

**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  
November 10, 2015**

Council President Giordano 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. Dabinett, Mr. Giordano, Mr. Limon, Mr. Martinez and Mr. Snyder.

Absent: Mr. Babcock, Mayor Crowley

Council President Giordano led the assembly in the flag salute.

Council President Giordano 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."

**PRESENTATIONS**

Councilman President Giordano commented at this time there was suppose to be a presentation to Freddie Babcock but he is not present, we will set that off if he comes in a little late.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Limon had nothing to report.

Mr. Snyder reported there will be a finance committee meeting this Friday.

Mr. Martinez had nothing to report.

Mr. Dabinett had nothing to report.

Mr. Giordano commented the pond has been stocked, there is fish in there with tags, if you do catch a fish with a tag there is a prize associated with that tag. We had a lot of people fishing the weather has been good.

Ms. Hough, Clerk reported the rabies clinic was held on Saturday is was a success, it was the first year we used Advanced Vet, there were 151 dogs and cats vaccinated. Ms. Hough thanked the Board of Health for their hard work.

Mrs. McHose thanked the FBLA at Wallkill Valley High School, they organized and coordinated lunch for our Police Department on Wednesday, November 4, which was police appreciation day. They did a great job and the police really appreciated it.

Mrs. McHose commented she had a meeting with DCA and Ken Nelson, the Borough Planner, to start the preliminary work on the Main Street Planning Grant we received. We will be having some public sessions and be meeting with EDC, Recreation and the Council so we have input from everyone.

Mrs. McHose commented she met with the SCMUA Administrator and our CFO to have a general overview what is going on with SCMUA. It was very helpful, he brought to our attention the water allocation we have available in the Borough and our fee structure. It does not look like we will be having an increase.

Mrs. McHose gave an update on the road projects. The road paving is complete, Mable Road, Davis Road, Wildcat and Corkhill Road. The striping will be done on Thursday weather permitting. There will be some paving done down at the police station and at the Senior Center we are adding some guest spots for the Police Department. High Street the curb work is almost complete, sidewalk work will continue for the next week, milling and paving will be done by the end of November.

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Mrs. McHose commented every year we contract a company that brings cameras in that look through the water lines to check the conditions of the pipes. We are going to be getting estimates, and that work will be done probably in the Spring or when the weather permits.

Mrs. McHose commented the walking paths plans are complete, specs and estimates will be finished by this Thursday, the ad will appear in next Sunday's newspaper. We should receive bids by December 3.

Mrs. McHose commented Walgreens and Taco Bell opened this week. Mrs. McHose commented according to our town engineer during the review of the Walgreens application the need for the guide rail along the sidewalk running parallel to Rte23 was brought up to NJDOT. Their response was the guide rail was not required at this location due to the nature of the roadway geometry, i.e. that the road is straight, the presence of a paved shoulder and the low posted speed limit approximate to the light. The need of the guiderail is dictated by specific safety warrants that were not triggered.

Mr. Ursin, Esq. had nothing to report.

Mr. Dabinett commented he thinks the paving company did an excellent job, there were no complaints that he knows of from our citizens. The paving guys told him that our citizens were great in return.

**OPEN PUBLIC SESSION**

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

Joann Tatka, 151 Maple Road, stepped forward. Mrs. Tatka asked how much money does Franklin have in the COAH fund.

Mr. Giordano commented we can do some research and get the answer for you.

Mrs. Tatka commented on the agenda there is an application for the Franklin Quilters use of the Senior Center which they have been using for several years already, the tax payer group was trying to get in there (Senior Center) and we were told you have to have insurance, the Franklin Quilters don't have insurance it is a bunch of housewives that get together twice a month and how come we (tax payer group) have to have this extra coverage.

Mr. Giordano commented that is actually a very good question, he personally believes that if one group can use the Senior Center and it doesn't involve having insurance we have to look at it and see why they are asking for insurance if there is a specific reason, we can certainly address that reason. Mr. Giordano commented he doesn't have an answer for that.

Mrs. McHose commented we have verification that the quilters are part of the Recreation Commission, we went back in the records and found they are associated with the Recreation Commission and that is why they are considered part of the town.

