

**NOT OFFICIAL SUBJECT
TO REVISION
REORGANIZATION
MEETING**

The Franklin Township Committee held their annual reorganization meeting on Monday, January 4, 2023, at the hour of approximately 7:00 p.m. Denise Becton, Municipal Clerk, 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, Attorney Benbrook swore in Committeeperson-elect Mike Ferri and Rich Herzer, for a (3) three year, Full-term, on the Franklin Township Committee, Term of office January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2025.

Roll Call of Committeepersons present: Bonnie Butler, Mike Ferri, David Guth, Richard Herzer, Mike Toretta
(5)Yes, (0) No, (0) Absent.

Present were: Kevin Benbrook, Municipal Attorney, Jim Onembo, Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer, Joe Biel, DPW Foreman

Nominations for Mayor for the year 2023 were opened, David Guth nominated Mike Toretta and Mike Ferri seconded the motion. Bonnie Butler made a motion to close nominations for Mayor seconded by Mike Ferri. All in favor to close nomination for Mayor.

Roll Call Vote for Mayor: Bonnie Butler, Mike Ferri, David Guth, Rich Herzer, Michael Toretta,
(5) Yes, (0) No (0) Absent, Motion carried.

Chair declares Mike Toretta is Mayor for 2023.

Nominations for Deputy Mayor for the year 2023 were opened, Mike Toretta nominated David Guth and Rich Herzer seconded the nomination. Mike Toretta made motion to close nominations for Deputy Mayor and seconded by Mike Ferri. All in favor to close nomination for Deputy Mayor.

Roll Call Vote for Deputy Mayor: Richard Herzer, Mike Ferri, Bonnie Butler, Michael Toretta, David Guth. (5)Yes, (0) No, (0) Absent. Motion carried

Chair declares David Guth is Deputy Mayor for 2023.

Attorney Benbrook swore in Mike Toretta as Mayor for a one (1) year term, and David Guth as Deputy Mayor, for a one (1) year term for the year 2023.

At this time, the remainder of the meeting was turned over to Mayor Mike Toretta.

Attorney Benbrook also swore in members of Franklin Township Agriculture Advisory Committee, Musconetcong River Management Council and Franklin Township Fire/EMS Line Officers for 2023.

ROLL CALL OF COMMITTEE PRESENT: Richard Herzer, David Guth, Mike Ferri, Bonnie Butler, Michael Toretta.
(5) Yes, (0) No, (0) Absent

APPROVALS

On motion by David Guth and seconded by Mike Ferri the following Regular Meeting Minutes of December 5, 2022, and the Executive Meeting Minutes of December 5, 2022, and the Year End Meeting Minutes of December 28, 2022, were accepted as posted. All in favor, Bonnie Butler-Yes, Mike Ferri-Yes, Rich Herzer-Yes, Mike Toretta-Yes, David Guth-Yes.

REPORT/UPDATES

NJSP – no representation present this evening

INTRODUCTION/ADOPTION

Continuing, Mayor Toretta, presented various **Resolutions 1-23** by number and briefing as to what each one represented as follows:

RESOLUTION 2023-1

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN, COUNTY OF WARREN
AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY DESIGNATING
REGULAR MEETING DATES / TIMES**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, and State of New Jersey that the regular meetings of the Township Committee for the year 2023 shall be held the first Monday of each month, unless otherwise indicated below, at the Franklin Township Municipal Building, Broadway, N.J. at the hour of 7:00 p.m.

WHEREAS Section 13 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, requires that at least once a year, not later than January 10th of such year, this public body shall post and mail to newspapers designated by said body, a schedule of the location, time and date of such work sessions and regular meetings of said body during the succeeding year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, and State of New Jersey, as follows:

The Franklin Township Committee chose the following meeting dates for the year **2023**.

