

**MINUTES**  
**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**  
**WORK SESSION**  
**THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 2010**  
**6:30 P.M.**

The Franklin Township Committee held a work session at **6:30 P.M., Thursday, April 22, 2010**, at the Municipal Building. This meeting has been properly noticed in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Mayor Linda Jacukowicz called the meeting to order.

Roll Call:     Scott Bauman   PRESENT             Robert Shockley   ABSENT  
                  Steven Tarshis   PRESENT             Robert McGeary   PRESENT  
                  Linda Jacukowicz   PRESENT

Also present:     Valerie J. Kimson, Esq., Municipal Attorney  
                      John O'Reilly, Esq., Special Counsel

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion to **Adopt Resolution** authorizing executive session for the purpose of discussing matters pertaining to personnel and matters of attorney-client privilege. Any formal action required will be taken upon return to open session at 7:30 P.M. to reconvene the work session.

Moved McGeary                             Second Bauman

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

Motion carried.

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION at 7:30 P.M. TO RECONVENE WORK SESSION**

Moved McGeary     Second Bauman     All present in favor. Motion carried.

After the flag salute, Mayor Jacukowicz called for reconvening the work session. Mayor Jacukowicz announced to the public that the Committee met earlier in executive session to discuss a personnel issue. She announced the need for a special meeting at 7:30 P.M., Thursday, April 29, 2010 to discuss a personnel issue in executive session and upon return to open session action will be taken.

Some members of the public present:     Ken Mandoli, Ron Mathews, Bill Wild, Vigdis Austad, George Burdick, Lloyd Wismer, Dan Connor, Marty Bercaw

Motion to schedule a special meeting for executive session at 7:30 P.M., Thursday, April 29, 2010 at the Municipal Building for discussing a personnel issue. Action will be taken in open session.

Moved McGeary                             Second Tarshis

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

Motion carried.



Current	\$63,404.90		
Twp. of Franklin Open Space, Recreation, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust	(\$2,630.50) Void lost check \$2,630.50 Replaces Check # 129 \$ 0.00		
Twp. of Franklin Capital Trust	\$ 218.75		
Escrow	\$ 3,833.41		
TOTAL	\$67,457.06		
Roll Call Vote:	Bauman AYE	Shockley ABSENT	Tarshis AYE
	McGeary AYE	Jacukowicz AYE	

Motion carried.

Motion to **Adopt Resolution 2010 – 31** Late Introduction of Budget.

Moved Bauman Second McGeary

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

Motion carried.

Steve Tarshis addressed the difficulty this year in preparing the budget and the budget presented for approval this evening has no increase in local tax again. This is the 7<sup>th</sup> year in which local taxes have remained the same while maintaining a respectable amount of surplus. Ron Mathews, Finance Director, commented also: this year's budget is \$183,000 less than the 2009 budget.

Motion to **Adopt Resolution 2010 – 32** Approval of 2010 Municipal Budget.

Moved McGeary Second Bauman

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

Motion carried.

- **Police Dept., Public Safety & Emergency Mgt. – Shockley/McGeary**

Dominick Zeveney, Officer in Charge  
Ken Mandoli, Police Director & OEM Coordinator

Ken Mandoli updated the Committee on the Hamden Road project completed – road erosion. The state of emergency will be lifted. County would like to plant some trees to help with soil erosion. It was suggested that Bill Wild contact John Glynn, Director, regarding species of trees to be planted.

Ken Mandoli also reported that the Live-Scan equipment has been installed in the Police Department. This equipment was secured by grant funding at no cost to the township at this time. A direct line from the State's router to ours needs to be installed and Ken has received an estimate for the work in the amount of \$300.00 authorized by the Committee.



Moved McGeary Second Tarshis

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

Motion carried.

Mayor Jacukowicz will bring this resolution to the Land Use Board's attention at their April 28, 2010 meeting.

Ms. Kimson reported on receiving correspondence from Diane Gunson's attorney regarding the recently adopted Maintenance Agreement. Ms. Kimson will review and report back to the Township Committee.

### **OTHER FINANCE MATTERS**

Motion to Adopt Resolution for Deferral of School Taxes.

Moved Tarshis Second McGeary

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

Motion carried.

Motion to **Adopt Resolution** for Items of General Revenue, Body Armor Fund \$646.51, Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund \$1,450.00, and Emergency Management Fund \$5,000.00.

Moved McGeary Second Bauman

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

Motion carried.

- **Planning, Zoning & Construction**

**Rogers Pond:** The Municipal Engineer will be meeting with the DEP to learn the status of the dam. Rick Roseberry estimates about 4 hours of work and estimates \$500. Robert McGeary would like to attend the meeting.

Motion to authorize an expenditure in the amount of \$500.00 for the Municipal Engineer to meet with the DEP on Rogers Pond.

Moved Bauman Second McGeary

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

Motion carried.

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

No report.



Motion to schedule a special meeting with the Franklin Township School Board at 7:30 P.M., Tuesday, May 4, 2010 at the Quakertown Fire Company for the purpose of discussing the defeated Franklin Township School budget. Action may be taken at this meeting.

Moved McGeary Second Tarshis All present in favor. Motion carried.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC** Lloyd Wismer addressed the Committee on possible affordable housing applicants. Mr. Wismer was advised to proceed with the applications and Mayor Jacukowicz will discuss this matter with the Land Use Board on how they may want to proceed and what plans they may need to review. Bill Wild reported on the 2 diseased Maple trees removed from the front of the Municipal Building. There was some discussion about replacement trees or shrubs. It was suggested that Bill Wild speak to August Knispel regarding whether or not the trees removed were ceremonial. Bill Wild also commented on some previous articles in the Township Newsletter. Dan Connor reported on informational meetings for the public held at the Quakertown Fire Company. Dan also suggested the Township Committee recognize Fred Polacsek with a resolution for his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in May. Mr. Polacsek served on the Committee and was also a Mayor.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC, NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE** Mayor Jacukowicz said that Robert Shockley will meet with Williams Natural Gas when the Dallas representatives visit the municipality the week of May 3.

There is no need to return to executive session at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 9:00 P.M.

Moved McGeary Second Bauman All present in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ursula V. Stryker, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

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