The Franklin Township Committee held a work session at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, October 8, 2015, at the Municipal Building. This meeting has been properly noticed in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Mayor Susan Soloway called the meeting to order and led the flag salute.

Roll Call: Kathryn Blew PRESENT Daniel Connor Arr. 7:40 James Fania PRESENT Timothy Wintermute PRESENT Susan Soloway PRESENT

Also present: Katrina L. Campbell, Municipal Attorney

Some present in the public: Officers Dominick Zeveney and John Oliveira, Lynn French, Nick and Cheryl Caponegro and Greg Vance and his family members

At this time the Mayor read Resolution 2015 – 38 into the record. This resolution expresses sincere appreciation to Greg Vance for being a kidney donor for Patrolman Nick Caponegro. Lynn French also presented Nick Caponegro with a keepsake box holding well wishes and prayers from the Franklin Township School and community. He also received a check as a result of a fund-raiser during a 5K Race organized by Laurie Burd at the Franklin Township School along with the PTA.

Comments from the public on agenda items: None

Consent Agenda Items for October 22 meeting:

The following items will be considered on the Consent Agenda Regular Meeting Thursday, October 22, 2015. No action required on these items this evening.

1. Approval of Bills for Payment
2. Approval of minutes - September 24, 2015 Regular Meeting & Executive Session

Department Head/Subcommittee Reports

All those Department Heads and staff submitting monthly reports will be included with these minutes.

- Finance, Administration, Insurance, HR/Benefits: Soloway & Blew

Reminder: Public Hearing Ordinance 2015 – 08, Thursday, October 22, 2015 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 182 Entitled “Fees” to Establish Fees and Procedures for Returned Checks
Officer Zeveney addressed the Township Committee on Ordinance 2015 – 06 for a vehicle purchase scheduled for public hearing October 22. The pricing on the vehicle expires October 31. Vehicle can be ordered but no funds may be expended until after publication of the Ordinance by title; anticipated for Thursday, October 29th. He reported that Diane Laudenbach, CFO, is satisfied with all the paperwork submitted for the purchase of a 2016 police vehicle. The Committee wanted to have a discussion about the plate reader and Officers Zeveney and Oliveira commented on the benefits to the township in that it would allow officers to identify vehicles already in the data base for vehicle violations. They would be aware of any criminal history prior to even exiting the police vehicle and approaching the driver. Officer Oliveira commented on the progress made in the Police Department and the need to continually keep up with technology. The plate reader does not have to be installed at the time of delivery of the new vehicle. The officers said they would arrange for a demonstration if the Township Committee wishes.

Discussion, Farm Leases: Katrina Campbell and the Township Committee discussed the Request for Proposals for leasing municipal properties. Current farm leases terminate on December 31, 2015. This year the Committee will most likely wish to consider both farming and hunting on municipal owned lands since there is considerable woodlands. This would increase revenues somewhat.

The Township Committee is in receipt of a draft copy of the Best Practices Inventory to be submitted to the State by October 16, 2015. Some of the responses were discussed along with the score which did not jeopardize the township’s state aid.

- Public Safety (PD, Fire, EMS, OEM, Court, Health): Wintermute & Connor

REMEMBER: Public Hearing Ordinance 2015 – 06 An Ordinance to Provide for the Purchase of a 2016 Police Interceptor SUV as a General Improvement for the Township of Franklin in the County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey and Appropriating $62,000.00 from the Capital Fund Balance.

Motion to Adopt Resolution 2015 – 38 Nick Caponegro.

Moved Blew Second Wintermute All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to Adopt Resolution 2015 – 62 to Establish a Halloween Curfew.

Moved Connor Second Wintermute All in favor. Motion carried.

- Department of Public Works: Fania & Wintermute

REMEMBER: Public Hearing Ordinance 2015 – 07 An Ordinance Authorizing the Improvement of West Sidney Road in the Amount of $195,000.00

- Land Use (Land Use Board, Open Space, Planning, Zoning, Construction, Environmental): Connor & Soloway

Katrina Campbell received an email from Rick Roseberry on zoning setbacks and she is putting something in an ordinance form for the Township Committee to review. Setbacks will be in the code
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book under non-conforming lots. There was also some discussion regarding replacement of a home due to fire or razed for some reason. This may also be addressed in the amendment to the ordinance.

The Municipal Attorney reported that the documents for a portion of land to be acquired by the municipality are all together and need to be finalized by Faith Chapel Wesleyan Church. She has received other documents for submittal to the DEP.

Motion to Adopt Resolution 2015 – 63 Authorize the Mayor and/or Deputy Mayor to Sign a Professional Services Agreement Between the Township of Franklin and John T. Chadwick, Professional Planner.

Moved Fania Second Connor

Mr. Chadwick represents Franklin Township for the Sustainable Aquaculture Systems application before the Land Use Board due to a conflict of interest with Mr. Roseberry, Municipal Engineer.

Roll Call Vote: Blew AYE Connor AYE Fania AYE Wintermute AYE Soloway AYE

LUB vacancy: The township is in receipt of a letter of resignation from Phil Koury, Land Use Board Member whose term of office expires on December 31, 2017. Mr. Connor will have a resident who has expressed interest in serving contact the Mayor to discuss the vacancy.

• Community, Business, School, Recreation, Seniors: Blew & Fania

Motion to Adopt Resolution 2015 – 64 Waive the Food License Application Fee for Faith Chapel Wesleyan Church.

Moved Connor Second Fania

Roll Call Vote: Blew AYE Connor AYE Fania AYE Wintermute AYE Soloway AYE

The Township Committee is in receipt of an email from the Municipal Attorney regarding the recommendation to adopt the Amendment to the Municipal Shared Services Defense Agreement. This is necessary due to health issues with Dr. Burchell who was previously appointed for COAH matters.

Motion to Adopt Resolution 2015 – 46.1 Municipal Shared Services Defense Agreement.

Moved Fania Second Blew

Roll Call Vote: Blew AYE Connor AYE Fania AYE Wintermute AYE Soloway AYE
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to Adopt a Resolution to enter executive session at 8:33 P.M. for discussion of matters pertaining to personnel, contract negotiations, litigation, possible land acquisition and matters of attorney-client privilege.

Moved     Fania  Second     Wintermute

Roll Call Vote:  Blew AYE  Connor AYE  Fania AYE  Wintermute AYE  Soloway AYE

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Motion to return to open session at 8:55 P.M. for adjournment.

Moved     Fania  Second     Wintermute  All in favor.  Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ursula V. Stryker, RMC
Municipal Clerk

DATE OF ADOPTION: ______________________________