

**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  
October 11, 2016**

Mayor 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, Ms. Fantasia, Mr. Limon, Mr. Rathbun, Mr. Skellenger, Mr. Snyder, and Mayor Giordano.

Absent: None

Mayor 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."

Mayor Giordano led the assembly in the flag salute.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Limon reported there was a subcommittee meeting for personnel earlier. Mr. Limon commented we are almost finalized with Certified Public Works Manager Mr. VanDenBroek's contract. Hopefully we will have that ready for ratification at the next meeting. Mr. Limon commented we also had a meeting with Chief McInerney regarding his contract, we are working on a few little ins and outs; we are going to have one more meeting with him within the next few weeks and hopefully we will have something more to report at the next meeting. It looks like the Public Works Manager contract is essentially finished and we should have it for the next meeting.

Mayor Giordano reminded Mr. Limon we need to work on the Department of Public Works Employees contract shortly, we should look into starting those talks now. Mayor Giordano asked are contracts going to run to 2020.

Mr. Limon commented yes 17, 18 19 up to 20, ending at the same time. We are not looking at 8 months into the year, ending at the same time so we look at all of them at once .

Mr. Dabinett reported the Kubota Excavator came in about a week ago, the other two items should be in, in about 30 days. On our consent agenda tonight item number 1, it is a letter from NJDEP addressed to Brian VanDenBroek regarding the alarm systems at our pumping stations. Our sewer pumping stations are 25, 26, 27 years old, the NJDEP want to increase the alarms, right now all we have is a whistle down there, they want to have alarms tied into the office so if something goes off the alarm sounds here in the water and sewer offices. Mr. VanDenBroek at this time is implementing a study to find a place to put our instruments and coming up with some costs. Even though it is on the consent agenda it is being addressed already.

Mr. Dabinett reported we had a meeting on October 6, we discussed the Sterling Plaza pump station, a proposal; we would like to put forth to Mr. Deacon in an effort to move forward and bring this project to a conclusion.

Mr. Snyder reported on Building and Grounds. Mr. Snyder commented the projects he mentioned previously at other meetings are going smoothly there has been work done at the refreshment stand down at the pond and the outside work is continuing in the fields.

Mayor Giordano commented the slide in the playground needs to be replaced, we will have to discuss whether that would be recreation to pay for that or buildings and grounds. Also, the guide wires that come down from the poles we might want to consider putting some type of safety foam or something on those in case someone runs into them they do not injure themselves.

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Mrs. McHose commented on the lights at the football field. we are in receipt of the use of a boom truck and labor has been donated, so the only cost is to replace the lamps or bulbs at the field until we have the boom truck we won't know exactly what that cost will be.

Mr. Rathbun reported on Recreation. Mr. Rathbun commented all the parts are in to fix the playground, in about three or four weeks everything should be about 100% down there and explained. This Saturday is the Fishing Derby from 8:00am to 12noon, ages 14 and under. On October 29 is the Halloween Parade it's at 11:00am on Main Street followed at 12:00 noon by the food truck show then a bonfire and explained.

Mr. Rathbun commented the Carnival contract needs to be reviewed and approved before we lose our dates; hopefully we will see that on our next agenda.

Mr. Rathbun reported on Public Safety. Mr. Rathbun commented last night the public safety committee had a meeting along with Chief McInerney and a representative from the Pistol Club. The Pistol Club is looking to amend their current contract that we have with them. The Pistol Club has three concerns they want to amend. The first one is environmental damages and explained. The second is which is their most important issue is to have the range clear, make sure no one shooting before we start mowing. The third concern is mutual indemnification and explained. Mr. Rathbun commented they are going to draw up a draft and have the draft to Mr. Prol's office by the end of the week.

Mr. Skellenger commented all his committees have been reported on already so he has nothing.

Ms. Fantasia reported the Planning Board meets next Monday at 7:30 following that she will have a report on Planning Board. EDC has not met since the last Council meeting, we do meet this Thursday, it is our joint meeting between us and Hardyston. Ms. Fantasia commented the Finance Committee meets tomorrow to have our monthly budget review. Ms. Fantasia commented as far as the special project she shared with everybody an email communication and updates for the TAP grant and deadlines. In the audience there is a letter with some guidance requesting assistance from the community. Ms. Fantasia commented the deadline is November 10, at our next Council meeting there will be a resolution that must be passed in October, prior to November 10. Ms. Fantasia explain the Grant what needs to be completed by November and the Sage website.

