



## OFFICIAL UPDATE

This is a summary of the February 21, 2018, Franklin Township Board of Supervisors (BOS) meeting.

Chairman Auerbach called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. In attendance were Supervisors Dea, Morris, Snyder and Torres. Also in attendance were Solicitor Mark Thompson, Historical Commission and HARB Chairman, Paul Lagasse, PC Chair, Dave Hoffman, Manager/Treasurer, Joan McVaugh, and Secretary Sharon Norris. Corporal Louis Robinson from the Avondale State Police Barracks was a last minute attendee. There were 7 members of the public in attendance.

The meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Public Comment:** There was no public comment.

**Approval of Minutes:** On motion by Supervisor Morris, 2nded by Supervisor Dea, the January 2, 2018 minutes were approved, 4-0 with Supervisor Snyder abstaining.

On motion by Supervisor Dea, 2nded by Chairman Auerbach, the January 17, 2018 minutes were approved 4-0 with Supervisor Snyder abstaining due to his absence from that meeting.

**Disposition of Records:** On motion by the Chairman, 2nded by Mr. Snyder, Resolution 2018-09 was approved 5-0. The motion authorized the erasure of the audiotapes from the December 7, 2017 PC meeting and the two January BOS meetings mentioned above. Motion carried 5-0.

**Corporal Robinson** reported the police activity year-to-date in the Township. There were 77 incidents which included 911 hang-ups, disabled motorists, police accompanying emergency vehicles to the hospital, traffic stops, etc. There were zero burglaries or break-ins. He confirmed that there is not much illegal activity in the Township. Chairman Auerbach asked for a more comprehensive police activity report each month. Currently the Township receives a very basic report which lists the number of incidents, but no detail. The Corporal and the Board discussed privacy issues and the Corporal will follow up with his superiors to see if the State Police can generate a detailed report with specific information redacted.

**Treasurer's Report:** Supervisor Snyder made a motion, 2nded by Mr. Torres, to approve the January 2018 Treasurer's Report which includes the following disbursements and transfers: The General Fund with disbursements and transfers of \$163,330.43; the Park and Recreation Fund with disbursements of \$1,409.75; the Open Space Fund with disbursements of \$92,974.10; and the Fire Hydrant Fund with disbursements of \$580.80; leaving a balance in all funds totaling \$479,101.05. The motion carried 5-0. Mr. Auerbach complimented the Treasurer.

**Zoning Officer/Building Inspector Report:** Supervisor Torres reported that during the month of January, 1 permit was issued and 35 building inspections took place. \$200.00 in building fees; \$-0- in Recreation, Open Space, & Impact Fees and \$75.00 in miscellaneous fees were collected. There is one ongoing zoning issue at 308 Heather Hills. The Manager reported that the property has been posted and Jeff Vogels is following up with the appropriate action. The entire report can be reviewed on the Township website [www.franklintownship.us](http://www.franklintownship.us).

**PC Report:** PC Chairman Hoffman summarized the February 1 meeting where the PC recommended approval of the 1723 Winery Conditional Use Application and also the Preliminary/Final Plan with waivers. The PC also continued their discussion on allowing inlaw suites wherever single family houses are allowed.

**HARB & Historical Commissions** - Chairman Lagasse reported that at their February 7 meeting, the HC organized and he continues to be the Chairman, Nan Latimer is the Vice Chair and Sara Beth Kohut is the Secretary. They discussed the Eastern Shore Natural Gas progress (they have gotten all of their agency approvals but not landowner permissions) and also the 896 Roadwork (no progress). The HC is co-hosting a program entitled “Edgar Allan Poe in Newark: Fact or Legend?” with the New London Area Historical Society on March 8, 2018 at the New London Township Building. Mary Torbey is the guest speaker. In May, the two historic commissions will be co-hosting a program with Old Stone Cider on the history of cider, reviving the cider industry, and the types of apples they use. The HARB also reorganized. Paul continues to be the Chairman, Chuck Phillips, the Vice Chair and Tracey Schreiner the Secretary. The HARB also discussed ESNG and the 896 Roadwork as it will affect historic structures in the Village.

**Franklin Sportsman’s Association (FSA) Report** – Jim German from the FSA presented the final report of the season. The harvest total is 13 doe and 1 buck from the Franklin Preserve and 1 buck from Banffshire. The FSA requested that the Board renew their license for the 2018-2019 season.

**1723 Winery Conditional Use Application** – After the public hearing, Supervisor Morris made a motion to approve the Conditional Use Application of 1723 Winery to allow for a winery as accessory to agriculture use on this parcel. The motion was 2nded by Supervisor Dea and carried 5-0.

**1723 Winery Preliminary/Final Plan** – On motion by Mrs. Dea, 2nded by Mr. Snyder, the Preliminary/Final Plan for the 1723 Winery dated January 15, 2018, last revised February 7, 2018 was approved 5-0 with the following waivers and comment: 1) allowing a combined preliminary/final plan submission; 2) that due to the agricultural nature of the property, concrete perimeter monuments are not required but should be placed along the public right-of-way; 3) that a detailed field survey of contours not be required only in the limited development area and not over the entire tract; 4) that a detailed wetland delineation not be required due to the distance of greater than 700 ft. of any potential wetlands from the area of disturbance; 5) that an EIAM report not be required due to the limited disturbance to the proposed tract; 6) that a replacement area for the septic system due to the large remaining bulk of the tract not be required, subject to DEP approval; 7) and subject to the payment of any outstanding fees. After the review provided in the public hearing and the extensive review by the Planning Commission, Mrs. Dea explained to the public that the Board felt all of the issues had been addressed and there were no further questions from the Board. Mr. Auerbach complimented the thoroughness and expertise of the PC.

**Public Comment:** Mr. Matt Goin asked about the status of the Basic Gas Station.

**Meeting adjourned** at 8:08 p.m.