Mr. Giordano commented it actually says here in the news letter from 1999 stating the "Franklin Recreation sponsors the Franklin Quilters and new members are invited to try their craft."

Mrs. McHose commented she is helping the Franklin Tax Payers.

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Mrs. Tatka commented we are being treated like aliens here.

Mrs. Tatka commented she is here representing the concerned citizens for a better Franklin. Our first target is to try and make a difference on Main Street. We have already come up with several ideas and we are going to present these ideas to you the Council hopefully for approval and for cooperation. Also, even though we are not going to be the Franklin Tax Payers anymore we will still be concerned with taxes.

Dick Durina, 23 Lozaw Road, Franklin, stepped forward. Mr. Durina commented as he looks back on the last couple years he sees a government that has not always been honest, he has seen a town that is not fair to all. Mr. Durina commented he has witnessed unfair treatment of some of our employees, he can attest that the doors of Borough Hall are not open to all. Mr. Durina commented in search of the truth he has been lied about asked to leave the meetings some of us have been lied to and some of us have been fooled. But our Franklin is a good town, Franklin is worth standing up for, Franklin needs many cheerleaders on the sidelines, and gave an example of himself as a cheerleader for the town. Mr. Durina commented resolutions page two, the Franklin Mayor approves the Mayor and Council meeting agenda, the meeting agenda for September 8, 2015 had two salary resolutions. Resolution 2015-81 for the Zoning Officer and also a resolution 2015-80 salary adjustment of \$5,000 he leaves out the names because that is not what he is here for. After much discussion both resolutions were approved and on Thursday September 10, there was an article in the New Jersey Herald that somewhat put him back and got him looking for other reasons. But Mayor Paul Crowley missed the Tuesday meeting due to a medical appointment on Wednesday questioned the need for both changes. He is in charge of the agenda, so he doesn't know why he couldn't have done something before that which he said were a recommendation of the department head not himself. Looks like someone got thrown under the bus. Mr. Durina read the quote in the article from Mayor Crowley. Mr. Durina commented he is tired of being fooled and tired of being lied to. He spent many days looking through five years of minutes most of not all of public employee raises always create a lot of discussion we all know that. Mr. Durina referenced the New Jersey Herald, Sunday July 13 regarding the Franklin Police Chief contract point of contentions. That is not good for the team and gave a brief history of the Chief. Mr. Durina commented it took the public works employees four years to get a contract. Our Publics manager, the Mayor read his contract in public at the Mayor and Council meeting word for word. Mr. Durina commented he reviewed the agenda and minutes over the last five years all but one of the resolutions for a salary and or raise has always indicated dollars on both the agenda and minutes of the Mayor and Council meeting, and read the resolution for the Zoning Officer and Tax Collector passed in September. Mr. Durina commented in the next paragraph he isn't using any names or job titles in the next paragraph. Mr. Durina commented the one resolution he questions is resolution 2012-40 the resolution on the agenda of May 22, 2012 and the minutes of May 22, 2012 didn't agree with the resolution dated and on file May 22, 2012. He asked the attorney why and for the record he would like to know why those numbers where left off the agenda.

Mr. Giordano commented we will investigate what you are saying about that resolution. But to circle back to your opening statement all of us sitting up here now are in agreement that one of the biggest jobs the Mayor and Council have is to be the biggest cheerleaders for our town. It is up to us to create the sense of community that was always here. Being up here is not an easy job.

Rachel Heath, 7 Hemlock Drive, Franklin, stepped forward. Mrs. Heath commented first of all she wants to commend the Recreation Commission their efforts with Halloween and everything they do. There was some confusion with Halloween

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because we had a Halloween Parade a week before Halloween and then the Girl Scouts had a Trunk or Treat at the Senior Center. Is the community invited to the Girl Scouts Trunk or Treat? Is there a reason why the Halloween Parade was a week before Halloween and not on Halloween like we used to do it.

Mr. Giordano commented there was a lot of confusion surrounding the parade and Halloween this year in general and it didn't help the person/Chairman of that event left the recreation committee. Mr. Giordano commented he did realize we had a Calendar issue and basically what it boils down to is we don't have a full Recreation Board. We are down he believes 3 members.

Mrs. Heath commented she sees on the agenda the Council is going to address the fees for fishing and boating. Is somebody going to enforce this?