Mayor Giordano commented we can get you assess to the SAGE website.

Ms. Fantasia commented on letters of support needed from the public and elected officials other then the Governing Body and explained all letters need to be dated and signed. Ms. Fantasia commented points you need to include in the letter is how will the project include the health and quality of life for the residents, how will the project aid in providing a safe place to exercise for healthy recreation. The plan for the project is to improve connectivity between the Senior Center and down around the pond and into the sidewalks leading into the Franklin Park. How will the project promote economic development because it ties into our plan and how beautification of our streets [will] benefit businesses who may wish to set up along Main Street or the current business that are there. If you support the project we really appreciate you returning the letters prior to November 4, so we can scan and submit them through SAGE, it is an important part of the project.

Mrs. McHose reported she has been working this week with the CFO to go over the best practices worksheet which will be voted on tonight. Mrs. McHose commented

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she has details and will be available to answer questions [regarding the best practice worksheets].

Mrs. McHose commented Mrs. Bazelewich had raised a question regarding the port a johns. Mrs. McHose commented we have a contract with a company we pay monthly \$345.00 for four port a john, 3 standard and one handicap, that is between April and October, then they come an remove them. The monthly fee also includes for them to come clean them and if needed change them out.

Mrs. McHose commented she will be working on the lights [down at the pond] this week.

Mr. Prol, Esq. had nothing to report.

Mayor Giordano thanked the Girl Scouts who tied pink ribbons on Main Street, for Breast Cancer Awareness month. The FOP fishing contest is Saturday from 8:00 to 12:00, Braen and FOP Lodge 57 have generously donated toward this to stock the pond. The Halloween parade and Hullabooloo is October 29 and explained. Mayor Giordano explained an article that was in the Herald on the effects of drugs in our community. Mayor Giordano explained how our police officers are trained to use narcan. Mayor Giordano thanked Officers, Grissom, Snyder, Schneider, Babcock, Oren, Korger, Burgos and Lt. Smith for their efforts to give someone a second chance. It is important we all recognize that addiction can be treated and these officers gave someone a second chance of life.

Mayor Giordano commented the Franklin Fire Department put out a fire yesterday on the Ogdensburg border with Ogdensburg assisting. Mayor Giordano commented on the fire fighter running into fires, there are at home or work, they drop what they are doing and run into a fire to put it out. We don't often thank them for the effort they do. Mayor Giordano commented they did a great job yesterday. Everybody was safe!

Mayor Giordano commented the Council will get a bid spec for discussion and approval for the next Carnival.

Mayor Giordano commented a lot of towns are painting blue lines on the roads, this is a very respectfully thing to do. Our Officers are very professional they work hard. Mayor Giordano commented he thinks it would be appropriate for us to paint a blue line on Corkhill Road extending pass the Police Station to honor their commitment to public safety. Mayor Giordano asked the Council to agree to let our DPW do that so our officers feel honored as the officer in neighboring towns. In addition to that often overlooked is the Fire Department and it would be appropriate to add a red line in front of the Fire Department because they also show equal commitment and courage. Mayor Giordano commented we should honor both of them.

Mr. Rathbun made a motion to have DPW paint a blue line on Corkhill in front of the Police Station and on Buckwheat in front of the Fire Department a red line. Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

Mr. Dabinett commented is there any other way we can honor them besides painting a line on the road. Can we pass a resolution?

Mayor Giordano commented that would be appropriate, we can do that resolution at the next meeting.

All were in favor. [of the motion to paint the lines]

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Mr. Snyder commented the County Parade was held on October 1, our Fire Department had received the honor of first place and large company appearing, best appearing company and also first place in color guard and explained other trophies the Fire Department received. Mr. Snyder congratulated the Fire Department for doing a great job.

Mayor Giordano commented Chief Babcock is doing a great job.

**OPEN PUBLIC SESSION**

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

Elaine Tizzano, 19 Hemlock Drive, Franklin, stepped forward. Mrs. Tizzano commented she would like to thank the Borough again for our second annual Changing the Face of Addiction Walk, we thank the town for opening up the street so that we were able to have this walk to raise money for the purpose for people to get drug treatment and we do this with conjunction with the Center for Prevention. As the Mayor said before, it is an epidemic. Mrs. Tizzano explained money that was raised in the previous walks and number of participants.