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to provisions of Section 231 of the "Open Public Meetings Act" Chapter 231, PL 1975 the following is a schedule of the Regular Meetings of the Franklin Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren to be held for the year **2023**. All meetings unless otherwise indicated, shall be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Franklin Township Municipal Building, 2093 Rt. #57, Broadway, N.J. 08808. **Please check our website monthly as to any changes to meeting dates/times.**

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| January 4 (<i>Re-Org Mtg.</i>) (<i>Wednesday</i>) | August 7 |
| February 6 | September 5 (<i>Tuesday</i>) |
| March 6 | October 2 |
| April 3 | November 6 |
| May 1 | December 4 |
| June 5 | December 27 (<i>Year End Mtg.-Wednesday @ 4pm</i>) |
| July 3 | January 3, 2024 (<i>Re-Org - Wednesday</i>) |

Workshop Meetings listed below will be held, IF, there are Agenda Items to discuss, on the second Monday of the following months at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building, 2093 Rt. 57, Broadway, NJ, official action MAY be taken at all workshop meetings: March 13, April 10, May 8, June 12

Dated: January 4, 2023

Disposition

1. Express-Times NJ Zone
 2. Star Ledger
 3. Clerk’s Office
- Municipal Building Broadway, N.J.

RESOLUTION 2023-2

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, and State of New Jersey that the regular meetings of the Franklin Township Historical Commission for the year 2023 shall be held the third Monday of each month at the Franklin Township Municipal Building, 2093 Rt. 57, Broadway, N.J. at the hour of 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

The Franklin Township Historical Commission chose the following meeting dates for the year 2023.

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to provisions of Section 231 of the "Open Public Meetings Act" Chapter 231, PL 1975 the following is a schedule of the Regular Meetings of the Franklin Township Historical Commission, of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren to be held for the year 2023. All meetings unless otherwise indicated shall be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Franklin Township Municipal Building, 2093 Rt. #57, Broadway, N.J. 08808.

January No Meeting	July No Meeting
February No Meeting	August No Meeting
March 20	September 18
April 17	October 16
May 15	November 20
June 19	December 18

Dated: January 4, 2023

Disposition

- 1. Express-Times NJ Zone
 - 2. Clerk’s Office
- Municipal Building Broadway, N.J.
08808

RESOLUTION 2023-3

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of. Warren, State of New Jersey deems it necessary to incorporate a purchase order system so that the State Directive requiring an encumbrance system be enacted, and

WHEREAS, by Order of the Mayor and Committee that system be initiated, utilizing pre-numbered purchase orders, and encumbering any purchase of \$1,000.00 or over

WHEREAS P.L. 1983, chapter 8, Local Fiscal Affairs Law, N.J.S.A. 40A 59-2 has been amended to require that each municipality designate a Cash Management Plan for the deposit of local unit’s monies.

BE IT RESOLVED that the following Cash Management Plan be adopted by the Township of Franklin.

A. Designation of Official Depositories:

- 1. The following institutions are designated Official Depositories.

PNC Bank	Unity Bank	Valley Bank
Chase Manhattan Bank	Fulton Bank	

2. Designated Official Depositories are required to submit to the Financial Officer of the Township of Franklin a copy of the State of New Jersey, Department of Banking, Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act notification of eligibility which must be filed semi-annually in the Department of Banking, as of June 30th, and December 31st, of each year.

3. Designated Official Depositories are required to submit to the Financial Officer a copy of the Institutions' Annual Report on an annual basis.

B. Deposit of Funds

All funds shall be deposited within forty-eight hours (48) of receipt in accordance with State Statutes.

- 1. Operating funds shall be deposited into interest bearing accounts to maximize earnings.

2. Trust funds may be deposited into interest bearing accounts, Non interest bearing accounts should be regularly monitored for availability of funds for investment except where either State, Federal laws or Local Ordinances prohibit the earnings of interest on such funds.

C. Designation of Allowable Investment Instruments

The Township may permit deposits and investments in such depositories as permitted in section 4 of P.L. 1970 Chapter 23666 (c. 17:9-44)

D. Definitions of Acceptable Collateral and Protection of Township Assets.

1. All designated depositories must conform to all applicable state statutes.

2. All depositories shall obtain the highest amount possible F.D.I.C., and or F.S.L.I.C. coverage of all Township Assets. (Demand and Certification of Deposits.).

3. Collateral will be required for all deposits and investment of the Township except for those in the State Cash management fund, collateral must have a market value of not less than 100% of all deposits and investments

E. Reporting Procedures:

The Financial Officer shall prepare for the Township Committee the following investment reports.

1. Monthly reporting: A listing of all investments as part of the Financial Officer's monthly report.

2. The Financial Officer shall prepare a schedule of outstanding investments for the independent auditors as of December 31st, of each year and at other such times as required by the auditors.