Mr. Giordano commented they have enforced this in the past, he knows of one person actually summoned for not having a fishing license.

Mrs. Heath commented the Christmas Tree lighting is scheduled, last year there was a discussion about possibly having a certified food handler if Recreation is going to use the kitchen, are you considering that for this year.

Mrs. McHose commented she was contacted by the County and she offered as the Borough Administrator to be in the kitchen to supervise and watch the equipment. They did not require a certified food handler, the concern was about the equipment and the number of people and locking it up afterward. Mrs. McHose commented she identified to them that the main purpose of using the kitchen that night was to have the easy ability to fill the coffee maker for hot chocolate and coffee. We don't have an industrial sink and you can't do it in the bathroom so they approved for her to tell the Recreation Commission they can use the kitchen but she will be there.

Mrs. Heath commented with all the uses at the Senior Center you need to look at the toilets and the facilities because they are really getting beat up and suggested a checklist. Mrs. Heath commented we really need to take a look at that facility it is used and abused.

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. Martinez. All were in favor.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Council President Giordano 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 October 30, 2015, from Marianne Smith, Township of Hardyston Manager to Franklin Borough Council with enc. [letter from Sara Miceli, Wallkill Valley FBLA and Township of Hardyston resolution 73-15 supporting our Local Law Enforcement Day within the Township of Hardyston].
2. Letter dated October 28, 2015, from J. Wesley Geiselman, Acting Director, Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Alcoholic and Beverage Control to Keith Kazmark, President of NJ Municipal Clerks Association Re: The 2015-2016 license Renewal Term.
3. Letter dated October 20, 2015 from John Nugent, Superintendent Wastewater Facilities SCMUA to Alison McHose, Administrator, Re: Sewage Flows.
4. Email dated October 23, 2015 from NJLM to Municipal Officials to the Municipal Clerk Re: Weekly Policy Update.

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5. Email dated November 5, 2015 from NJLM to Municipal Officials to the Municipal Clerk Re: Important Conference Opportunity and Education Opportunities for Newly Elected Officials
6. Email dated November 5, 2015 from Cathy Schultz, Clerk for Hopatcong to Municipal Clerks, with attached Resolution 2015-278, Concerns regarding an amendment to the Sussex County Administrative Code, 1989 to restructure the Department of Health and Environmental Services by reducing its title to a division and placing it under the department of Social Services.
7. Letter dated October 26, 2015 from Daniel Mahler, Mayor of Wanaque, to Mayor and Governing Body members with attached resolution 162-0-15.
8. Township of Hardyston, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey Amending and Supplementing Chapter 185, Zoning, Section 185-25(A), Bulk Requirements for existing single family homes in unsubdivided lake communities within the MIDD-10 Zone, of the Revised General Ordinances.
9. City of Union City resolution urging NJ Mayors to provide leadership in ending Human Trafficking to the local level.

**REPORTS** (ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. Construction Permit Activity Report for October, 2015.
2. Tax Department report for October, 2015.
3. Construction Report for October, 2015.
4. COH report for October, 2015.
5. Health Department report for September, 2015.
6. Zoning Officers report for October, 2015.

**APPLICATIONS** (APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. Application for the use for the Senior Center by the Franklin Quilters for 2016, the first and third Tuesday of each month from 6:30PM to 9:00PM and the third Saturday, March 19, May 21, July 16, September 17 and November 19 from 9:00AM to 5:00PM

**RESOLUTIONS** (APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. Payment of bills for the meeting of November 10, 2015.

Mr. Limon made a motion to approve the consent agenda of November 10, 2015.  
Seconded by Mr. Martinez.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Dabinett, Giordano, Limon, Martinez, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: Babcock, Mayor Crowley Abstentions: None

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mrs. McHose commented she is working with Chief McInerney to follow up on the dog census to get that complete. We had a discussion here about it but she thinks we can resolve that internally and she will report back when we do come up with a solution.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Approval of the Minutes**

Mr. Martinez made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes and executive session meeting minutes for October 27, 2015. (Absent: None) Seconded by Mr. Limon.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Dabinett, Giordano, Limon, Martinez, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: Babcock, Mayor Crowley Abstentions: None

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Resolution 2015-90 Map relating to drug free school zones

Mr. Martinez made a motion to adopt resolution 2015-90 approving an updated map relating to drug free school zones. Seconded by Mr. Snyder.

