

**MINUTES FOR THE ORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN
HELD AT THE FRANKLIN BOROUGH HALL
46 MAIN STREET, FRANKLIN, NJ AT 12:00 NOON
JANUARY 1, 2015**

Mayor Crowley will call the meeting to order.

Mayor Crowley will state “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.”

Mayor Crowley led the assembly in the flag salute.

Roll Call of 2014 Borough Council Members

Mayor Crowley requested a roll call of the 2014 Governing Body:

Present: Mr. Babcock, Mr. Giordano, Mr. Limon, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Martinez and Mayor Crowley

Absent: Mr. Zschack

Oaths of Office

Ms. Hough read the “Statement of Determination” of the Board of County Canvassers.

Mayor Crowley stated Mr. Martinez was already sworn in and took office immediately after we received this.

Ms. Hough administered the Oath of Office to Councilman-elect Robert C. Dabinett for a three-year term as Councilman of the Borough of Franklin.

Ms. Hough administered the Oath of Office to Councilman-elect Joe Limon for a three-year term as Councilman of the Borough of Franklin.

Roll Call of 2015 Borough Council Members

Mayor Crowley requested a roll call of the 2015 Governing Body.

Present: Mr. Babcock, Mr. Dabinett, Mr. Giordano, Mr. Limon, Mr. Martinez, Mr. Snyder, and Mayor Crowley

Absent: None

Administrator Position

Mayor Crowley asked the Council to make a motion to not renew the contract of Administrator Jim Kilduff.

Mr. Giordano made the motion.

Mayor Crowley commented effective immediately and starting the 90 day notice.

Mr. Giordano made that motion. Seconded by Mr. Martinez.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Babcock, Dabinett, Giordano, Limon, Martinez, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Mayor Crowley commented the Administrators appointment is a Mayoral appointment at this time he is appointing Alison Littell McHose to the position of Administrator for the Borough of Franklin. Mayor Crowley commented Mayoral appointment require the

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consent of the Council. Mayor Crowley asked for a motion for the consent of this appointment according to the Employment agreement before you basically for the record this is a three year contract with all the duties and powers as outlined previously to the Borough employees, compensation of \$98,000 per year for the first year with a 2 percent increase in salary for the next year and the year after that. Mayor Crowley commented the other stipulations are the same as the previous contract for the administrator and this will be due for an attorney review by both parties.

Mr. Giordano made a motion to accept Alison Littell McHose as the Borough of Franklin Administrator. Seconded by Mr. Babcock.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Babcock, Dabinett, Giordano, Limon, Martinez

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: Snyder

At this time Borough Clerk Robin Hough administered the oath of office to Alison Littell McHose.

At this time Alison Littell McHose read a Statement to the Council and public.

Mayor Crowley call for a 10 minute recess at 12:15PM.

The Council reconvened at approximately 12:25PM.

Council Appointment: Council President

Mayor Crowley opened the floor for Council nominations to the position of Council President for 2015.

Mr. Snyder nominated Councilman Giordano to the position of Council President for 2015. Mr. Martinez seconded the motion.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Babcock, Dabinett, Limon, Martinez, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: Giordano

Fire Department Chief and Line Officers

Mayor Crowley recognized the Chief of the Franklin Fire Department for 2015, Troy Kays.

Ms. Hough administered the Oath of Office to the Chief of the Franklin Fire Department for 2015, Troy Kays.

Mayor Crowley asked Fire Chief Troy Kays to introduce the 2015 Line Officers of the Franklin Fire Department. Line Officers present: Assistant Chief Jason Doyle, Lieutenant Brian Davis Sr. , 2nd Lieutenant Khyle Conklin, 3rd Lieutenant Mike Cole, Vice President James Carroll, Secretary Bill Drum and Captain Michael Raperto.

Note: Treasurer James Nidelko was present taking pictures.

Ms. Hough administered the Oath of Office to the Line Officers present of the Franklin Fire Department for 2015.