F. Maximum Maturity Policy:

Investments shall be limited to a maturity not to exceed one year on all operating funds unless a longer maturity is permitted within the provisions of regulation promulgated by either the Federal or State Government.

G. Bonding:

The following Official shall be covered by surety bonds, said surety bonds to be examined by the Independent Auditor to insure their proper execution:

Financial Officer

Tax Collector

Staff members of the Department of Finance not covered by separate surety bonds shall be covered by a Public Employees Faithful Performance Bond in the minimum amount of \$5,000.00.

H. Compliance:

The Cash Management Plan of the Township of Franklin shall be subject to the annual audit conducted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4.

RESOLUTION 2023-4

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, and State of New Jersey, that all merchants of Franklin Township, County of Warren, doing retail business within the Township be obligated to obtain a mercantile license in the amount of \$50.00 during the month of January. Penalty after February 28, 2023, to be an additional \$10.00.

RESOLUTION 2023-5

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, and State of New Jersey that the following job titles for the year 2023 be made

DPW Foreman	Joe Biel, Sr.
Road Laborer II	Brandon Lisa
Road Laborer I	
Road Laborer/Part-Time	Joe Sheridan
Municipal Clerk	Denise L. Becton
Office Assistant	
Chief Financial Officer	Share w/White Township
Tax Collector	Karin Kneafsey
Tax Assessor	Craig Brotons
Asst. Treasurer	Denise L. Becton
Construction Official	NJ Dept. of Comm. Affairs
Dog Licensing Official	Denise L. Becton
Animal Control Officer	Share w/Washington Twp., Long Valley, NJ
Health Officer	(5) Twsp. Comm. Members & Zoning Officer
Emergency Management Coordinator	Shawna Tabert
Deputy Emergency Mgt. Coordinator	David Guth
9-1-1 Coordinator	Shawna Tabert
Zoning Officer	James Onembo
Land Use Board Secretary	Kelley D. Smith
Open Space Clerk	
Tax Search Officer	Karin Kneafsey
Assessment Search Officer	Denise L. Becton
Registrar Vital Statistics	Denise L. Becton
Deputy Registrar Vital Statistics	Kelley D. Smith, Harmony Twp.
Alternate Deputy Registrar	
Municipal Judge	Honorable Nicole Lena, Share w/Town of Belvidere

Municipal Prosecutor
Alt. Prosecutor
Public Defender
Alt. Public Defender
Sgt. At Arms
Court Administrator
Recycling Coordinator
Site Manager
Maintenance/Event Supervisor

Share w/Town of Belvidere
John Caleca, Share w/Town of Belvidere
Scott Wilhelm, Esq., Share w/Town of Belvidere
Gregory Gianforcaro, Share w/Town of Belvidere
Share w/Town of Belvidere
Dawn Decker, Share w/Town of Belvidere
Kevin Murray

**Resolution 2023-6
TEMPORARY BUDGET**

WHEREAS Title 40A:4-19 known as the Local Budget Law, provides that where any contracts, commitments or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2023 budget, temporary appropriations be made for the purposes and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided, and.

WHEREAS the total appropriations in the 2022 budget, less appropriations made for the Capital Improvement Fund, Debt Service, Relief for the Poor (Public Assistance) and Deferred Charges are as follows:

General Fund: \$2,074,498.13

AND,

WHEREAS 26.25% of the total appropriations in the 2022 budget, less the appropriations made for Capital Improvement Fund, Debt Service, Relief for the Poor (Public Assistance), and Deferred Charges are as follows,

General Fund: \$544,555.76

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren that the temporary appropriations be made in the amount of \$544,555.76 for the General Fund and that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for recordkeeping.

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION 2023-7**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Franklin Township Committee has a need to acquire professional services as non-fair and open contracts pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and,

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is 1 year; and

WHEREAS, the following professionals have submitted contracts for services as indicated:

- Municipal Attorney; Kevin Benbrook of the firm Benbrook & Benbrook, LLC
- Municipal Engineer; Mike Finelli of the firm Finelli Consulting Eng., Inc.
- Municipal Planner; Jim Kyle of the firm Kyle Planning and Design
- Municipal Bond Counsel; John Draikiwicz of the firm Gibbons P.C.
- Municipal Auditor; John J. Mooney, CPA, RMA, Nisivoccia, LLP
- Open Space/Farmland Preservation Advisor; The Land Conservancy of NJ

