term rental unit permit to the Township Clerk, who shall, with the assistance of other Township departments as necessary, review and either approve or deny said permit. Any application for a short-term rental permit shall be submitted on the application form provided by the Township Clerk and be accompanied by a nonrefundable \$500 application fee.
- (2) Prior to approval of a short-term rental unit permit application, a certificate of occupancy shall be required. Said certificate of occupancy shall include confirmation of compliance with all fire safety regulations, building code requirements and property maintenance codes.
- (3) At the time a short-term rental unit permit application is submitted to the Township Clerk, the owner shall also provide:
 - (a) Proof of current ownership of the property that is subject of the short-term rental unit permit application.
 - (b) Proof that all property taxes due are current.
 - (c) Proof of general liability insurance with minimum coverage of \$1,000,000 and

\$2,000,000 umbrella. Said coverage shall indemnify, save, protect and hold harmless the Township of Franklin and its agents from any and all claims, demands, damages, fines, obligations, suits, judgments, penalties, causes of action and losses. The declarations pages shall be submitted, together with the Township's business insurance registration form.

- (d) Plans identifying the room or rooms to be made available for rent should the rental not comprise the entire dwelling.
- (e) Completed landlord registration statement, including lead-safe certification.

- (4) Any short-term rental unit permit issued by the Township shall be valid for a period of one year from the date of issuance and shall be renewed on an annual basis by submission of a new short-term rental unit permit application and \$500 application/ registration fee. Any short-term rental unit permit issued shall automatically expire one year from the date of issuance if not renewed and cannot be transferred to any subsequent owner upon transfer of title.

F. Short-term rental unit operations requirements.

- (1) All short-term rental units within the Township shall comply with all applicable rules, regulations and statutes of the Township and State of New Jersey, including regulations governing such lodging uses, as applicable.
- (2) Occupancy shall be limited to bedrooms within a short-term rental unit and is limited to no more than two persons per bedroom. Occupancy of rooms other than bedrooms is prohibited.
- (3) No signage identifying the short-term rental unit is permitted.
- (4) All occupants of short-term rental units shall comply with all ordinances of the Township, including, but not limited to, ordinances regulating noise and nuisances. All owners of short-term rental units shall ensure compliance with all ordinances or face possible revocation of the short-term rental unit permit.
- (5) The owner of the short-term rental unit shall post, at eye level on the inside surface of the front door of the short-term rental, the following information:
 - (a) Owner name and contact information, including mobile phone number.
 - (b) Information regarding trash and recycling pickup.
 - (c) Notification of obligation to comply with all requirements of the Code of the Township of Franklin, including compliance with Noise and Nuisance Ordinances.

G. Violations and penalties.

- (1) The provisions of this section shall be enforced by the Township Zoning Officer, Township Clerk or other designee of the Township Committee.
- (2) Any person found in violation of this section shall be liable for a minimum civil penalty, upon adjudicated violation or admission, in the amount of \$100 per day, not to exceed a maximum of \$2,000 for each violation.
- (3) All fines and/or penalties issued for violation of this section shall be due and payable to the Township within 30 calendar days, and the Township after 30 days may pursue any and all remedies available by law to recover unpaid fines and penalties.
- (4) If the short-term rental is the subject of one or more substantiated criminal complaints, the Township may revoke the short-term rental permit.

SECTION II. Severability. If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subdivision, clause of provision so adjudged and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

SECTION III. Repealer. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with or in conflict with the Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION IV. Codification. This Ordinance shall be a part of the Code of the Township of Franklin as though codified and fully set forth therein. The Township Clerk shall have this ordinance codified and incorporated in the official copies of the Code. The Township Clerk and the Township Attorney are authorized and directed to change any Chapter, Article and/or Section number of the Code of the Township of Franklin in the event that the

codification of this Ordinance reveals that there is a conflict between the numbers and the existing Code, and in order to avoid confusion and possible accidental repealers of existing provisions not intended to be repealed.

SECTION V. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect after final passage, adoption and publication according to law.

NOTICE is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced to pass on first reading at a regular meeting of the Committee of the Township of Franklin held on February 3, 2025, and ordered published in accordance with the law. Said Ordinance will be considered for final reading and adoption at a regular meeting of the Township Committee to be held on March 3, 2025 at 7 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the Township Committee may hear this Ordinance at the Municipal Building, 2093 Rt. 57, Broadway, New Jersey, at which time all persons interested may appear for or against the passage of said Ordinance.

Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk

On motion by Committeeperson Sarah Payne and seconded by Committeeperson Mike Toretta the aforementioned Ordinance 2025-3 be adopted as read. Final reading and adoption to take place on April 7, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. on or near that hour.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstain
Bonnie Butler	X		
Rich Herzer			X
Sarah Payne	X		
Mike Toretta	X		
David Guth, Mayor	X	(4) Yes (0) No	(1) Absent
Motion carried			

ORDINANCE 2025-4

CALENDAR YEAR 2025

MODEL 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. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up 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 2025 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 \$ 14,363.13 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 2025 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 \$50,270.96, and that the CY 2025 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.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading on the 3rd day of March 2025, at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin and will be taken up for final consideration and passage at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Franklin to be held on the 7th day of April 2025, at the Municipal Building, 2093 Route 57, Broadway, New Jersey.