Mrs. Tizzano commented we are asking again to run this event on August 5, 2017 and with the permission of the Council we are asking for the use of Rutherford and Main Street.

Mayor Giordano commented we will skip ahead to the application for Special Event Permit, number 2. on the agenda.

**Application for Special Event Permit**

Mr. Rathbun made a motion to approve the application submitted by Elaine Tizzano and Mary Burns for a walk in Franklin Borough in conjunction with the Center for Prevention and Counseling to raise awareness of drug addiction. The event will take place on August 5, 2017 at the Franklin Fireman's Pavilion. Seconded by Mr. Snyder.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Dabinett, Fantasia, Limon, Rathbun, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Mrs. Tizzano thanked the Council. Mrs. Tizzano commented we are trying to change the stigma so that people can come out and try to get the help they need without being ashamed of their loved one or their partner.

Joann Tatka, 151 Mable Road, Franklin, stepped forward. Mrs. Tatka asked about when the official day for trick or treat will be. Mrs. Tatka commented did you come up with the amount of people attending the League of Municipalities. Mayor Giordano commented he doesn't have a total. Mrs. Tatka asked when we would know. Mayor Giordano commented after they have attended it. Mrs. Tatka asked if the \$50.00 registration fee included attendance to every seminar session you go to.

Mrs. McHose commented yes. Mr. Prol explained there may be additional costs for example the Mayor's Box Lunch. Mrs. McHose commented there is no extra cost for the teaching sessions.

Mrs. Tatka asked about the alarms for the sewer system and what if something happens on the weekend. Mr. Dabinett explained how it would work.

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Mrs. Tatka asked if Franklin is using the Sheriff's department for 911. Mayor Giordano commented we are not, we use Sparta. This was a contract done before he was Mayor. Mrs. Tatka questioned the number of police cars the Police Department has, how many men on a shift and moving the Police Station on Main Street.

There was a discussion back and forth on this and the move of the police station to Main Street.

Sean Kidd, 3 Evans Street, Franklin, stepped forward. Mr. Kidd commented he would like to volunteer his services as a certified measurement and verification data acquisition specialist to help review any of the alarming for the pumping stations and explained.

Emily Bazelewich, Mill Street, Franklin, stepped forward. Mrs. Bazelewich commented on a telephone pole down by the playground and the Senior Center, it is on a forty five degree angle and is concerned if it should fall.

Mrs. McHose will call Jackie Espinoza, JCP & L on the pole.

Betty Allen, Jenkins Road, Franklin, stepped forward. Mrs. Allen commented on the building on Main Street, when she was on Council and when they did the renovation on the Municipal building and explained.

There was a brief discussion on the renovation and costs.

Sally McGrath, 7 Walsh Road, Franklin, stepped forward. Mrs. McGrath commented on the Municipal building and when she worked in this building it was National Community Bank and gave some history of when they moved.

There was a discussion on the Municipal building and its history.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor 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 September 12, 2016 from Bryan Sharrock, NJDEP Environmental Specialist 3 to Mr. VanDenBroek, DPW Supervisor, Re: Compliance Evaluation and Assistance Inspection Franklin borough Sanitary Collection System.
2. Letter dated October 1, 2016 from Michael J. Darcy, Executive Director, NJ state League of Municipalities to Municipal Clerks Re: Notice of Proposed Membership Dues.
3. NJ Department of the Treasury, Division of Taxation, Certification of the 2016 average ratios and common level ranges for use in tax year 2017.
4. NJ Department of the Treasury Division of Taxation certification of the table of Equalized Valuations for 2016.

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

1. Registrar Quarterly report for July - September, 2016.
2. Construction activity report for September, 2016.
3. COH report for September, 2016.
4. Construction permit report for September, 2016.

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5. Finance report activity to September 30, 2016.
6. Police Department report for September, 2016.
7. Tax Collector report for September, 2016.