WHEREAS, each professional, has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certified that they, have not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit them from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and

WHEREAS, the required certificate for the availability of funds has been filed by the chief financial officer providing that legally appropriated balances are available to cover the amount of the contract as required by N.J.A.C. 5:30-14.5 and that fees for the aforementioned bond counsel services shall be made available by appropriate inclusion in either an annual municipal budget which includes current, revenue sharing and utility provisions, by budget amendments for Federal program spending or by inclusion in an appropriate bond ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin authorizes the Mayor and Clerk of the Township of Franklin to enter into a contract with the professionals as described herein on and in behalf of the Township of Franklin for 1 year; for the calendar year 2021 and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in a legally designated publication.

RESOLUTION 2023-8

WHEREAS it is resolved that the Mayor and Township Committee of each municipality in the County of Warren, in order to file Municipal Tax Appeals, pass a Resolution allowing the Attorney for the Municipality, to file and prosecute said appeals.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by a majority of the members of the Governing Body of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that the Municipal Attorney and/or Special Counsel are hereby authorized to file, prosecute, stipulate, modify, agree upon, and otherwise perform the duties which are required of said Attorney, in the process of prosecution and/or filing of Municipal Tax Appeals.

IT IS THEREFORE, on this 4th day of January 2023, Resolved as aforesaid by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, in the County of Warren and State of New Jersey.

RESOLUTION 2023-9

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, desires not to refund tax overpayments under the amount of \$10.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Township Committee of said Township of Franklin that all tax over-payments under the amount of \$10.00 shall not be refunded but shall be applied to the subsequent quarter's tax receivable.

RESOLUTION 2023-10

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FIXING THE RATE OF INTEREST TO BE CHARGED ON DELINQUENT TAXES OR ASSESSMENTS

WHEREAS N.J.S.A. 54:4-67 permits the governing body of each municipality to fix the rate of interest to be charged for non-payment of taxes or assessments subject to any abatement or discount for the late payment of taxes as provided by law; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54-4-67 has been amended to permit the fixing of said rates of 8% per annum on the first, \$1,500.00 and allows an additional penalty of 6% be collected against a delinquency in excess of \$10,000.00 on properties that fail to pay the delinquency prior to the end of the calendar year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to charge 8%.per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of taxes becoming delinquent after due date and 18%.per annum on any amount of taxes in excess of \$1,500.00 becoming delinquent after due date and if a delinquency is in excess of \$10,000.00 and remains in arrears beyond December 31st an additional penalty of 6% shall be charged against the delinquency.

2. Effective January 4, 2023, there will be a ten (10) day grace period of quarterly tax payments made by cash, check or money order.

3. Any payments not made in accordance with paragraph two (2) of this resolution shall be charged interest from due date as set forth in paragraph one (1) of this resolution.

4. This Resolution shall be published in its entirety in the Express Times-NJ Zone, the official newspaper of the Township of Franklin.

5. A certified copy of this Resolution be provided by the Township Clerk to the Tax Collector, Township Attorney and Township Auditor for the Township of Franklin.

Dated: January 4, 2023

RESOLUTION 2023-11

WHEREAS, the Franklin Township Committee has deemed it necessary to appoint the following members to the Local Board of Health for a period of one (1) year.

Jim Onembo
Rich Herzer
Mike Toretta
David Guth
Mike Ferri
Bonnie Butler

Resolution 2023-12

WHEREAS there exists vacancies on the newly enacted Public Safety Committee and;

WHEREAS the following appointments to fill said vacancy for a period of one year has been enacted, and:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following individuals take their place on the Public Safety Committee for a period of one-year effective January 4, 2023.

Township Committee - Bonnie Butler–Mike Toretta
Fire Chief Dave Brown
Deputy Fire Chief Joe Parkin
EMS Captain Karen Chiu
OEM Coordinator – Shawna Tabert
Deputy OEM Coordinator- David Guth
Kathleen Reinalda, CFO

RESOLUTION 2023-13 APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL AGRICULTURE ADVISORY BOARD

WHEREAS, the Franklin Township Committee has deemed it necessary to appoint the following members to the Municipal Agriculture Advisory Board that shall be appointed by the Mayor of the Township of Franklin. The appointments are for the year 2023.