Council President Giordano explained the resolution.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Dabinett, Giordano, Limon, Martinez, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: Babcock, Mayor Crowley Abstentions: None

Introduction Ordinance 12-2015 Amending Chapter 91 and 119

Mr. Martinez made a motion to introduce an ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTERS 92 AND 119 OF THE BOROUGH CODE ENTITLED "BOATS AND BOATING" AND "FEES"

Mr. Dabinett commented he moves that we table this at this time. Seconded by Mr. Martinez.

Council President Giordano asked do we need a roll call vote to table this.

Mr. Ursin commented you could take a roll call vote.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Dabinett, Giordano, Limon, Martinez, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: Babcock, Mayor Crowley Abstentions: None

Mr. Ursin commented for clarity for the Clerk, that was tabling it until the next agenda.

Mr. Dabinett commented yes that is fine.

Introduction Ordinance 13-2015 Amending Chapter 161 and 218

Mr. Snyder made a motion to introduce an ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 161, "LAND DEVELOPMENT" AND CHAPTER 218, "SIGNS". Seconded by Mr. Limon.

Council President Giordano asked if this ordinance is going to give us giant light up billboards.

Mr. Ursin commented he is happy to look at any part of this for you but this did come from the Planning Board it was written by the Planning Board attorney so he is at a slight disadvantage in answering those questions. If you have some questions and you want to introduce this tonight he would be happy to answer them for you but in the mean time if you want to table and he can get you some detailed answers as well.

Mrs. McHose commented this has been [done] by the Planning Board, she was at some of the meetings there was research done comparing other Municipalities throughout the State of New Jersey and this is just updating our sign ordinance to include new technology. Many of the new lights use LED light bulbs which are more energy efficient and also tend to be brighter. This would allow new businesses and existing businesses to change their signage to bring it up to the new standards of signs. They [Planning Board] got into a lot of terminology, the time the light can be on and flashing and off. Mrs. McHose commented the billboards will be on a case by case basis you are not going to see immediately moving signs throughout the Borough, they will have to come before the Board on a case by case basis.

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Mrs. McHose commented the new technology allows you to change the messaging from lap top or computer. What you are talking about is down on Rte15 or Rte 80.

Mr. Ursin commented on page 6 c.3 there is the restriction the image can't change more than once every 60 seconds. That is what prevents the animation.

There was a discussion on different signs and size of signs.

Mrs. McHose commented this is an introduction it will go back to the Planning Board there will be a public hearing this is not the end, this is the start. What she was trying to state was the Planning Board who is charged with updating this ordinance has done a tremendous amount of work and to table this or vote this down tonight would really do a disservice to the Borough.

Mr. Giordano asked if the ordinance could be amended at the hearing.

Mr. Ursin commented you can amend only clerical changes at the second reading, substantive changes you just reintroduce it.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Dabinett, Giordano, Limon, Martinez, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: Babcock, Mayor Crowley Abstentions: None

**Public hearing will be held December 8, 2015.**

Resolution 2015-87 COAH Municipal Shared Service Agreement

Mr. Snyder made a motion to adopt resolution 2015-87 authorizing the COAH Municipal Shared Service Defense Agreement. Seconded by Mr. Martinez.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Dabinett, Giordano, Limon, Martinez, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: Babcock, Mayor Crowley Abstentions: None

Resolution 2015-88 Amendment to the COAH Municipal Shared Service Agreement

Mr. Snyder made a motion to adopt resolution 2015-88 authorizing the execution of the amendment to the COAH Municipal Shared Service Defense Agreement ("MSSDA"). Seconded by Mr. Giordano.

There was a discussion on the resolution

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Dabinett, Giordano, Limon, Martinez, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: Babcock, Mayor Crowley Abstentions: None

Municipal Software Inc.