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

1. None Filed

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

1. Payment of bills for the meeting of October 11, 2016.

Mr. Limon made a motion to approve the consent agenda of October 11, 2016.  
Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Dabinett, Fantasia, Limon, Rathbun, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

**OLD BUSINESS**

Ms. Fantasia commented we had a discussion regarding the Employee Handbook multiple times, about sending out revisions and addendums. Ms. Fantasia commented after talking with members of the personnel committee about it, we were discussing creating an addendum to the handbook, she wrote something up and printed it for this evening just for our review not for any action. Ms. Fantasia commented the police department has a public relations/ social media policy. We have a very basic public relations policy and this update is as of March 5, 2014, and it is a basic media policy and explained. In addition to that she suggests something she wrote and revised from the school where she is employed. It covers employee activity on social media on public statements and read part of the policy she drafted than explained and gave examples. Ms. Fantasia commented maybe we can run this by Mr. Prol and have something like this at our next meeting.

Mrs. McHose commented prior to this she had sent the Employee Handbook to Mr. Prol's office and it is in the process of being updated, this is good timing.

Mayor Giordano commented we will have our law firm look at it.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Approval of the Minutes**

Mr. Rathbun made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes and executive session meeting minutes for September 27, 2016. (Absent: None). Seconded by Mr. Limon.

Mr. Dabinett commented he has one comment he would like to make on the executive session minutes, he thinks they can be more thorough and definitive. Mr. Dabinett commented he doesn't think it outlines exactly what was said and so forth.

Mrs. McHose asked Mr. Prol to explain what are the guidelines for executive session minutes; because they are different. Our minutes are very thorough in the Borough of Franklin as compared to other towns and what they post. Generally she thinks we give a lot of detailed information, but for executive session it is generally summarizing.

Mr. Prol commented there are a number of approaches you can take on this, historically this Borough and other municipalities have some elaborate minutes. The ideal minutes are those that record action they don't necessary take down every word or comment but they are to reflect every action taken by whatever body. That is the ideal minutes. Historically in this Borough because this is our history if you go downstairs Robin keeps a very nice set of minutes down there and her predecessors

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have as well. You can read back through time and see Mayor Durina and others what went on at those meetings and it actually tells a nice story. Historically we continue to keep that rather elaborate detail of minutes here in the Borough that captures more than just the action taken but the flavor of the conversation that occurred and people who spoke. It is a nice snap shot in time and there is no harm in that.

Mr. Prol commented when you get into executive session minutes you want to record some assemblance of what was discussed, there is no action taken in executive session ever because all action is taken in the open public session. Those minutes are there to capture any sort of action because none will be taken but at the same time you want to capture enough so when they are released later on the public has an understanding of what conversation went on. But at the same time you don't want to give away the way you negotiate or your litigation strategy because when they are released later on you are going to give someone who comes back and wants insight into how you think or your bargaining strategy; you get a lot when you read these things. Attorney's will get all your minutes, read them and try to figure your strategy. It is very much a balancing act and it is the flavor of this body as to what you would want. Mr. Prol commented he can't give you any better guidance on that, if you are in litigation you wouldn't necessarily want to record every aspect of the negotiation or authorization and gave an example.

Mr. Dabinett commented he isn't faulting anybody but he thinks that was what was lacking in these minutes from this past meeting. Mr. Dabinett commented he thinks it could have had more substance in them.

Ms. Hough asked would you like me to reduce them and add more information.

Mr. Dabinett commented not at this point but let's try in the future.

Ms. Hough commented however you [Council] direct me to do them, she will do it.

Mayor Giordano commented then moving forward just add a little more detail.

Mrs. McHose commented one thing to keep in mind what Counselor has said is to keep in mind these documents eventually become OPRAable and she is torn about it.

Mr. Dabinett commented these particular minutes he is referring to were very vague.

Mr. Limon commented he doesn't see it that way he thinks they are very inclusive.

Mr. Rathbun commented on page 8 in the minutes there is a miss spelling Mosco is spelled Musco.

Upon roll call vote with corrections:

Ayes: Dabinett, Fantasia, Limon, Rathbun, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Review of 2016 Best Practices Worksheet

Mr. Rathbun made a motion to accept the best practice worksheet prepared by the CFO and Administrator and have the Clerk Certify the worksheet for transmittal to Trenton. Seconded by Mr. Limon.

Mrs. McHose explained the best practice work sheet.