Joel Reger
Bonnie Butler
Sam Santini
Ron Sigler
Richard Gardner

RESOLUTION 2023-14

Historical Commission

WHEREAS, the Franklin Township Committee has deemed it necessary to appoint the following members to the Historical Commission that shall be appointed by the Mayor of the Township of Franklin. The appointments are for the year 2023.

Amy Perkins	2-year term	exp. 12/31/2024
Bev Altrath – Alternate	2-year term	exp. 12/31/2024

RESOLUTION 2023-15

WHEREAS there remains on the records and books of the Township of Franklin delinquent taxes and municipal charges owing as of December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the statutes of the State of New Jersey, expressly N.J.S.A. 54:5 et seq., provide for the enforcement and collection of such delinquencies through a tax lien sale; and

WHEREAS the Tax Collector is empowered by statute to conduct and preside over the sale of liens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Township of Franklin, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to sell all municipal liens in accordance with New Jersey law, on or before December 31, 2022.

RESOLUTION 2023-16

SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH

WHEREAS New Jersey's public schools serve more than 1.2 million children from Kindergarten through Grade 6; and,

WHEREAS the direction of public education in New Jersey is chartered locally by individual school boards, whose 4,800 members serve as advocates for public education as they work with administrators, teachers, parents and local residents; and

WHEREAS Boards of Education provide accountability to the democratic system of governing the schools by communicating the needs of the district to the community while impressing upon administrators the public's expectations for the school district; and

WHEREAS School Board members receive no remuneration for their services; and

WHEREAS The Township of Franklin is justly proud of the academic, athletic, and social achievements of the students in our community; and,

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Board of Education and the New Jersey School Boards Association have declared January 2023 to be School Board Recognition Month, a time that all residents might acknowledge the contributions made by our local school board members; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Franklin Township Committee does hereby commend the service of the Franklin Township Board of Education and its members to our community and its children; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Franklin Township Committee proclaims January as **SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH** in Franklin Township and urges all citizens to join in recognizing the dedication of local school board members, past and present, as we work together to improve educational opportunities for our children.

Dated: January 4, 2023

RESOLUTION 2023-17

Public Agency Compliance Officer

WHEREAS The Township of Franklin (hereinafter "Public Agency") in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-3.5 that each agency shall designate a Public Agency Compliance Officer; and

WHEREAS the New Jersey Department of Treasury, Division of Contracts Compliance and Equal Employment Opportunity in Public Contracts; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of The Township of Franklin, in the County of Warren and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Township of Franklin hereby designates Denise L. Becton, as its Public Agency Compliance Officer.

**RESOLUTION
2023-18**

**JOINING THE WARREN COUNTY
COOPERATIVE PRICING COUNCIL (WCCPC)**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT WITH THE WARREN COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING COUNCIL HEREIN AFTER REFERRED TO AS THE "LEAD AGENCY" FOR THE CONDUCT OF CERTAIN FUNCTIONS RELATING TO THE PURCHASE OF WORK MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE JURISDICTIONS.

BE IT RESOLVED by Franklin Township of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, and State of New Jersey:

This Resolution shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Township of Franklin

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-11(5), the mayor is authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Warren County Cooperative Pricing Council for the purchase of work, materials and supplies

The Warren County Cooperative Pricing Council entering into contracts on behalf of the Township of Franklin shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 et seq.) and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

All Resolutions or parts inconsistent with this Resolution shall be and the same are hereby repealed.

RESOLUTION 2023-19

WHEREAS, the Franklin Township Committee has deemed it necessary to appoint the following members to the Land Use Board that shall be appointed by the Mayor of the Township of Franklin. The appointments for the year 2023 for the coming year were made on January 4, 2023 as follows.

Mayor, Class I	1yr.	exp. 12/23
Jim Onembo, Class II	1yr.	exp. 12/23
Rich Herzer, Class III	1 yr.	exp. 12/23
Daniel Kubik, Alt. #1	1 yr.	exp. 12/23
Michael Balogh, Alt. #2	1 yr.	exp. 12/23
Ron Sigler, IV	2 yr.	exp. 12/24
Henry Meltzer, IV	3 yr.	exp. 12/25

Donald Butler, IV	3 yr.	exp. 12/25
Sarah Payne, IV	2 yr.	exp. 12/24
Gary Corde, IV	3 yr.	exp. 12/25

RESOLUTION 2023-20

WHEREAS, the Franklin Township Committee has deemed it necessary to appoint the following members to the Open Space Commission that shall be appointed by the Mayor of the Township of Franklin. The appointments for the year 2023 for the coming year were made on January 4, 2023, as follows.

