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Thursday, January 12, 2012

MINUTES
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2012
6:30 P.M.

The Franklin Township Committee held a regular meeting at 6:30 P.M., Thursday, January 12, 2012, at the Municipal Building. This meeting has been properly noticed in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Roll Call: Vigdis Austad PRESENT Scott Bauman PRESENT
Steven Tarshis ABSENT Bruce Polkowitz PRESENT Susan Campbell PRESENT

Also present: Michael J. Selvaggi, Esq., Municipal Attorney

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the Township Committee to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing professional services contracts for year 2012.

Moved Austad

Second Bauman

Roll Call Vote: Austad AYE Bauman AYE Tarshis ABSENT

Polkowitz AYE Campbell AYE

Motion carried.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Motion to return to open session at 7:30 P.M. in order to convene the regular meeting.

Moved Campbell Second Polkowitz All present in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Susan Campbell called for the flag salute.

Some members of the public present: Richard Cavallaro, Craig Repmann, Diane McGeary, Dot & Lloyd Wismer, Dan Connor, Rick Epstein (HC Democrat Reporter), Martin Bercaw, Kim Goodwin, Bill Wild, Dolores Reich

ADOPTION OF MEETING MINUTES

Minutes will be adopted at the January 26, 2012 work session.

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC Richard Cavallaro addressed the matter of Ken Mandoli not being appointed to serve as Police Director and he spoke in support of Ken Mandoli's efforts. Bill Wild also addressed the matter of the township eliminating the position of Police Director. Dolores Reich also spoke in support of Ken Mandoli.

DEPARTMENT HEAD & SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- Finance – Austad & Polkowitz

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Bills will be paid at the January 26, 2012 work session.

Motion to Adopt a resolution authorizing certain county and municipal food license fees be refunded as certain organizations are exempt.

Moved Austad Second Campbell

Roll Call Vote: Austad AYE Bauman AYE Tarshis ABSENT
Polkowitz AYE Campbell AYE

Motion carried.

- Police/Fire/Public Safety/Emergency Management Subcommittee: Bauman & Polkowitz

Motion to Adopt Resolution 2012 - 13 Police Salaries for 2012 in accordance with negotiated agreement and Memorandum of Agreement.

Moved Austad Second Polkowitz

Roll Call Vote: Austad AYE Bauman AYE Tarshis ABSENT
Polkowitz AYE Campbell AYE

Motion carried.

Motion to Adopt Resolution 2012 – 14 Salaries for Special Officers.

Moved Bauman Second Austad

Roll Call Vote: Austad AYE Bauman AYE Tarshis ABSENT
Polkowitz AYE Campbell AYE

Motion carried.

- Dept. of Public Works Subcommittee: Bauman & Austad

Motion to Adopt Resolution 2012 – 12 DPW Salaries for 2012 in accordance with negotiated agreement.

Moved Austad Second Polkowitz

Roll Call Vote: Austad AYE Bauman AYE Tarshis ABSENT
Polkowitz AYE Campbell AYE

Motion carried.

Motion to authorize Alan Dilley, Certified Recycling Professional, to review Delaware Township’s tonnage report and submit it on behalf of Delaware Township’s Recycling Coordinator.

Moved Austad Second Polkowitz

Committee Member Vigdis Austad commented that this was a request from a neighboring township with whom we already have a shared services agreement and this review wouldn’t take more than a couple of hours of Alan Dilley’s time and there is no monetary compensation.

Roll Call Vote: Austad AYE Bauman AYE Tarshis ABSENT
Polkowitz AYE Campbell AYE

Motion carried.

Administration Subcommittee: Campbell & Austad

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The Township Committee and Municipal Attorney will review the agreement for website services with City Connections for possible action at the January 26, 2012 meeting.

- Planning/Zoning/Construction Subcommittee: Bauman & Tarshis

Lloyd Wismer, Fair Housing Administrator, addressed the Township Committee on a possible accessory apartment. Mr. Wismer put the documents together for the Municipal Attorney to review. Applicant is Tom Meyer for property on West Sidney Road. Mr. Wismer reported that he presented the application to the Land Use Board and does not yet have a resolution from the Board. The Committee will consider the application for affordable housing funds at the January 26, 2012 meeting.

- Open Space/Farmland Preservation Subcommittee: Bauman & Tarshis

Committee Member Scott Bauman reported that the Open Space Advisory Committee will meet on February 6. Lora Jones drafted a response to the State Agriculture Development Committee giving them a summary of local opinion on applications to be submitted in the next few months. Committee Member Scott Bauman will also get a cost estimate on completing the farmland plan from Lisa Specca.

- Health/Recreation/Environment Subcommittee: Campbell & Bauman

Committee Member Scott Bauman reported the Environmental Commission will be meeting on Monday, January 30, 2012. Mayor Susan Campbell also reported on the Recreation Commission's basketball season starting up. Committee Member Vigdis Austad also reported on reviewing the township ordinance for the Board of Recreation Commissioners as it relates to sponsored bus trips for adults.

- Insurance Subcommittee: Tarshis & Austad

The Township Committee will consider the required resolutions for our membership in the Statewide Insurance Fund along with the appointment of a Risk Manager at the January 26, 2012 meeting.

- Municipal Court Subcommittee: Tarshis & Polkowitz

The Township Committee is in receipt of an amended agreement and lease for the North Hunterdon Municipal Court. The cost related to joining are still being discussed along with other options. July 1, 2012 is the date by which the township must notify the court if they will not be renewing the agreement. The Municipal Clerk will provide the Municipal Attorney with the Court Agreement and additional amendments to date.

- School Subcommittee: Austad & Tarshis

Committee Member Vigdis Austad reported the Franklin Township School will hold an open house for the community on Saturday, January 21, 2012 to tour the new facility.

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- Community & Business Alliance: Austad & Polkowitz

Committee Member Vigdis Austad asked if the Municipal Clerk could put together a list of all the businesses in the township to include the contact person/manager, phone number, address, etc.

Board of Health: Reorganization and Regular Meeting scheduled for 8:00 P.M., Thursday, January 26, 2012.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC None.

COMMENTS FROM THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE, NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE: Committee Member Vigdis Austad reported she has emailed all department head budgets requesting their budgets be submitted by Friday, January 13, 2012. Committee Member Scott Bauman reported on the Land Use Board Reorganization and officers appointed: Jim Stryker, Chairman; Ted Blew, Vice Chairman; Lisa Wood, Secretary; David Dallas, Vice President. The Quakertown Fire Company will be hosting “Championship Sunday”, January 22, 11 A.M. – 3 P.M. food available.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to adopt a resolution to enter executive session at 8:30 P.M. for discussion of matters pertaining to personnel, litigation, contract negotiations, possible land acquisition, and matters of attorney-client privilege. The Committee anticipates returning to open session at approximately 9:15 P.M. at which time action may or may not be taken.

Moved Austad		Second Polkowitz	
Roll Call Vote:	Austad AYE	Bauman AYE	Tarshis ABSENT
	Polkowitz AYE	Campbell AYE	

Motion carried.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Motion to return to open session at 9:30 P.M.

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

Motion to accept the terms and conditions of the professional services proposal from Nisivoccia, LLP for year 2012 auditing services in the amount of \$21,900.00, and authorize the Mayor to sign the professional agreements.

Moved Polkowitz		Second Austad	
Roll Call Vote:	Austad AYE	Bauman AYE	Tarshis ABSENT
	Polkowitz AYE	Campbell AYE	

Motion carried.

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 9:35 P.M.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ursula V. Stryker, RMC
Municipal Clerk

DATE OF ADOPTION: _____