Mr. Snyder made a motion to approve the Municipal Software Support on site network in the amount of \$3,600 and Maintenance Commitment in the amount of \$19,476.84 with MSI. Seconded by Mr. Giordano.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Dabinett, Giordano, Limon, Martinez, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: Babcock, Mayor Crowley Abstentions: None

Resolution 2015-91 Transfer Funds

Mr. Dabinett made a motion to adopt resolution 2015-91 transfer of appropriations in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A-58/59, total amount of transfer \$20,736.48. Seconded by Mr. Limon.

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Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Dabinett, Giordano, Limon, Martinez, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: Babcock, Mayor Crowley Abstentions: None

Congregate Nutrition Program

Mr. Dabinett made a motion to approve the modification of the Shared service agreement between the County of Sussex and the Borough of Franklin for the 2015 Congregate Nutrition Program. Seconded by Mr. Limon.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Dabinett, Giordano, Limon, Martinez, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: Babcock, Mayor Crowley Abstentions: None

Department of Public Works Gunnar Batty

Mr. Dabinett made a motion to approve the Department of Public Works Gunnar Batty from part time to probationary full time position at the rate of \$16.53 after a satisfactory performance review and recommendation of Brian VanDenBroek, Department of Public Works Manager. Seconded by Mr. Snyder.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Dabinett, Giordano, Limon, Martinez, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: Babcock, Mayor Crowley Abstentions: None

Resolution 2015-92 Tax Refund

Mr. Giordano made a motion to adopt resolution 2015-92 authorizing the tax collector to refund the Homestead Benefit amount of \$521.13 to James and Anna Elekes previous owners of Block 1401 Lot 14 formerly known as 30 Auch Drive. Seconded by Mr. Limon.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Dabinett, Giordano, Limon, Martinez, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: Babcock, Mayor Crowley Abstentions: None

Resolution 2015-93 Tax Refund

Mr. Giordano made a motion to adopt resolution 2015-93 authorizing the tax collector to refund the 1st quarter, 2015 taxes paid in error to Ralph G. Storer, 25 Woodland Road, Block 2301 Lot 11 in the amount of \$1,666.69. Seconded by Mr. Snyder.

There was a discussion on the resolution and this being the second refund for the same resident.

Upon roll call vote:

Mr. Dabinett commented he abstains he doesn't know why he is getting two errors at one time. Would you like to table this and look into it.

Mr. Giordano commented it is not at the same time it is different events but the same lot and block.

Mr. Ursin commented the resolution states he was declared [a vet] the mortgage company sent the payment in.

Mr. Dabinett commented in that case he will vote yes on the resolution.

Ayes: Dabinett, Giordano, Limon, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: Babcock, Mayor Crowley Abstentions: Martinez



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Council President Giordano commented he is switching the agenda, to the discussion on Invoices for ambulance maintenance and fuel.

Discussion on Invoices for Ambulance Maintenance and Fuel

A this time there was a discussion regarding two invoices (1st and 2nd quarter of 2015) from Sparta Township for Ambulance Maintenance and Fuel.

Mrs. McHose commented this came about last year, the Borough entered into a contract with Sparta Ambulance Squad directly and Hardyston Township also entered into a contract with Sparta Ambulance Squad directly. What happened was in the course of last year Sparta Township which actually owns the ambulance rigs that were used with the contract with Franklin and Hardyston came to the conclusion that there should be some reimbursement for fuel, storage and maintenance on their ambulance.

Mrs. McHose commented Mr. Ursin and I met with Sparta Township to discuss this and what was determined was they would only bill us for the first two quarters of this year being that the contract with Sparta ended on September 1. These are legitimate fees that were not built into the contract but yet when it came to light there were expenses.

Mr. Ursin commented Sparta's offer to you is essentially they would drop the charges they had from 2014 provided that you pay the charges from the first two quarters of 2015. The circumstances comes to you is a little unusual but as Mrs. McHose emphasizes when we entered into the contract we entered into it directly with Sparta Ambulance Squad and the Township of Sparta was not a party to that, then when Sparta started putting gas into the ambulances and maintaining them they came to the table to both us and Hardyston and made this request. If they were requesting [this for] the entire time he might have a different opinion but the offer to bill those two quarters and waive the 2014 charges, it is up to you.

Council President Giordano asked what was the dollar figure.

Mrs. McHose commented the first two quarters of this year is about six thousand dollars.