Rich Herzer, Alt. #1	1yr.	exp. 12/23
Sara Pyskaty, Alt. #2	1yr.	exp. 12/23
Beth Barry	2 yr.	exp. 12/24
Bill Rymon	2 yr.	exp. 12/24
Daniel Kubik	2 yr.	exp. 12/24

RESOLUTION 2023-21

RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT

WHEREAS Franklin Township (Warren) has resolved to join the Public Alliance Insurance Coverage Fund (“PAIC) following a detailed analysis of the PAIC proposal for the 2023 Fund year: and

WHEREAS the Bylaws of PAIC require that each entity designate a Risk management Consultant to perform various professional services as detailed in the Bylaws and Risk management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws indicate that PAIC shall pay each Risk Management Consultant a fee to be established annually by the Executive Committee;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Franklin Township, Warren County, NJ does hereby appoint Charles R. Frinzi/Ahart, Frinzi & Smith as its Risk Management Consultant in accordance with the Fund’s Bylaws.

RESOLUTION 2023-22

Musconetcong River Management Council

WHEREAS, the Franklin Township Committee has deemed it necessary to appoint the following members to the Municipal River Management Council that shall be appointed by the Mayor of the Township of Franklin. The appointments are for the year 2023.

Beth Styler Barry - Primary
 Vacant - Alternate

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-23

WHEREAS, US Bank-Cust for ProCap 8 FBO, Firsttrust Bank holds Tax Sale Certificate #2020-010 on Block 56 Lot 17 and,

WHEREAS, the property owner has redeemed this lien,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Committee authorize the Tax Collector to refund the redemption amount of \$ \$19,241.70 plus a Premium of \$4,100.00, for a total of \$23,341.70 to ProCap 8 FBO, Firsttrust Bank, POB 774, Fort Washington, PA 19034.

On motion by Mike Ferri and seconded by Bonnie Butler the aforementioned
Res. 2023-1 through Res. 2023-23 be adopted as read.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstained
Bonnie Butler	X (<i>abstained ONLY from Res. 2023-5</i>)		
David Guth	X		
Rich Herzer	X		
Michael Ferri	X		
Mike Toretta, Mayor	X	(5)Yes (0) No (0) Absent	Motion carried

Dated: January 4, 2023

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of resolutions duly adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, In the County of Warren, New Jersey, at a meeting held on January 4, 2023.

Denise L. Becton

Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk

FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION – Ordinance 2023-1, Ordinance 2023-2,

ORDINANCE 2023-1

ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS TO SOLICIT CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE ROADWAYS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN

BE IT ORDAINED By the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, in the County of Warren, New Jersey, that, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-60, that the Franklin Township Fire Department and the Franklin Township EMS be and hereby are authorized to solicit contributions on any municipal, county, or state highway or intersection located within the Township of Franklin; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that any other charitable organization as defined in N.J.S.A. 45:17A-20 may, upon written request and approval by the Township Committee, solicit contributions on any municipal, county or state highway or intersection located within the Township of Franklin; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that solicitation on any county highway or intersection is herein made subject to the approval of the Warren County Board of Commissioners; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that solicitation on any state highway or intersection is herein made subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Transportation.

SECTION II.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this amending ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of their inconsistencies only.

SECTION III.

This ordinance shall be in full force and take effect immediately after final passage and publication, as required by law.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading on the 4th day of January 2023, 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 6th day of February 2023, at the Municipal Building, 2093 Route 57, Broadway, New Jersey.