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Ayes: Dabinett, Fantasia, Limon, Rathbun, Skellenger, Snyder  
Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Resolution 2016-87

Mr. Rathbun made a motion to adopt resolution 2016-87 directing the Franklin Borough Planning Board to undertake a preliminary investigation to determine whether the group of properties consisting of Block 16 Lots 1, 72, 76, 77, 78 and 80 and Block 22 Lots 11, 12, 13, 14 and 37 (as formerly designated on the Borough's tax maps), or portion thereof, is an area in need of redevelopment with the powers of Eminent Domain (A "Condemnation Redevelopment Area")

Former Blocks & Lots	Property address	New Block and Lot #
Bl. 16, Lot 1	389 Rutherford Ave	Bl. 601, Lot 6
Bl. 16, Lot 72	Sterling Street Rear	Bl. 601, Lot 3
Bl. 16, Lot 76	Sterling Street Rear- Scott	Bl. 601, Lot 5
Bl. 16, Lot 77	Sterling Street Rear- Scott	Bl. 601, Lot 2
Bl. 16, Lot 78	95 Main Street	Bl. 904, Lot 1
Bl. 16, Lot 80	19 Sterling Street	Bl. 601, Lot 1
Bl. 22 Lot 11	390 Rutherford Ave.	Bl. 605, Lot 5
Bl. 22 Lot 12	386 Rutherford Ave.	Bl. 605, Lot 3
Bl. 22 Lot 13	386 Rutherford Ave.	Bl. 605, Lot 3
Bl. 22 Lot 14	384 Rutherford Ave.	Bl. 605, Lot 2
Bl. 22 Lot 37	453 Route 23	Bl. 605, Lot 16

Mayor Giordano commented this is the Council's choice and explained the resolution. Mayor Giordano commented a few years ago the State has altered the way that towns can look at redevelopment areas or rehabilitation areas. They have given the town an option to include the powers of eminent domain or to not include the powers of eminent domain. This is the Council's choice to use the powers of eminent domain or to not use the powers of eminent domain.

Mrs. McHose commented the Council already voted to authorize the Planning Board to take a look at these zones. What this resolution is, is a technicality; we didn't have the resolution in front of the Council at that particular meeting. Mrs. McHose explained the area that was involved in 2012, action the Planning Board did and what the DCA grant was looking for. Mrs. McHose commented Mr. Brady said we must include it as it was originally passed by the Planning Board back then. It is up to the Council what they want to include now.

Mayor Giordano commented beside from the addition of the lumber yard property the Council faces the choice do you want to include the ability to have eminent domain in the area of redevelopment or do you chose not to use the power of eminent domain in the area of redevelopment.

Mr. Limon asked what was the recommendation of the Planning Board.

Mrs. McHose commented they would like for you to include it. Mrs. McHose explained eminent domain. Mr. Prol added with explaining the process of eminent domain.

Mayor Giordano commented he is not in favor of eminent domain, he doesn't think it has a place in our town here and would hate to see that happen, he understands the value of it. Mayor Giordano commented we are here for a certain amount of time and when the next Council comes along and acts on a decision you made tonight and acts against someone if you choose to go with the use of eminent domain.



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Especially if we are trying to encourage the public to be enthusiastic with redevelopment on Main street.

Mr. Dabinett commented this was designated as an Area A of redevelopment, most of this is vacant land, Zinc Company property there is a strip down behind Sterling Street that is already owned by the Borough, he doesn't really see any problems in this particular partial to have eminent domain. It is a tool we can use but that's not saying we are going to use it. Mr. Dabinett commented he doesn't see a problem with it on this particular track of land. If we are going to start talking about other areas of Main Street and other areas of town, he might change his view on that but on this particular area he doesn't see a problem.

Mr. Rathbun commented he isn't a big believer in eminent domain but the way Mrs. McHose explained it as a tool we can use and like Mr. Dabinett said it isn't like it's someone's actual home.

Mrs. McHose commented it has been vacant for 40 years. This may be the opportunity to get something started at the Zinc Company former site.

Mr. Snyder commented he does not agree with eminent domain but the way it was explained and its view of the public he thinks they will understand we just can't take the property there is a process as the attorney explained. We're looking at under developed areas that we need to get going on and one being the Main Street area he kind of agrees with what we need to do.

Ms. Fantasia commented if there was a family living there it would be a no for me; being that it is 40 years vacant plus and it fits into the economic development and the better of the town, she believes in this instance it is permissible.