Mayor's Appointments

At this time, **Mayor Crowley** will present his nominations for appointment to the various positions of Borough Government for the year 2015. Mayor Crowley commented we have a new administrator, this list is really temporary until Mrs. McHose

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gets a chance to work with some of these people and decide if these are the people she wants or not. At this point she can come back and recommend changes.

Mayor Crowley asked for this list to be approved on a temporary bases.

Prosecutor (1 yr.)	Anthony DenUyl
Public Defender (1 yr.) Administrator	Daniel A. Colfax, Esq.
Planning/Community Development Director	James Kilduff
Municipal Housing Liaison (1 yr.)	James Kilduff
Recycling Coordinator	James Kilduff
Right to Know Coordinator	James Kilduff
Assessment Search Officer (1 yr.)	Robin Hough
Tax Search Officer (1 yr.)	Theresa Schlosser
Borough Physician (1 yr.)	Dennis Fielding
Animal Control Officer (1 yr.)	John Abate
School Crossing Head Guard (1 yr.)	Lynn Prtorich
Judge (3yr.) Expires 12/31/17	James Devine, Esq.
Emergency Management Coordinator (3 yr)	Jim Williams

Mr. Limon made a motion to confirm the Mayor's Appointment. Seconded by Mr. Babcock.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Babcock, Limon

Nays: Dabinett, Giordano, Martinez, Snyder Absent: None Abstentions: None

Did not Pass.

Mayor Crowley commented we will talk about this at the next meeting.

Appointments: Planning Board

At this time, the **Council** shall, by motion, select a representative to serve on the Planning Board as a Full Member Class III (1 yr.)

Mr. Limon made a motion to nominate Fred Babcock for Class III member to the Planning Board. Seconded by Mr. Dabinett.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Dabinett, Giordano, Limon, Martinez, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: Babcock

Mayor Crowley shall make the following appointments to the Planning Board:

Alternate #1 (2 yr. term expires 12/31/2016)	Jim Nidelko
Fire Safety Class II (1 yr. term)	Jim Williams

Mr. Dabinett made a motion to confirm the Mayor's appointments to the Planning Board. Seconded by Mr. Babcock.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Babcock, Dabinett, Giordano, Limon, Martinez, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

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Appointments: Boards and Commissions

Mayor Crowley shall nominate appointments for the various Boards and Commissions of the Borough of Franklin for 2015.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Alternate #2	2 year term (term expires 12/31/2016)	Vacant
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BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Member	3 year term (term expires 12/31/2017)	John Friend
Member	3 year term (term expires 12/31/2017)	Joanne Tatka

FRANKLIN/HARDYSTON JOINT RECREATION COMMITTEE

All current Board of Recreation Commissioners 1 year term

RECREATION COMMISSION

Member	5 year term (term expires 12/31/2016)	Stephen Skellenger
Member	5 year term (term expires 12/31/2016)	Donna Vreeland

BOARD OF HEALTH

Member	4 year term (term expires 12/31/2018)	Kristen Alonso
Member	4 year term (term expires 12/31/2018)	Jill Helmstetter
Secretary	1 year term	Rachel Heath

LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Mayor	1 year term	Paul Crowley
Deputy	1 year term	Eugene McInerney
Member/OEM	1 year term	Jim Williams
Member/FFD	1 year term	Troy Kays
Member/WVFAS	1 year term	Melanie Portello
Member	1 year term	Scott Rogoff
Member	1 year term	Monica Miebach
Member	1 year term	Jim Kilduff
Member	1 year term	Steve Sluka
Member	1 year term	Dayne Hill
Member	1 year term	Richard L. Border
Member	1 year term	James Nidelko

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Member	1 year term	Steve Zydon
Member	1 year term	Judy Williams
Member	1 year term	Floy Estes
Member	1 year term	Dawn Fantasia
Member	1 year term	Vacant
Member	1 year term	Vacant
Alternate #1	1 year term	Vacant
Alternate #2	1 year term	Vacant

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RENT LEVELING BOARD

Alt# 1	1 year term	Vacant
Alt#2	1 year term	Glen Soules

Mr. Babcock made a motion to approve the Mayor's appointments. Seconded by Mr. Giordano.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Babcock, Dabinett, Giordano, Limon, Martinez, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

