

**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
May 12, 2015**

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

Absent: None

Mayor Crowley led the assembly in the flag salute.

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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Dabinett had nothing to report.

Mr. Martinez reported he had a call regarding the Walgreens construction site. There is a collapsible barrier there, that used to be there. It has been taken down by the construction crew that has been there. Mr. Martinez and Mrs. McHose talked it over and had Joe Drossel, Zoning Officer go over there. It does post some dangers they are trying to take care of it now however, around where the barriers are there are loops and hooks that now are exposed, that could grab onto kids clothing. Mr. Martinez commented this needs to be looked at. Mr. Martinez commented since the barriers are down besides the trucks going over making deliveries for the Walgreens construction we also now have people seeing there is a pathway now opening [going] from 23 onto the school. We put that there for a reason, it is not very safe at this point.

Mayor Crowley commented this has been brought to the attention of Joe Drossel; he will take a look at this.

Mr. Babcock had nothing to report.

Mr. Snyder had nothing to report.

Mr. Giordano reported this Saturday at the Franklin School will be the Miss Franklin Pageant. Recreation is going for people to spread the word about the carnival. Recreation is looking for organizations to run gaming trailers and vendors.

Mr. Martinez commented for gaming trailers they have to have a gaming license.

Mr. Giordano commented that is correct.

Mr. Limon reported last night we were supposed to have a meeting with the FOP, it had to be rescheduled. We will be working on the negotiations, the administrator will be scheduling that shortly. Mr. Limon commented all the DPW workers signed the contract, that was approved at the last meeting, we can move forward on that. The ads for hiring DPW and a police officer, we have them ready and will be submitting as soon as possible. The ads are a little expensive if anyone knows of a way we can lower our ad costs, it will be in the NJ Herald, Star Ledger and the League Website.

Ms. Hough, Borough Clerk had nothing to report.

Mr. Ursin, Borough Attorney had nothing to report.

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Mrs. McHose thanked the Recreation Committee Chairman, Mike Rathbun and the Mayor for helping her at Sussex County Day which was held last weekend. We had a Franklin booth there, people really enjoyed coming and talking about Franklin memories. Mrs. McHose commented she promoted the 100th Anniversary of the Franklin School and sold some items for the Franklin Historical Society.

Mrs. McHose commented the ads have been placed they will be in the NJ Herald two Sunday's and two Wednesday's in a row. We placed them on the NJ League of Municipalities Website which is a popular website for Municipal Positions. We are running the police position in the Star Leger to get further exposure.

Mrs. McHose referenced Miss Franklin and the Carnival. Mrs. McHose commented we will be soliciting sponsorships for those events.

Mrs. McHose commented she is working on several Land Use issues; she is happy to announce we will start to see some activity with regards to Taco Bell soon.

Mayor Crowley reported Sussex County Day was a huge success, it was the first one, there wasn't a lot of notice, he can see this event every year now and getting bigger and bigger.

Mayor Crowley commented the Selective Service Commission has contacted us, looking for people that would be members of the Selective Service Commission in case of an emergency, if anyone is interested see Mrs. McHose.

Mayor Crowley reminded everyone the Memorial Day Parade is coming up, we hope everyone will come out and join us at the parade and monument to honor those who have given their lives in the past in defense of their Country.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

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

Shawn Kidd, 3 Evans Street, Franklin, stepped forward. Mr. Kidd commented on the garbage on Mill Street, dumpsters at the Franklin Senior House and passed out a picture. Mr. Kidd commented on coming to the Zoning Board meeting to see a notice of cancelation on the door. The meeting minutes and agenda on the website are not updated on the website.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Crowley asked that the consent agenda be passed but to remove correspondence number 2 Cavalier Environmental Compliance Services.

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. Letter dated May 1, 2015 from Carol Novrit, Director of County of Sussex Department of Human Services to Robin Hough, Borough Clerk Re: Sussex county Skylands ride annual public hearing.

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2. Letter dated April 27, 2015 from Scott Rogener, President Cavalier Environmental Compliance Services, Inc. to Council Members Re: Proposed Grinnell Recycling, Inc. SWMP Amendments.
3. Letter dated April 22, 2015 from D.A.R.E of New Jersey.
4. Resolution 15-84 from Vernon Township supporting the Transparent Tax Act of 2015.
5. Resolution 2015-38 from the Township of Fredon calling on the Congress of the United States to exclude joint base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst and Picatinny Arsenal when considering future Defense Department budget cuts.
6. Email dated May 3, 2015 from CPT Mike Malloy, USAR to the Borough Clerk, Re: Public Notice - Selective Service Local Board Vacancies in Franklin Borough.

REPORTS (ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. Construction report for April, 2015
2. COH report for April, 2015
3. Tax Department report for April, 2015
4. Police Department report for April, 2015
5. Construction Permit Activity report for April, 2015

APPLICATIONS (APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. Application for Peddler/Solicitors for Juan Zerna, 125 Main Street, Ogdensburg to sell ice cream.

RESOLUTIONS (APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. Payment of bills for the meeting of May 12, 2015.

Mr. Limon made a motion to approve the consent agenda of May 12, 2015, with the removal of item number 2 under correspondence. Seconded by Mr. Babcock.

Mr. Snyder commented on the letter regarding the DARE program. Chief McInerney commented from the back of the room.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Giordano commented on two items, complaints regarding TV's being left out on curbs and bills from the Attorney.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Snyder made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes for April 28, 2015. (Absent: None) Seconded by Mr. Babcock.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Resolution 2015-46 Street Sweeping

Mr. Snyder made a motion to adopt resolution 2015-46 authorizing to provide street sweeping service by Prism Maintenance Inc. in the amount of \$5,750.00. Seconded by Mr. Limon.

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Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Limon, Martinez, Snyder, Babcock, Dabinett,
Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: Giordano

Department of Public Works Employee Gunnar Batty

Mr. Snyder made a motion to approve a salary increase for the Department of Public Works employee Gunnar Batty from \$9.50 per hour to \$10.00 per hour after a satisfactory performance review and recommendation of Brian VanDenBroek, Department of Public Works Manager. Seconded by Mr. Giordano.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Limon, Martinez, Snyder, Dabinett, Giordano.
Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: Babcock

Resolution 2015-47 Items of Revenue and Appropriation

Mr. Snyder made a motion to adopt resolution 2015-47 requesting Approval of items of Revenue and appropriation NJS 40A:4-87 in the amount of \$5,000 for Distracted Driver Grant. Seconded by Mr. Giordano.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Limon, Martinez, Snyder, Babcock, Dabinett, Giordano.
Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Resolution 2015-48 Authorizing Fireworks Display

Mr. Snyder made a motion to adopt resolution 2015-48 authorizing fireworks display in the Borough of Franklin on July 2, 2015 with a rain date of July 5, 2015 at the Franklin Pond Recreation Area. Seconded by Mr. Martinez.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Limon, Martinez, Snyder, Babcock, Dabinett, Giordano.
Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Mayor Crowley commented on the correspondence from Cavalier Environmental Compliance Services and explained why he asked the letter be removed from the consent agenda. Mayor Crowley explained Jason Doyle represents the Borough and will be present at the next meeting to explain to the Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items for discussion by the Mayor and Council, Mr. Babcock made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:23p.m., seconded by Mr. Snyder. All were in favor.

Paul B. Crowley, Mayor

Robin Hough, Borough Clerk