

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN
HELD AT THE FRANKLIN MUNICIPAL BUILDING
46 MAIN STREET, FRANKLIN, NJ
SEPTEMBER 22, 2009**

Mayor Crowley called the meeting to order and requested the Borough Clerk to call the roll. Upon roll call, the following members of the Governing Body were present: Mr. Barton, Mr. Limon, Ms. Miller, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Stoll, Mr. Zschack, and Mayor Crowley.

Absent: None

Mayor Crowley led the assembly in the flag salute.

Mayor Crowley stated "This meeting is being held in compliance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975, Ch. 231. It has been properly advertised and certified by the Clerk."

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Crowley requested that all persons present review the consent agenda and offer any comments they may have at this time regarding the consent agenda.

CORRESPONDENCE (ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING ONLY OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. Public Hearing Notice from JCP&L dated 08-31-09 regarding Basic Generation Service Charge.

REPORTS (ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. Finance Report for August 2009.
2. Police Report for August 2009.

APPLICATIONS (APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. None filed

RESOLUTIONS (APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. Payment of bills for the meeting of September 22, 2009.

Mr. Stoll made a motion to approve the consent agenda of September 22, 2009. Seconded by Mr. Zschack.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Barton, Limon, Miller, Snyder, Stoll, Zschack

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Zschack reported that at the Planning Board meeting there was an application for the old Morley's building for parking. Braen started the application process; they are moving the scales, shed and entrance.

Mr. Limon reported that there is a Recreation Commission meeting Wednesday night.

Mr. Wolak gave his report which is on file in the Clerk's office.

Mayor Crowley reported that the Board of Public Works will be meeting Thursday night. The Planning Board is working on the Master Plan. Braen donated all the gravel to the WVFAS. The house across from Hooters is being condemned. The Zoning Officer is looking into properties with various issues.

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OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. Limon made a motion to open the meeting to the public for anyone wishing to address the Governing Body. Seconded by Ms. Miller. All were in favor.

JoAnne Tatka of 152 Maple Road asked about the Millie Harden Fund. The Mayor said that \$100,000.00 interest was being used for various recreation projects. Recreation were discussing updating the buildings at the pond using the fund. Ms. Tatka mentioned that Ogdensburg received a grant for a Fire truck and Hardyston received a police car and asked who did the grants for Franklin. The Mayor mentioned that they were looking at grants from Homeland Security for the Fire Department. Ms. Tatka asked about the no thru traffic sign by the school. Mr. Wolak was responsible for its being moved. She questioned the cameras for the sewers. The Mayor responded that they are still looking into the cameras. Ms. Tatka asked about the shared services with Hardyston. The Mayor stated that the Building Department is not bringing in enough fees to cover the expense. She questioned the police car cost of \$25,000.00 over three years. Mr. Wolak explained the lease purchase of the vehicle and that this year's budget would not support a purchase.

There being no one else present who wished to address the Governing Body, Mr. Limon made a motion to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Mr. Zschack. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business for tonight's portion of the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Mr. Zschack motioned to approve the meeting minutes of the Regular Meeting and Executive Session held on September 8, 2009. Seconded by Mr. Limon.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Barton, Limon, Miller, Snyder, Stoll, Zschack

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Resolution Adopting the 2009 Budget

Mr. Zschack motioned to adopt the \$5,861,086.00 Municipal Budget for 2009. Seconded by Mr. Stoll.

Mayor Crowley explained the increase would be twelve cents.

Mr. Stoll explained that this was the lowest the budget could be cut in order to continue to maintain the services in the Borough and have no layoffs.

Mayor Crowley opened the meeting to the public for any comments regarding the 2009 Budget. There were no comments from the public.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Barton, Limon, Miller, Snyder, Stoll, Zschack

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Ratification of Police Contract

Mr. Zschack motioned to ratify the Police Contract for the period of January 1, 2009 thru December 31, 2011. Seconded by Ms. Miller.

Mr. Limon added that Mr. Zschack and Mr. Barton worked hard on the contract. This contract is most advantageous to the taxpayers.

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Mr. Snyder explained that he was not in favor of the increases. He feels that because of the economy they could have went lower. The municipal employees in the Borough took a 1.5% increase, a far less raise then what the police are getting. The police can go into arbitration that is why they can get a larger increase.

Mr. Barton discussed that pass Council's have been giving away the farm for many years. They thought they were going to arbitration. The Police gave back four court days back. The arbitration has been tracked. There were a lot of things that were involved in the negotiation.

Mr. Stoll explained that a grievance was also settled out of this. The court days were a big savings.

Mayor Crowley thanked the personnel committee for all their time. The police should be commended.

Mr. Snyder felt that if they went into arbitration they would have gotten less. He read the Mayors Fax Advisory from May regarding PBA local 105 who received no increase for 2009 and 2% for the rest of the contract and increased co pays.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Barton, Limon, Miller, Stoll, Zschack

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: Snyder

Discharge of Mortgage – Robert & Elizabeth Bruce

Mr. Zschack motioned to authorize the Mayor to sign the Discharge of Mortgage for the Small Cities Grant Loan payoff from Robert & Elizabeth Bruce, Block 22 Lot 21, in the amount of \$9,035.00 originally discharged on November 23, 2004 but never recorded with the County Clerk by the owners. The original discharge form is no longer accepted by the County Clerk and needs to be replaced. Seconded by Mr. Stoll.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Barton, Limon, Miller, Snyder, Stoll, Zschack

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items for discussion by the Mayor and Council, Mr. Zschack made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 PM, seconded by Mr. Limon. All were in favor.

Paul B. Crowley, Mayor

Patricia Leasure, R.M.C.