2015 Council Committee Duties

Mayor Crowley shall announce Council Committee duties for the year 2015 with the Mayor named as Ex-Officio Member of each Committee.

a. **ADMINISTRATIVE: Ordinance**

Chairman: Mr. Dabinett

Member: Mr. Babcock

Member: Mr. Limon

Alternate: Mr. Martinez

b. **ADMINISTRATIVE: Finance, Budget & Insurance**

Chairman: Mr. Snyder

Member: Mr. Dabinett

Member: Mr. Martinez

Alternate: Mr. Giordano

c. **PUBLIC UTILITIES: Council Liaison to the Board of Public Works**

Liaison: Mr. Limon

Alternate: Mr. Snyder

d. **PERSONNEL & NEGOTIATIONS:**

Chairman: Mr. Limon

Member: Mr. Babcock

Member: Mr. Martinez

Alternate: Mr. Snyder

e. **PUBLIC SAFETY: Police & Fire**

Chairman: Mr. Martinez

Member: Mr. Dabinett

Member: Mr. Giordano

Alternate:

f. **COMMUNITY RELATIONS:** Council Representatives to:

Recreation Commission, Economic Development, also serves as the "Awards Committee."

Member: Mr. Giordano

Economic Development

Member: Mr. Giordano

Recreation

Liaison: Mr. Giordano

Joint Recreation Commission

Members: Rent Leveling Board

Mr. Dabinett

Mr. Limon

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Approval of Consent Agenda

Mayor Crowley requested a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Mr. Limon made a motion to accept the consent agenda as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Martinez

Mr. Giordano commented he would like to pull number 1 off of the consent agenda.

Mr. Limon commented that is fine he accepts it.

Mayor Crowley commented we have the consent agenda except for item number 1 [Resolution 2015-01].

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Babcock, Dabinett, Giordano, Limon, Martinez, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Mayor's Statement

Mayor Crowley commented he is looking forward to good year, we have a lot of new faces, a lot of things to tackle this year, we have a good group on the Council, new administrator so he is looking forward to a very good year. Mayor Crowley wished everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Mr. Snyder wished everyone a Happy New Year, he is looking forward to 2015 working with this Council and also with the new Administrator Alison. 2014 was a strenuous year and he is glad 2014 is over with. Happy New Year to all.

Mr. Limon commented after hearing the news about our new administrator, all he can say is wow, it is a win win for the Borough. This [Job] isn't easy up here, he votes no on a lot of things, he is looking out for the residents. Mr. Limon commented he would like to see the Historical Society, revise the lease for the Hungarian Church down there because we [the Borough] don't want it, let them handle it, that is one thing he would like to see happen this year. Mr. Limon commented he is looking forward to working with you guys.

Mr. Giordano commented we had a rough year last year, we were in the paper a lot for all the wrong reasons, this year he is looking forward to being in the paper for all the right reasons. Our town was founded a little over 100 years ago, he is very happy to see it has come full circle with our new administrator, this is one of the proudest moments of his life.

Mr. Babcock wished everyone a Happy and safe New Year, there is a lot coming up this year removing those abandon houses on 23, the recreational path down at the pond we should work on that and give that back to the residents. Mr. Babcock commented he looks forward to working with everybody and having a good year.

Mr. Martinez thanked everyone, things are changing in this town, this year things are going to be great, the paths will be great. There are positive things coming around, faces changing, he is really excited. Mr. Martinez wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mr. Dabinett commented he as well wishes everyone a Happy New Year, just about everything he wanted say has already been said. Mr. Dabinett commented he looks forward to working with this Council and working for the people of Franklin. Mr. Dabinett thanked everyone for giving him the vote of confidence in putting him here. Happy New Year to everybody.

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Adjournment

Mr. Snyder made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:35PM. Seconded by Mr. Babcock. All were in favor.

Paul B. Crowley, Mayor

Robin Hough, Borough Clerk