

**BUDGET WORK SESSION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**  
**TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN, COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY**  
**JULY 16, 2002**

The Budget Work Session of the Township Council of the Township of Franklin, County of Somerset, New Jersey, held at 475 DeMott Lane, was called to order by the Mayor at 7:05 p.m.

The Mayor read a statement indicating all requirements of P.L. 1975, Chapter 231 (The Open Public Meeting Act) had been met.

The Deputy Township Clerk called the roll.

Present: Mayor Eberle, Deputy Mayor Grippo, Ms. Barrier, Mr. Levine, Mr. Mazzola, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Mettler and Mr. Sumter.

Absent: Mr. Chivukula

Also present: Kenneth W. Daly, Township Manager; Jose Agosto, Chief Financial Officer and LaVern Staten Sanders, Deputy Township Clerk

Mayor Eberle noted that the Council Meeting schedule for September 10<sup>th</sup> is the Eve of the September 11, 2001 tragedy and that an Eve Memorial Service is scheduled for that date.

Deputy Mayor Grippo stated that the Eve of Memorial Service is scheduled for September 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm to be held at Franklin High School.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Grippo and seconded by Mr. Mazzola to reschedule the Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> Council meeting for Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. The Deputy Township Clerk polled the Board, the vote being as follows:

<u>AYES</u>	<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Mayor Eberle	Mr. McKenzie	No One	No One
Deputy Mayor Grippo	Mr. Mettler		
Ms. Barrier	Mr. Sumter		<u>ABSENT</u>
Mr. Levine			Mr. Chivukula
Mr. Mazzola			

Motion was carried.

**CAPITAL BUDGET OVERVIEW** - Township Manager Kenneth Daly

Council reviewed Fiscal Year 2003/1999-2002 Comparison Graph and July 16, 2002 memo from Township Manager Kenneth W. Daly transmitting the FY2003 Budget Workbook.

Township Manager Kenneth W. Daly reviewed FY2003 Capital Budget & Five Year Plan (C-1).

**Customer Service Center: Municipal Building** - Capital Projects Engineer James Pettit shared with Township Council sketch of Customer Service Center area in Municipal Building for Planning/Zoning; Engineering and Code Departments.

Township Manager Kenneth W. Daly referred to memo in Council Budget Books – Tab 2 / C-4 summarizing the need for the Customer Service Center area.

**Animal Shelter Expansion** – Township Manager Daly noted this Project was postponed from 2001; this year asking for actual design of the expansion with the actual construction to be scheduled for 2004.

With the bottom line cost of not expanding the Animal Shelter is more dogs having to be euthanized, due to growth of population in Township.

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Patricia Elliot, Assistant Director of Health noted that the animal population in the shelter has doubled between 2000 and 2001.

**Easton Farms Drainage** – Township Manager noted that this project was a major project for this year, which Capital Projects Engineer James Pettit has been supervising the engineering of.

Capital Projects Engineer James Pettit noted that the first week in September the drainage portion of study should be delivered to Township with a cost estimate at which time the Consultant would like to make an presentation to Council.

The last week of September, the curb and overlay portion of the project will be finished and have its own cost estimate.

This project was postponed while overlaying Dunham and LeBed Park. By the end of November all plans and specifications will be ready to go out for bid. If we proceed with project we probably could go out to bid for December or January, receive bids in February and start construction in March of 2003.

**Document Imaging** – Technology for storing records electronically

Michael Gallagher, Network Administrator noted that this would provide the technology to transfer paper documents to electronic documents. Eliminating the need of storing on on-site, easily retrievable, all index and printed out in a more timely fashion.

**Computer Aided Dispatch System** – Moved to debt capital because service ends as of December 31, 2002 and the timetable on Somerset County Improvement Authority runs during the Spring of each year.

Chief Novick referred to memo from Lieutenant Carter on page 19 of Police notebook handed out.

UT Software which covers the Window Base CAD System is retiring their support, which means action must be taken to have a CAD System in place that will cover 911 and live dispatch and entry.

**Municipal Phone System; Extender/Queue** – The amount on copy received \$16,000.00 can be reduced to \$6,000; \$10,000 budgeted in Capital Budget

### **Trunk Radio System**

After lengthy discussion and questions of Township Council

It was noted by Lieutenant Carter that this system is not a police system but a public safety, municipal government system.

## **RESOLUTION - MEETING NOT OPEN TO PUBLIC - NEW JERSEY OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, NJSA 10:4-12**

Read by Township Manager Daly

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council of the Township of Franklin in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey is subject to certain requirements of the **Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:4-6, et seq.**; and

**WHEREAS**, the **Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:12**, provides that an Executive Session, not open to the public, may be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary for the Township Council of the Township of Franklin to discuss in a session not open to the public certain matters relating to the item or items authorized by **NJSA 10:4-12b** and designated below:

### **Collective Bargaining Contracts**

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Matters Relating to Collective Bargaining Agreements: Any collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of the terms and conditions thereof with employees or representative of employees of the public body.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Franklin, assembled in public session on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2002, that an Executive Session closed to the public shall be held on July 16, 2002, at 10:15 pm in the Franklin Township Municipal Complex, 475 DeMott Lane, Somerset, New Jersey for the discussion of matters relating to the specific items designated above.

It is anticipated at this time that the above-stated subject matter will be made public:

With respect to litigation, negotiation, collective bargaining and Attorney-Client Privilege at the conclusion of said litigation or negotiations;

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion to adopt resolution was made, seconded and unanimously agreed.

Council adjourned to Executive Session at 10:10 pm. Worksession resumed and was immediately adjourned at 10:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

LaVern Staten Sanders,  
Deputy Township Clerk