



**MINUTES OF THE FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
AGRICULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

February 1, 2024

8:00PM

Franklin Township Municipal Building
475 DeMott Lane, Somerset, NJ 08873
Large Conference Room (1st Floor)

PRESENT

Bob Puskas, Chair
Cathy Blumig, Vice-Chair
Al Puchalek
Craig Feibel

ABSENT

Bryan Herman
Rik Johnson
Councilmember Ed Potosnak

Tara Kenyon, AICP/PP – Land Preservation and Management Consultant – Township of Franklin

CALL TO ORDER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6)

Chairman Puskas called the meeting to order at 8:04pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The meeting will be opened to the Public to provide time for comments and/or questions related to the agenda

There were no members of the public present, so a Public Comment session was not held.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – JANUARY 4, 2024

Cathy Blumig made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 4th meeting, which was seconded by Craig Feibel. All agreed, and the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Stop the Bleed Workshop – March 4th

Cathy Blumig shared that the Somerset County Board of Agriculture is partnering with Robert Wood Johnson Trauma Center to host a workshop that teaches lifesaving skills to assist someone who is bleeding. The number one cause of preventable death after injury is bleeding, and farmers are more vulnerable because of the nature of the job. So far, 24 people have registered to attend.

The Stop the Bleed Workshop is being held on March 4th at 7:30pm at Suydam Greenhouses.

OLD BUSINESS

Soil Protection Standards

The SADC has extended the deadline for public comment to February 23, 2024.

Tara will review the compilation of comments when they are released by the SADC and present them to the AAC.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Craig Feibel made a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purposes of farmland preservation easement acquisition and negotiation. This motion was seconded by Al Puchalek. All agreed and the motion carried.

No official action will be taken after the Committee re-enters public session, except for adjourning the meeting.

A motion was made to close Executive Session by Al Puchalek, which was seconded by Craig Feibel. All agreed, and the Executive Session was closed.

ADJOURNMENT

Cathy Blumig made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Craig Feibel. All agreed, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

The next meeting of the Franklin Township Agriculture Advisory Committee is scheduled for Thursday, March 7, 2024, at 8:00pm at the Franklin Township Municipal Building (Large Conference Room)