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**TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN  
TOWNSHIP MANAGER  
MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** Mayor and Township Council  
**FROM:** Kenneth W. Daly, Township Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Annual Report 2008  
**DATE:** February 19, 2009 (Revised July 31, 2009)

Because the first half of 2009 has required dealing with the budget shortfall in the fiscal year which began on July 1, 2009, there has not been time to prepare a full annual report from the Township Manager. Therefore, I am posting this summary memo that I had presented to Township Council back in February, which lists major accomplishments during calendar 2008.

**Franklin Youth Initiative.**

- Hire Rachel Baker-Blackwell as full time social worker.
- Move Health Department out of 935 Hamilton Street and begin renovations for youth programs and services.

**Public Safety.**

- Reach authorized strength of 125 police officers. (Now below because of subsequent departures and hiring freeze.)
- Restore community policing bicycle patrol.
- Upgraded, expanded reverse 9-1-1 system to correct problems with previous system, allow for quicker calls to large numbers of residents, and provide phone number for large number of residents to call for additional emergency information.
- Traffic signal pre-emption agreements with State of New Jersey (Fire District 4) and Fire District 1.

**Economic Development.**

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But by far the greatest and most beautiful part of wisdom deals with the proper ordering of cities and households,  
and that is called moderation and justice.

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- Establish one-stop facility in the municipal building with co-location of Planning, Zoning, Construction Code, Engineering, and Health Departments.
- Facilitate technology infrastructure for businesses in Franklin Township through telecommunications franchises (Cablevision Lightpath, Fiber Technologies)
- Facilitate establishment and expansion of data centers in Franklin Township (e.g., Ord. 3750 concerning water service, and sale of Township land on Campus Drive)

### **Environment/Quality of Life**

- Complete energy audit of municipal building.
- Close on preservation of Suydam farm (133 acres).
- Obtain DEP grant for Phase 2 environmental study of the Onka property as step towards preservation of Franklin Inn.
- Summonses issued to Pulte to assist Somerset Run residents with heating problems.

### **Redevelopment/affordable housing**

- 94 affordable rental units at Berry-Blair under construction.
- Redevelopment plan amended for mixed-use (commercial, affordable rental) on Franklin Boulevard. All properties acquired.
- Sewerage pump station needed for Leewood and Parkside redevelopments completed.
- Four Habitat houses on former Township property on Girard Avenue constructed and occupied.
- Reorganize administration of affordable housing, housing rehabilitation, and Neighborhood Preservation Program.
- Sikora Motors building finally demolished.

### **Fiscal**

- FY 2009 budget, particularly the strategy of removing \$1.7 million from departmental budgets to control spending in anticipation of further reductions to address structural deficit.
- RFP and process for evaluating proposals for operational audit.

- Coordination and management of consultants (Marlow, Hodulik) on review of school budget.
- Outside job gasoline surcharge during spike in fuel prices.
- Extension of PBA/SOA contracts to position next round of negotiations when surplus substantially depleted.

### **Infrastructure**

- 2008 road program (10 miles repaved), including Matilda, Schoolhouse, Cortelyous, New Brunswick, Franklin Park, Winston area
- Comprehensive water distribution system master plan.
- Municipal parking lot expansion
- Little Rocky Hill water system feasibility analysis and installation of booster pump.

### **Other**

- Responded to 512 Franklin Township Web Site requests/inquiries/complaints.
- Township personnel manual adopted June 10, 2008.