Denise L. Becton

Denise L. Becton, Clerk

Introduced: March 3, 2025
Adopted:

On motion by Committeeperson Sarah Payne and seconded by Committeeperson Mike Toretta the aforementioned Ordinance 2025-4 be adopted as read. Final reading and adoption to take place on April 7, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. on or near that hour.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstain	
Bonnie Butler	X			
Rich Herzer			X	
Sarah Payne	X			
Mike Toretta	X			
David Guth, Mayor	X	(4) Yes	(0) No	(1) Absent Motion carried

OLD BUSINESS
PUBLIC HEARING:

**TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE NO. 2025-2
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 129 OF THE CODE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN ENTITLED, “VEHICLES
AND TRAFFIC”**

- Motion to open Public Hearing** - Committeeperson Butler made the motion and seconded by Committeeperson Toretta, Unanimous Vote.
- Public Comments** - none heard
- Motion to close/adopt Public Hearing** - Committeeperson Toretta made the motion and seconded by Committeeperson Payne, Unanimous Vote.

On motion by Committeeperson Toretta and seconded by Committeeperson Payne the aforementioned Ordinance 2025-2 be adopted as read.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstain	
Bonnie Butler	X			
Rich Herzer			X	
Sarah Payne	X			
Mike Toretta	X			
David Guth, Mayor	X	(4) Yes	(0) No	(1) Absent Motion carried

REPORTS/UPDATES

NJSP – Trooper Shupe was present this evening provided statistics on the number of traffic stops, tickets issued, warnings issued, arrest including DUIs, investigations and motor vehicle accidents, etc. The stats provided were for their station coverage area, not township specific. Basil Imbimbo commended the traffic control on Old Main and Anderson

roads with the presence of troopers enforcing the speed.

Kevin Benbrook, Municipal Attorney –
Attorney Benbrook spoke with ACO, Rob Lagonera, and at this time no other municipalities have moved forward with the new ordinance. The attorney will create an ordinance to fit Franklin Township for the next meeting. A discussion with zoning enforcement to create a property maintenance ordinance to consolidate enforcement; notice of violation vs. a summons in municipal court. The Tigar property is still not in compliance with the court order that needs to be addressed.

Jim Onembo, Zoning Officer – Absent
Report submitted and on file.

Tax Collector – Annual report submitted for 2024 and on file.

Franklin Township Fire/EMS – Chief Dave Brown
Chief reported for February 2025 numbers as follows:
Fire 15 calls
EMS 49 calls

Year to Date
Fire 23 total
EMS 92 Total

Annual testing has been scheduled. A major mechanical repair on one of the fire truck engines has been repaired and back in service.

Joe Biel, DPW Foreman – report submitted and on file

OEM - Shawna Tabert – report submitted and on file
Millbrook Road paperwork will be fully closed out soon.

Committee Reports:

Bonnie Butler –
A follow-up from IT informed us that the Cyber Security will be complete at the end of the month and our insurance agent will be notified. This will keep our deductible down if a claim arises.

Rich Herzer –
There is a catch basin falling in on Good Springs Road near the Gara residents. Foreman Biel will investigate.

Mike Toretta – Nothing further to report.

Sarah Payne –
Attended a meeting for the Warren Heritage Scenic Byway, plans for a restaurant week as well as a beer and wine tasting tour. The North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) is updating its Long-Range Transportation Plan connecting communities. The plan is essential to secure federal funding and guiding investments through 2050. A survey link will be available for public input on our website.

Mayor, David Guth – Nothing further to report.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION:

At approximately 7:24 p.m. Mayor Guth opened the floor to the Public. Unanimous vote.

Kathy Montgomery – Ms. Montgomery is the first home on Stewartsville Road. Trucks turning right on to this road off of Rt. 57, come straight to her house causing a traffic hazard. The curb in front of her home has been damaged and in need of repair. Mayor Guth will coordinate with the engineer for possible signage and have the DPW make necessary repairs.

Basil Imbimbo – Inquired if we can start up with the County again with the already submitted proposal of a three-way stop at School Street. There is another water concern that the EPA has found traces in the area of the Valley Greene development groundwater and has been testing for dangerous chemicals. Per Mayor Guth there will be another meeting next month on this issue. There is a sinkhole forming under the slate sidewalks in Asbury who should repair. Attorney Benbrook informed him he should contact the County Engineer.

Carol Jacob – Ms. Jacob is looking to be reimbursed for a tree that had fallen onto her home. Attorney Benbrook informed that her insurance company should coordinate with our insurance company. The clerk will provide our insurance company contact information.

Jackie Martinson – Ms. Martinson concerned with water contamination can we initiate prior to the EPA/DEP notifying us? The mayor informed a public meeting will be held next month that will be advertised.

Marsha Colaluze – Inquired why the Recycle Coordinator does not attend meetings and can’t be reached for questions. There is garbage along Edison Road that needs to be cleaned up. Where is the money for Clean Communities going and what is it being used for.

Karen Somers - Speeding on Asbury-Bloomsbury Road is a concern. The mayor will inform the NJSP.

Hearing nothing further from the public, Mayor Guth closed Open Public Session at 7:58 p.m. Unanimous vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
Potential Litigation – Zoning Matters
Personnel – Part-Time positions

BE IT RESOLVED on this 3rd day of March 2025, 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

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 3rd day of March 2025 by the Franklin Township Committee, that the matter stated will be discussed in executive session, said session to commence at approximately 7:58 p.m.

On Motion by Committeeperson Butler and seconded by Committeeperson Payne to exit to executive session at 7:58 p.m. Unanimous Vote.

On motion by Committeeperson Butler and seconded by Committeeperson Payne to return to the regular session at 8:37 p.m. Unanimous Vote.

On motion by Committeeperson Toretta and seconded by Committeeperson Guth to approve the bills to be paid received by the CFO as submitted.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstain
Bonnie Butler	X		
Rich Herzer			X
Sarah Payne	X		
Mike Toretta	X		
David Guth, Mayor	X	(4) Yes (0) No	(1) Absent
Motion carried			

On motion by Committeeperson Butler and seconded by Committeeperson Guth, hearing no objection, meeting stands adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise L. Becton

Denise L. Becton, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk