

**MINUTES**  
**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**  
**WORK SESSION**  
**THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 2010**  
**7:30 P.M.**

The Franklin Township Committee held a work session at **7:30 P.M., Thursday, March 25, 2010**, at the Municipal Building. This meeting has been properly noticed in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

After the flag salute, Mayor Linda Jacukowicz called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Scott Bauman PRESENT Robert Shockley PRESENT

Steven Tarshis PRESENT Robert McGeary PRESENT Linda Jacukowicz PRESENT

Also present: Valerie J. Kimson, Esq., Municipal Attorney

Mayor Jacukowicz moved an item up on the agenda to act on a personnel matter.

Motion that Officer Hatem "Tim" Wahba is hereby suspended with pay, nunc pro tunc, effective March 22, 2010 pending resolution of a personnel matter.

Committee Member Robert Shockley recused himself at this time and left the meeting room.

Moved McGeary Second Bauman

Roll Call Vote: Bauman AYE Shockley RECUSED Tarshis AYE

McGeary AYE Jacukowicz AYE

Motion carried.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Motion to adopt minutes of March 1, 2010 Executive Session.

Moved McGeary Second Bauman All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt minutes of March 11, 2010 Regular Meeting.

Moved McGeary Second Tarshis All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt minutes of March 15, 2010 budget work session & executive session.

Moved McGeary Second Bauman All in favor. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE** Copies of correspondence made available to the public this evening and during regular business hours of the Municipal Clerk.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC** George Burdick, resident 14 Matthew Drive, commented on his OPRA request. Paul Dahan, Pittstown Road resident, made comments on actions by the Committee about which he said the residents are familiar. Bill Wild, Cherryville Road resident, asked about matters involving a personnel matter which the Committee could not disclose.





- **Administration – Jacukowicz/Bauman**

Ursula Stryker, RMC  
Susan Dean, Clerical Assistant

Motion to **Adopt Resolution 2010 – 03A** Authorizing Contract for Professional Services for the Township of Franklin, Hunterdon County, New Jersey

Moved McGeary Second Tarshis

Roll Call Vote: Bauman AYE Shockley AYE Tarshis AYE  
McGeary AYE Jacukowicz AYE

Motion carried.

- **Planning, Zoning & Construction – Jacukowicz/Bauman**

Mark Fornaciari, Construction Official  
John Barczyk, Zoning Officer  
Lloyd Wismer, Fair Housing Administrator  
Peter Enea, Perc Witness

Scott Bauman updated the Township Committee on Land Use Board activities. Applications for cell tower at Oak Grove is ongoing. Robert Shockley asked if Day Pitney has a conflict of interest in representing the cell tower application since they are representing the township in a litigation matter. Ms. Kimson will look into this. Paul Dahan commented on the 2 cell tower applications before the LUB: Oak Grove Road and a co-locator at the Quakertown Recreation Club. The LUB would also like the Township Committee to review the Lighting Ordinance which has been circulated. Steve Tarshis had previously submitted comments and will look for them. Scott also reported on the LUB approval of Ordinance 2010 – 03 and finding consistency with the Master Plan. The Ag Advisory Committee reported they do not support it but gave no reasons. Robert McGeary said he had a conversation with Tom Meyer, Chairman of the Ag Advisory Committee, and he expressed disappointment that there wasn't a lot of precision in the action taken by the Ag Advisory. Tom suggested discussing their position with Ted Blew. Paul Dahan suggested speaking with Susan Blew who is a member of the Ag Advisory Committee. Robert McGeary, Scott Bauman, Tom Meyer and Susan Blew will meet to discuss the matter.

Robert McGeary commented on the township receiving a copy of the COAH Task Force Report to the Governor.

**REMINDER:** Public Hearing, Thursday, April 8, 2010 for Ordinance 2010 – 03.

- **Open Space/Farmland Preservation – Jacukowicz/McGeary**

Robert McGeary commented on John Demarrais's report back in March. The Finance Director has followed up and an application has been made for reimbursement from the SADC of some funds on the Passerello and Stephens farms.

**BOARD OF HEALTH** – No need for a meeting this evening.

- **Health, Recreation & Environmental Commission – Bauman**

Scott Bauman reported that the Environmental Commission meets on Monday, March 29. He also received an email from a resident re County replacement plan and removal of trees in Quakertown. The Recreation Commission has an Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for April 2 at the South Ridge Community Church. Scott recommended improved communication and cooperation between township officers in planning events in light of 2 Easter Egg Hunts being sponsored by the township. The Township Committee is also



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**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

Motion to return to open session to adjourn.

Moved McGeary                      Second Shockley      All in favor. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 9:12 P.M.

Moved Tarshis                      Second Shockley      All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ursula V. Stryker, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

**DATE OF ADOPTION:** \_\_\_\_\_