Council President Giordano commented we did use the service, Sparta did provide the fuel for it we could have made other arrangements where we could have paid for the fuel. If we use the service we should really pay for the service. Council President Giordano commented he would advise, and he personally supports us paying for it because we did use the service and there is a cost incurred by that.

Mrs. McHose commented the CFO has certified that there are funds available to pay for this cost and she does have an email from her certifying that.

Mr. Martinez asked the fee that is going to be waived is 2014.

Mr. Ursin commented correct.

There was a discussion regarding the fees.

Council President Giordano made a motion to approve paying the bill. Seconded by Mr. Snyder.

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Council President Giordano amended his motion to say we pay the bill of \$6,859.71 to Sparta for our share of the ambulance fuel and maintenance. Seconded by Mr. Snyder.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Dabinett, Giordano, Limon, Martinez, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: Babcock, Mayor Crowley Abstentions: None

Discussion on Bids and Specs for 2016 Professional Services

At this time there was be a discussion regarding Bids and Specs for 2016 Professional Services.

Council President Giordano commented he wants to have a discussion on bid specs for professional services whether we would go out for request for bids or if we would put out request for proposals. He understands there are different requirements for either and wants everyone on the same page.

Mr. Limon commented he feels you as the Mayor should submit your recommendations and we should all support it.

Council President Giordano asked what was the differences of requirements when you put a professional position out for quotes or for bids, what are the different things the Borough has to do.

Mr. Ursin commented the difference is whether or not you have a fair and open process or a non fair and open process. If you have a fair and open process it is a much more formalized process, there are more requirements to be submitted there is the requirement of object of scoring etc. Non fair and open that basically means you are going out taking proposals from professionals, they submit a narrative, you can request exactly what they submit but they submit what their qualifications are what they would charge you, references and that type of thing. When you have a non fair and open the pay to play laws apply. So the restriction is anybody who would be ineligible to bid due to pay to play laws in a non fair and open they would not be able to bid. The non fair and open [process] with professional qualifications is the way most towns go up here and not too often does it come up that someone is excluded as a result of pay to play restrictions.

Council President Giordano commented he would like to see us review all them and asked Mr. Ursin is it in the realm of possibilities for the Borough to specify maximum allowable bids when they do any of these types for bids. If you put out a request for proposal can you specify we will except X amount of dollars, the bids must be below this threshold.

Mr. Ursin commented do you mean in hourly rates or in total.

Council President Giordano commented total.

Mr. Ursin explained if you did that in total he thinks that would cause you a lot of problems and then gave an example.

There was discussion on bids for professional services, being open and fair as we can be to everybody, trying to reduce costs and appointments.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no executive session.

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**MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS**

Mr. Limon asked does the tax payers group have to pay a fee to use the library.

Council President Giordano commented you pay a fee every time you pay your taxes at the library. They are not paying any fee to his knowledge at the library.

Mr. Limon commented on helping them use the Senior Center.

Mr. Dabinett commented we are almost in the middle of November, these positions have to be advertised the people that are going to submit bids are going to need time, he suggests we start moving on them this evening.

Mrs. McHose commented Mr. Giordano and I have been talking about this, it is very involved, we went through this last year with the RFQ process. We have already been discussing it, she has samples if you go RFP you have to come up with a Matrix it is complicated. Mrs. McHose commented she would like to meet with the Mayor elect and discuss this with him.

There was a discussion on professionals and appointments.

Council President Giordano commented the contracts we have now with professionals can carry over as they are in to the next year until the new appointments are made if new appointments are made. Council President Giordano commented he doesn't know what changes are going to happen he wants to research them and make sure he does the right thing and wants to make sure everyone on the Council is involved in making that decision, he has to create an outline. In Franklin the Council runs the town, the Council will run this town starting January 1, the Mayor will not run this town, it will be the Council.

Mrs. McHose congratulated Councilman Snyder and Councilman elect Rathbun, and Mayor elect Giordano and look forward to working with all of you.

Council President Giordano reminded everyone tomorrow is Veterans Day and to thank a Veteran.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further items for discussion by the Mayor and Council, Mr. Martinez made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:06p.m., seconded by Mr. Snyder. All were in favor.

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Paul B. Crowley, Mayor

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Robin Hough, Borough Clerk