Mr. Limon commented he wants to add on what was said earlier about writing minutes down of everybody's opinion as to why we are voting that way, you record it in the minutes but this is actually happening on the dais which he likes. Mr. Limon commented he is for this.

Seconded by Mr. Dabinett.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Dabinett, Fantasia, Limon, Rathbun, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Resolution 2016-88

Mr. Dabinett made a motion to adopt resolution 2016-88 approving the lease agreement between the Borough of Franklin and Cellco Partnership D/B/A Verizon Wireless for the lease of space on the Evans Street water tank. The first year rent paid to the Borough will be in the amount of \$30,000 and the annual amount shall be increased by 3% or the change in the Consumer Price Index whichever is greater. (The Lease was provided in the Council packets.) Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

There was a discussion on the lease.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Dabinett, Fantasia, Limon, Rathbun, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Resolution 2016-89

Mr. Dabinett made a motion to adopt resolution 2016-89 authorizing an amendment to an agreement with the Borough of Franklin and the County of Sussex for

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Enforcement Agency Services as set forth in the NJ State uniform Fire Code Regulation in accordance with the provision of N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq.  
(Note: No increase to the Borough. One Change in fee schedule.)  
Seconded by Mr. Rathbun.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Dabinett, Fantasia, Rathbun, Skellenger

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: Limon, Snyder

Resolution 2016-90

Mr. Dabinett made a motion to adopt resolution 2016-90 authorizing the bidding for the proposed improvements to Wildcat Road - Section III. Seconded by Mr. Limon.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Dabinett, Fantasia, Limon, Rathbun, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: Skellenger

Resolution 2016-91

Mr. Dabinett made a motion to adopt resolution 2016-91 regarding the Sussex County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Mr. Dabinett commented he doesn't understand what this plan is.

Seconded by Mr. Limon.

Mrs. McHose commented this is a requirement of the State of New Jersey for the office of emergency management, we have to have a plan in place, it is basically showing the State we have a plan in place and we know what we would do as a Borough if something were to happen.

There was a discussion on the resolution.

Mayor Giordano commented if you would like we can table this and ask our OEM to come in at the next meeting and discuss this with us.

Mr. Dabinett commented he would and explained.

The discussion continued on the resolution.

Mr. Dabinett made a motion to table resolution 2016-91. Seconded by Ms. Fantasia.

Upon roll call vote to table resolution 2016-91:

Ayes: Dabinett, Fantasia, Limon, Rathbun, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Mayor Giordano commented this will be tabled to the next meeting.

Discussion on the Tax Sale Results

At this time there was a discussion on the tax sale results. (Tax Collector's report on the Annual Tax Sale dated October 7, 2016, included in the Council packets.)

Mrs. McHose gave a report to the Council on the tax sale.

Mayor Giordano explained the options for the Council with the properties now owned by the Borough.

Mrs. McHose explained between the publication of the properties and sale phone calls were made which brought the list down from 60 properties to 28 properties.

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Twenty five properties were sold to lean holders and three were struck off to the Borough.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Giordano asked for a motion to go into executive session for personnel.

No one made a motion therefore there was no executive session.

**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 Mr. Snyder. All were in favor.

Joann Tatka, 151 Maple Road, Franklin, stepped forward. Mrs. Tatka questioned what was happening with the garbage bid. Mayor Giordano commented it is out for bids. Mr. Dabinett commented the bids will come in on November 2. Mrs. Tatka commented if police department problems cannot be solved locally than maybe Franklin should start to consider bringing the State police in if they can't settle their problems within the Borough. Mayor Giordano commented he thinks that is a very valid statement.

Sharon Schultz, 51 Main Street, Franklin, stepped forward. Mrs. Schultz questioned the Millie Harden money, how much does the Borough have left. Mayor Giordano commented he doesn't have the exact figure right now; we did break the bond to work on the walking path. Ms. Schultz questioned if anyone was monitoring the money. There was a discussion back and forth on the walking path.

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

**MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS**

There were no miscellaneous comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further items for discussion by the Mayor and Council, Mr. Snyder made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40p.m., seconded by Mr. Dabinett. All were in favor.

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Nicholas Giordano, Mayor

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Robin Hough, Borough Clerk