Denise L. Becton, Clerk

Introduced: January 4, 2023
Adopted: February 6, 2023

On motion by Mike Ferri and seconded by Rich Herzer the aforementioned **Ordinance 2023-1** be adopted as read. Final reading and adoption to take place on February 6, 2023, at **7:00 p.m. or near that hour.**

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstain	
Bonnie Butler	X			
David Guth	X			
Rich Herzer	X			
Michael Ferri	X			
Mike Toretta, Mayor	X	(5) Yes	(0) No (0) Absent	Motion carried

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-2

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

(due to the length of said ordinance, Title Only printed in minutes, if a full copy is requested please come to municipal offices or request via email, free of charge until Ordinance is adopted)

AN ORDINANCE BY THE FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REPEAL CHAPTER 80 FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION AND TO ADOPT A NEW CHAPTER 80 ENTITLED FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AND ADOPTING FLOOD HAZARD MAPS; DESIGNATING A FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

I, Denise L. Becton, Registered Municipal Clerk of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that this is a true copy of an Ordinance introduced by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin at their regular meeting held on January 4, 2023 and adopted on second reading at their regular meeting held on February 6, 2023 at or near 7:00 PM in the Franklin Township Municipal Building located at 2093 Route 57, P.O. Box 547, Broadway, New Jersey 08808. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication as required by law.

Denise L. Becton
Township Clerk

On motion by Mike Ferri and seconded by David Guth the aforementioned **Ordinance 2023-2** be adopted as read. Final reading and adoption to take place on February 6, 2023, at **7:00 p.m. or near that hour.**

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstain	
Bonnie Butler	X			
David Guth	X			
Rich Herzer	X			
Michael Ferri	X			
Mike Toretta, Mayor	X	(5) Yes	(0) No (0) Absent	Motion carried

REPORTS/UPDATES

Engineer – Not present for tonight’s meeting

Attorney – Attorney Benbrook hopeful to have Solar Bid Specifications for next month on township owned property. The Tigar property that was recently acquired, the field work has been performed by Engineer Finelli.

Open Space- Beth Barry in attendance inquired as to the Commission and upcoming meetings and re organization of the commission for 2023. Since we do not have a secretary, who is her point of contact? Peggy Housman will be asked if she would be interested in this position and at an hourly rate or salary.

Zoning Officer- Report submitted. Mr. Onembo has a court hearing tomorrow for a case that is more than a year old. If resident still a no-show Mr. Onembo will have to confer with the prosecutor as to warrants.

Fire Department/EMS – Christine Brown informed the total calls for fire/ems for 2022. Fire calls: 121 dispatched, 98 calls were in Franklin Township, remaining in mutual aid towns. All fire calls were answered by the department. EMS had a total of 1196 calls: 301 in Franklin Township, 449 in Phillipsburg only answering 229 calls.

DPW- Joe Biel – Report submitted. The committee informed that Christmas tree pickup should only be done once a week to save time/fuel. Next year a date when trees are to be picked up curbside should be devised and also allowing residents to bring their trees at their convenience to the road garage.

OEM/911 Coordinator – Deputy OEM Guth informed of the recent power outage from the past storm, two fire stations were opened as warming stations.

FTYA- no representation

Open Public Session:

At approximately 7:31 p.m. opened the floor to the Public. Unanimous vote.

Karen Chiu would like to have a tree planted for next year’s Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony. She was informed to work with Committeeperson Butler and Foreman Biel.

Hearing nothing further from the public, Open Public Session was closed at 7:33 p.m. Unanimous vote.

Committee Reports:

Bonnie Butler – Working with Barbara Haskins-Davis of The Land Conservancy and the PIG Application needs to calculate water availability and capacities. Deputy Mayor Guth will provide contact information of NJAW that can assist with information needed.

Rich Herzer – Nothing further to report.

David Guth - Nothing further to report.

Mike Ferri – Where are we at with the purchase of generators for the municipal building and road garage? Per Deputy OEM Guth a grant is in the works. Discussion to ensue further in the Budget Workshop.

Michael Toretta – Nothing further to report.

Deputy Fire Chief Joe Parkin – Fire/EMS have had some serious calls recently; successful mitigation of a propane tank, and an accident with entrapment/roll over. Thanking his members for their diligence, DPW was very helpful with road closures and salt as well as NJSP.

At this time, the committee will commence into an Executive Session on motion by Mike Ferri and seconded by Rich Herzer at 7:42 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

BE IT RESOLVED on this 4th day of January 2023, 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

Contract Negotiations – Foreclosed Properties

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 4th day of January 2023 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 Mike Ferri and seconded by Rich Herzer to exit to executive session at 7:58 p.m. Unanimous Vote.

On motion by Bonnie Butler and seconded Rich Herzer to return to the regular session at 8:15 p.m. Unanimous Vote.

On motion by Bonnie Butler and seconded by Mike Ferri, hearing no objection, meeting stands adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise L. Becton, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk