

**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  
April 25, 2017**

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. Skellenger, Mr. Snyder, and Mayor Giordano.

Absent: Mr. Rathbun

Mayor Giordano led the assembly in the flag salute.

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 explained the agenda will be changed, the budget hearing right away so that Mr. Ferry, Auditor, has another town to represent this evening.

Public Hearing on the 2017 CY Municipal Budget

Thomas Ferry, Auditor stepped forward for the presentation of the budget. Mr. Ferry commented the great news is that taxes on the average house has a zero-percent municipal increase this year. Mr. Ferry commented that is a great thing. Mr. Ferry commented the fund balance is still healthy you are not using too much fund balance you are able to keep taxes level at the municipal rate. Mr. Ferry referred to the handout page by page and explained each page. Explaining general fund revenues, appropriations, tax collection rate, reserve for uncollected taxes, 5-year analysis of the tax collection rate, water and sewer revenues and appropriations. The average assessed house this year was \$174,734 dollars assessed value. So that average house would pay \$2,046.95 just to municipal, not County or schools, and they paid the same amount last year.

Mayor Giordano commented he has had several people say the Borough of Franklin is broke, we spend too much money we are mismanaging everything and in your professional opinion what would you say. I know how I feel, I know how the Council feels I know they work very hard.

Mr. Ferry commented you have an excellent staff, Alison and the staff, for the accounting side it is really great to be here and work here, you have a professional staff and your controlling your budget, keeping your taxes level this year but you are able to also increase your fund balance which helps stabilize future taxes if there is any other problem you have forward. You continue to increase your fund balance which is a great sign. Also, if we ever have to go out and bond or issue bond anticipation notes and we have to go to a rating agency they like fund balance so you would have a better interest rate when you go out to permanently finance or go out for bond anticipation notes.

Mr. Dabinett asked Monica, wasn't our rating increased this past year.

Mrs. Miebach commented it was increased in 2015 when we went out for a water refunding bonds were AA3 now.

Mr. Ferry commented there is AA3, AA2, AA1 and AAA.

Mayor Giordano commented so we are doing very good.

Mr. Skellenger made a motion to open to the public the 2017 CY Municipal Budget. Seconded by Mr. Dabinett. All were in favor.

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Joann Tatka, 151 Maple Road, Franklin, stepped forward. Mrs. Tatka commented on the surplus. Mayor Giordano and Ms. Fantasia explained.

Mrs. Miebach, CFO commented what went into fund balance at 12-31-16 was greater than what we used in 2017 budget. So, we are positive in building not diminishing.

Mrs. Tatka asked about the number of part time employees. Mayor Giordano and Mrs. McHose explained.

Mr. Dabinett made a motion to close to the public the 2017 CY Municipal Budget. Seconded by Mr. Skellenger. All were in favor.

Resolution 2017- 38 to adopt the CY 2017 Municipal Budget

Mr. Limon made a motion to adopt the 2017 budget resolution 2017- 38. Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Limon, Skellenger, Snyder, Dabinett, Fantasia

Nays: None Absent: Rathbun Abstentions: None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Ms. Fantasia reported the finance committee met early this evening, we are on target for our collection rate for quarter one, as you know we were audited by the State this year as every Municipality in the State is audited every three years. Four minor points were found in our submitted budget to Trenton, one included missing documentation for the distracted driver grant conformation but we can't issue that until the budget is passed so these other three were minor paper work issues. We were notified yesterday late afternoon on these three issues by 7:00 pm the proper documentation was submitted by Monica and by 8:45 this morning we received word from Trenton that the budget was given a green light. So, it was a very quick turnaround and we are glad all of that happened, thank you Monica for your diligence and extended time so we were able to do this this evening. On Tuesday, May 16 at 6:15 the finance committee will be having our committee meeting for the Capital budget so we ask that all of the other committees on the Council meet prior to that with your respected department, please come to us from your department with what you would like added to that agenda. Ms. Fantasia commented we had a brief conversion and there will be much more information regarding an antenna lease on Evans Street with AT & T they are asking for a modification and a lengthening of lease term and a modification of the amounts we are under the advice of Angelo Bolcato, Esq. and explained. Ms. Fantasia commented on the next agenda we are going ask that it is put on for discussion after we get more information from both AT&T and Mr. Bolcato.

Ms. Fantasia reported on EDC, we had our joint meeting at Hardyston it was a great meeting, it was nice, we really established a rapport with them and explained. They were very complimentary on the progress Franklin has been making, we have a nice working relationship with them.

Mr. Skellenger had nothing to report.

Mr. Snyder commented Alison has the updates with project for buildings and grounds.

Mr. Dabinett reported we did not have a meeting [public utilities committee]. Mr. Dabinett commented this past week Wildcat Road culvert was taken care of on the S bend, the road was only closed down for a couple of hours each day. He spoke to

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Tom Knutelsky this morning he hopes to be paving that any day now. Also, on the week of May the 8<sup>th</sup>, the contractor will come in and start doing the sidewalks on Main Street in preparation for us doing the final paving sometime hopefully in June. The other thing I like to bring up, for the past year or so we have been concentrating on paving our main arteries in town but we have come to a point where now we are going to start branching out to specific neighborhoods, before we do that he would like the Council's permission for Alison and I to possibly meet with Elizabethtown Gas Company to see if before we pave any roads that we can bring them up and if they would be interested in putting natural gas in for our residents. Once we pave the roads and there is a three-year moratorium so if the Council doesn't have a problem I'll ask Alison to put a call in and set a meeting up.

Mayor Giordano agreed with Mr. Dabinett, and asked if anyone had any problems with that.

Mr. Limon reported we had a recreation meeting we talked about the Carnival, which you all know is in September this year. We are also working on if we can get the right sponsor to also have fireworks on the fourth. The Senior Spring fling was a success, we will be hanging signs up for Senior of the Year in the morning. Mrs. McHose interviewed four people for the meter reader job.

Mrs. McHose reported the fishing contest was tremendously successfully, we had over 100 participants which was great to see. On Saturday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> was the Spring Fling, the opening day of Softball and Baseball, she thanked the DPW they did a wonderful job getting the fields ready for play and they did some updating on some benches.

Mr. Limon commented we are ordering a new score board for the girls' softball and Mike Raperto and himself will be looking at and fixing the football sign with updated LED lights.

Mayor Giordano commented he had talked with the people from football and they are interested in coming back.

Mrs. McHose reported we are having a second meeting on the Community Garden and explained. We also received permission from the County to plant some bed up at the Library location between the Library and Markorama.

Mrs. McHose reported on buildings and Grounds, we have been doing some work on getting some quotes for the air conditioning on the top of the building. We ran into some technical difficulty with making a decision on some duct work and explained. Hopefully at the next meeting we will have the ability to move forward with that. We had a newly assigned insurance adjuster that came to Borough Hall to review the phone system that was damaged by the power outage; we are taking steps to get reimbursed for that damage. He is also the adjuster taking over for the DPW garage, so he looked at that site to, he felt that that was definitely structural. Construction has begun on the S curve [on Wildcat Road], we look forward to the improvements to walkways and sidewalks on Main Street. They will not be a complete redue of the sidewalks, it would be at the intersections to bring it up to ADA compliance. Work is continuing for the additional cell phone infrastructure on Evan Street.

Mrs. McHose reported as mentioned we had interviews, we had a little development in the interview for the Deputy Court Administrator, we have to get approval from the court to conduct these interviews they have to be here. Mayor Giordano asked if the Judge had to be here. Mrs. McHose explained someone from the AOC. Maggie Rodriguez who previously submitted her resignation but has rescinded that

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temporarily to tell us she will stay until we replace her or she may stay. That is a new development today that she has to speak to the personnel committee about. Mayor Giordano asked Mrs. McHose if she wanted to talk about that in executive session or do you just want to talk to the personnel committee. Mrs. McHose commented let me let you know, she will talk to personnel first.

Mrs. McHose commented we did do the interviews for the meter reader and hopefully we will have a recommendation to the personnel committee and then to the full Council by the next meeting.

Mayor Giordano asked about safe routes to school. Mrs. McHose commented we just received something from the Engineer that has been assigned to us through that program, it is a long way out.

There was a brief discussion on sidewalks.

Mayor Giordano reported on the Planning Board/Land Use Board, he is very proud to announce the Mine Site has been subdivided into three different lots, we are going to have an upper lot which would contain a change house and the other buildings of historic significance, also a portion of that is adjacent to Mill Street. In the past, the Planning Board and Zoning Board had been very much against any subdivision of the Mine, a lot of people thought we would have a white knight come in that would take the whole site they would develop it do some massive project. Finally, the Planning Board has seen value in and letting the long-term owner Mr. Patire subdivide the site, get working on the two most buildable sites right away. There was a brief discussion on the Mine site.

Mayor Giordano commented the Planning Board did send to the Council an area in need of redevelopment for the [old] Hospital area, that is on the agenda tonight, our Land Use Board is becoming busy, busy is good for the residents in town.

### **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 Ms. Fantasia. All were in favor.

Joann Tatka, 151 Maple Road, Franklin, stepped forward. Mrs. Tatka asked how many steps are there for contractual employee's. Mayor Giordano commented it depends on the contract and explained. Mrs. Tatka asked about the insurance coverage on the DPW garage. Mrs. Tatka asked about the police department and CLEAR program. Mayor Giordano and Mrs. McHose explained. Mrs. Tatka asked about the Sergeants position, did they interview for that job yet. Mayor Giordano commented that is in the process. Mrs. Tatka asked about fireworks being on the fourth of July or around the 4<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Giordano explained. Mrs. Tatka asked about the time frame Wildcat was closed down. Mr. Dabinett explained. Mrs. Tatka asked what happen to the sharing of the Court with Ogdensburg. Mayor Giordano commented unfortunately it didn't work out. Mayor Giordano explained there was a contract with their Judge and the contract can't be canceled. Mrs. Tatka asked if the Zinc Company property is included in the tax abatement program. Mayor Giordano commented no and explained the subdivision. Mr. Dabinett commented Tax Abatement isn't a bad thing and explained. Mrs. Tatka commented she thought the Spring Fling was successful, nicely organized and she congratulates Mr. Gunderman.

Dick Durina, 23 Lozar Road, Franklin, stepped forward. Mr. Durina commented there is a gentleman in the room tonight that has dedicated 63 years of his life to that

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Zinc Company Site, that is Mr. Bob Allen and he thinks [everyone] in the room should rise and give him vote of thanks, thank you Bob.

Bob Allen, Jenkins Road, Franklin, stepped forward. Mr. Allen thanked everyone for that. Mr. Allen asked about the community gardens. Mrs. McHose explained. Mr. Allen commented we are making progress [on the zinc mine property] and explained.

Betty Allen, Jenkins Road, Franklin, stepped forward. Mrs. Allen commented every time her husband opens his mouth the words New Jersey Zinc come out, that is all he has on his mind. Mrs. Allen commented on the drug problem in town. There are positive things that happen in town that should be in the newspapers too. Mayor Giordano and Mr. Dabinett spoke about our police department doing a great job.

Mike Raperto, 13 South Street, Franklin, stepped forward. Mr. Raperto commented on the outstanding water bill that we had and shutting the water off; what is the progress with that. Mrs. McHose commented that water will be shut off this Friday, he [the owner] unfortunately did not respond to the certified letter and to calls; it is unfortunate, his residents will suffer they have paid their rent presuming that the land lord will pay the water and sewer and he has not. Mr. Raperto asked about the distracted driver grant.

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. 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 April 13, 2017, from Mrs. Jane Agati, to Mayor Giordano and Council Members Re: Donating benches in the Riggio family name.
2. Email dated April 19, 2017, from Aimee Maul, County of Sussex, Office of Public Health Nursing to Mayors and Board of Health Secretaries Re: Nurses Day Open House.
3. Letter dated April 17, 2017, from Melissa Rockwell, Tax Administrator, Sussex County, Board of Taxation to Acting Director John Ficara, Division of Taxation, cc; Municipal Assessors and Municipal Clerks.
4. Email dated April 18, 2017, from Karen Osellame, Planning Board Secretary, to Robin Hough, Municipal Clerk, Re: Planning Board adopted resolution recommending block 1504 lots 13 and 44 "A Condemnation Redevelopment Area".
5. Email dated April 7, 2017, from Aimee Maul, County of Sussex, Office of Public Health Nursing, to Mayor and Board of Health Secretary Re: Activity report for March, 2017 from Public Health Nursing.
6. Letter dated April 12, 2017, from Angelo Baron, Superintendent Wastewater Facilities to Alison McHose, Administrator, Re: Sewage Flows.

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

1. Municipal Court report for March, 2017.
2. Police Department report for March, 2017.
3. Administrators report for April 25, 2017, meeting.

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

1. None filed.

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

1. Payment of bills for the meeting of April 25, 2017.

Mr. Limon made a motion to approve the consent agenda of April 25, 2017.  
Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

Mrs. McHose commented on the letter from the Riggio family regarding the benches they would like to donate, she will be working with Judy Williams at the request of the family along with Brian VanDenBroek to place these benches in their honor and explained work that will be done at the pond.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Limon, Skellenger, Snyder, Dabinett, Fantasia

Nays: None Absent: Rathbun Abstentions: None

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mayor Giordano commented on the grant writers; he had received an email from Mrs. McHose that we hold that over.

Ms. Fantasia commented she has two questions and then a statement; she knows Mr. Scruton from the Herald was here at the last one [meeting] when we were discussing budget and he did release something on the budget and he released something that was in the Herald today and she wants to publicly say there is a couple of minor corrections to the Herald article. The amount to be raised is \$16,000 less in our budget his article said more and then also clarify that RUT is the difference between 100% tax collection rate and what budgeted tax rate is of 97.4. She wants to get that out there and have it publicly on record.

Ms. Fantasia comment her question for old business is, we were discussing the potential of contacting the Freeholders to see if they would like to host a meeting here and have we heard anything from Tom Knutelsky regarding the TAP grant.

Mrs. McHose commented no news on the TAP grant, she checked with Tom [Knutelsky] on that. With regards to the Freeholder meeting now that the new Administrator was sworn in she will be reaching out to him and coordinate through him on inviting them for a meeting.

Mayor Giordano commented he has the number for the congressman he can see if he can come up one night and talk to us and see if they can get them to write a letter.

Ms. Fantasia commented to move it along, absolutely.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Approval of the Minutes**

Mr. Limon made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes and executive session meeting minutes for April 11, 2017. (Absent: Mr. Rathbun arrived during executive session)

Mr. Dabinett commented before we vote he has a comment to make on the minutes, at the last meeting we were discussing the water shut off for these residents and Mr. Prol said he thought the limit was \$15,000 and he erroneously agreed with him, he didn't think of it until a day or two after the meeting when we agreed last year the figure we set was \$5,000 and the reason the \$15,000 he went along with was because that is what the individual happen to owe. We set the limit at \$5,000, it's not residential its commercial/industrial. Mr. Dabinett commented he would like to see that changed in the minutes if you could please.

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Ms. Hough commented but that was what was said at the meeting. Mayor Giordano commented it was \$15,000 at the meeting, Mr. Dabinett probably what we should do is we should touch on this have a revote on it to have Mrs. McHose, authorize her to turn off anything \$5,000 or greater.

Mr. Will Thayer, Esq. from Laddey, Clark and Ryan commented the minutes from the last meeting reflect what was said then.

Mayor Giordano commented let the minutes be what they are, and we will add the adjustment to change that dollar amount down, we can do that now or last item on the agenda.

Ms. Fantasia commented she too has a correction to the minutes, something along the line as to what Councilman Dabinett had where a correction for the record but for time she will talk about the clarification of the minutes. On page two of the minutes we had a discussion regarding negotiation vs. personnel and negotiation committees and what not, the language here doesn't really explain what had happened, where it was "Mr. Skellenger made a motion to eliminate negotiation, Mr. Dabinett commented for clarification now it is going to be the personnel committee. Mr. Skellenger made a motion to remove negotiation from the personnel committee. Ms. Fantasia commented if we remove the term negotiation you are changing the title because you said remove negotiation from the personnel committee."

Ms. Fantasia commented it's a little confusing, I think for clarity here I want to explain that we did not remove the power to negotiate within personnel from that committee we removed the title from the title of the personnel committee. It is only a name change but in reading this I would be super confused 20 years from now saying why does personnel no longer negotiate.

Ms. Fantasia commented the second is about the fingerprint situation some information that was shared she has clarification regarding fingerprinting of volunteer and what not, but what was said here obviously cannot be changed but just to correct the record I don't know when the appropriate time is to do that.

Mayor Giordano commented we can correct your issue and Mr. Dabinett's issue after we are done with the minutes.

Mr. Dabinett seconded the motion to approve the minutes.

Ms. Fantasia can we please just put in a sentence to clarify.

Mayor Giordano commented why don't we work on the minutes and clarify at the next meeting.

Mr. Limon commented he read through them and he can't find anywhere were he opposed the \$15,000.

Mayor Giordano commented Mr. Dabinett's issue was we were working on a figure that was erroneous at the time.

Mayor Giordano commented why don't we table the minutes.

Ms. Fantasia made a motion to table the minutes. Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Limon, Skellenger, Snyder, Dabinett, Fantasia

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Nays: None Absent: Rathbun Abstentions: None

Mayor Giordano asked Mr. Dabinett if he wanted to make a motion to adjust the payment down to \$5,000.

Mr. Dabinett made a motion that any commercial or industrial water bill over \$5,000 gets shut off by the Borough.

Mayor Giordano commented so we are authorizing Mrs. McHose to take the appropriate steps and shut it off.

Ms. Fantasia questioned, commercial or industrial does that include rental properties things of this nature, or did we set that different, a person owns this building and has residents living in the building, what is the difference there.

Mr. Dabinett commented he would consider that commercial if he has tenants living in it.

Ms. Fantasia commented in prior meetings we had discussed this; my comfort zone is in that \$15,000 mark for residential I'm not comfortable with \$5,000 for commercial if commercial means residents are living there. I believe commercial and industrial at \$5,000, I'm perfectly comfortable with but if it involves residents I'm not comfortable with that.

Mr. Dabinett commented we can table this and talk about it. Mr. Dabinett withdrew his motion.

Ms. Fantasia commented in the minutes they were talking about fingerprinting of volunteers and Mr. Rathbun had stated perhaps members of Rec were not able to chaperon a dance in Hardyston because they had not been fingerprinted. There was just conversation and she was not here for that very end following executive session. Ms. Fantasia referred to Mr. Skellenger's comment on fingerprinting and how it carries over and just for the record if you are fingerprinted by a school that has zero carry over what so ever. To correct the record school employment in New Jersey, if you are fingerprinted in one district and leave the district, every time you move districts you must be refingerprinted just for the record.

Mrs. McHose commented Ms. Fantasia I know what you are talking about, but in between school districts your fingerprints don't travel, however, this issue is about the validity of fingerprints for the use of a gaming license so we are doing a little bit of apples and oranges in a sense. The clarity is if a person comes into Borough Hall and says I'm the contact person for this gaming license and I've been fingerprinted and they have proof do we draw the line and say we can't use the school fingerprint.

Ms. Fantasia commented no, that is a whole other ball game, she was just merely correcting the fact of something that was just said on record publicly and she wasn't here for it. Even volunteers have different laws, Municipal employees, coaches, schools, I wanted it on the record, schools were put in a laundry list of things where fingerprints can carry or transferable and that is just not true, that's all.

Mr. Dabinett commented Mrs. McHose is prepared to shut the water off on Friday. Mayor Giordano commented we made a decision at the last meeting, his opinion is let it ride.

Ms. Fantasia commented absolutely, this isn't changing you are above the \$15,000 threshold this is reverting back to a \$5,000 without a discussion about residents but we already voted yes.



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Resolution 2017-36

Mr. Dabinett made a motion to adopt resolution 2017-36 authorizing the Establishment of a "Dedication by Rider" to the budget to the Borough of Franklin for Mobile Video Recording Systems for Police Vehicles Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-50(I).

Monica Miebach, CFO, explained the resolution, law and "Dedication by Rider".

Mr. Dabinett commented if you look at the third paragraph on this resolution it says "Now, therefore be it resolved by the Mayor and Council in the Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey that all revenues received by the Borough of Franklin be placed in a specific trust fund and such trust fund shall be considered a "Dedication by rider" to the budget" The problem he has is with the words all revenue received by the Borough of Franklin. Mr. Dabinett commented he thinks that should say pursuant to NJSA 39: [4-50i]. at that point then all revenue.

Ms. Fantasia commented she agrees.

Mayor Giordano commented he agrees with that. Mayor Giordano asked if Mrs. Miebach had any problems with inserting that into the resolution.

Mr. Dabinett commented he believes the next resolution is the same.

Mr. Dabinett read his motion "Now, therefore be it resolved by the Mayor and Council in the Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey that all revenues received pursuant to NJSA 39:4-50 be considered a "Dedicated by Rider" to the budget of the local unit for the sole purpose stated above. Seconded by Ms. Fantasia.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Limon, Skellenger, Dabinett, Fantasia

Nays: None Absent: Rathbun Abstentions: Snyder

Resolution 2017-37

Mr. Limon made a motion to adopt resolution 2017-37 authorizing the establishment of a "Dedication by Rider" to the budget of the Borough of Franklin for Forfeiture of Funds – Police Fund Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-39. And that's with the amendment that Mr. Dabinett stated.

Mayor Giordano commented actually that is in this one[resolution] and read Now therefore may be resolved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey that all Forfeiture of funds police revenue received by the Borough of Franklin be placed in a specific trust fund and such trust fund shall be considered a Dedication by rider to the Budget of the local unit pursuant to NJSA 40A:4-39. For the purposes stated above. So, he thinks we are good on that.

Motion seconded by Mr. Dabinett

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Limon, Skellenger, Dabinett, Fantasia

Nays: None Absent: Rathbun Abstentions: Snyder

Resolution 2017-39

Ms. Fantasia made a motion to adopt resolution 2017-39 determining that Block 1504, Lots 13 and 44 Comprise an Area in Need of Redevelopment with the Powers of Eminent Domain (A "Condemnation Redevelopment Area"). Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

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Ayes: Limon, Skellenger, Snyder, Dabinett, Fantasia

Nays: None Absent: Rathbun Abstentions: None

Introduction to Ordinance 06-2017

Ms. Fantasia made a motion to introduce an ordinance 06-2017 entitled "AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING AND AMENDING THAT SPECIFIC PORTIONS OF THE FRANKLIN BOROUGH ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO FEES FOR LIQUOR LICENSES AT CHAPTER 119 "GENERAL FEES", CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN 119-4". Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

**Public Hearing will be held May 9, 2017.**

Mayor Giordano explained the ordinance.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Skellenger, Snyder, Dabinett, Fantasia

Nays: Limon Absent: Rathbun Abstentions: None

Introduction to Ordinance 07-2017

Mr. Skellenger made a motion to introduce an ordinance 07-2017 entitled "AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE RANGE FOR SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN, COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY". Seconded by Mr. Limon.

There was a brief discussion on the ordinance.

**Public Hearing will be held May 9, 2017.**

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Limon, Skellenger, Snyder, Dabinett, Fantasia

Nays: None Absent: Rathbun Abstentions: None

Resolution 2017-40

Mr. Skellenger made a motion to adopt resolution 2017-40 accepting a donation of a used vehicle from Robert VanderPloeg with appreciation. Seconded by Mr. Dabinett.

Mr. Snyder commented we are putting another vehicle into our fleet and questioned why. Mrs. McHose commented this is part of our continued unmarked vehicles that we use and rotate in and out.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Limon, Skellenger, Dabinett, Fantasia

Nays: Snyder Absent: Rathbun Abstentions: None

Mayoral Appointments

Mayor Giordano explained and read the following appointment. There was a brief discussion.

Mr. Limon made a motion to confirm the following Mayoral Appointments. Seconded by Mr. Dabinett.

**Board of Health**

Member            4-year term (term expires 12/31/2020) Connie Cholminski

**Planning Board**

Member            4-year term (term expires 12/31/2017) Jim Nidelko

Alternate #1 2-year term (term expires 12/31/2018) Floy Estes

Alternate #2 2-year term (term expires 12/31/2018) Sean Kidd

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Alternate #3 2-year term (term expires 12/31/2017) Richard Knop  
Alternate #4 2-year term (term expires 12/31/2017) Ted Bayles

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Limon, Skellenger, Snyder, Dabinett, Fantasia

Nays: None Absent: Rathbun Abstentions: None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no executive session.

**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 Ms. Fantasia. All were in favor.

Bob Allen, 24 Jenkins Road, Franklin, stepped forward. Mr. Allen commented on bringing something to Mr. Gunderman.

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

**MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS**

Mayor Giordano commented there were some items we had approved pending the [approval] of the budget, one was a truck, a police car and there was something else. Mrs. McHose commented some water and sewer issues, \$12,000 for the water tank. Mayor Giordano commented can you guys make sure that is taken care of. There was a discussion.

Mayor Giordano announced we need volunteers for the Rent Leveling Board.

Mr. Snyder commented this Saturday is the Annual Girl Scout Garage Sale, a lot of people will be on the roadways so be careful driving. Also, the Mineral Show is always that particular day at the school so there is going to be quite a bit of traffic. Mr. Snyder commented there are a few telephone poles on Franklin Ave, that are really leaning towards the road way we need the County to check them out because it is a County Road. Mr. Snyder commented Mrs. Tataka asked about the step raises by the departments, he can't talk about the police department step raises so you will have to get that [from someone else] the one he does have is DPW department there is probationary start and then 11 steps in their 2016-2017 contract.

Ms. Fantasia asked Mr. Dabinett, there was some talk you had brought up regarding a street sign up at the condos named after an individual can you update us on that.

Mr. Dabinett commented he was approached by an individual that would like her daughter, her daughter passed away and she would like Independence Way to be named as Dina Way or Dina Drive to honor her daughter. He spoke to several people and Mayor Giordano and I spoke about it. Mr. Dabinett commented Mayor Giordano had suggested since they are a condo association that we ask them for a letter to make this change. Mr. Dabinett commented he contacted the lady and she told him she would handle it. Once that letter arrives he would make that motion to make that change.

Ms. Fantasia commented that's a beautiful thing, the courteous of it to both of you [Mayor Giordano and Mr. Dabinett] I know that she made quite an impact on this community.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
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Mrs. McHose commented it was also brought to our attention that there are private roads within that development too they can more easily rename.

Mayor Giordano commented they can rename their private roads at any time they want, they are their roads. The suggestion for Independence is there is no actual residents on Independence so it has no postal effect. We thought it would be proper of the Association asked us to do this and sent the Borough a letter stating we would like to do this he doesn't think anybody on the Council would have an issue with it either way.

There was a discussion on changing the name of the road and it being a town road.

Mr. Limon asked the condition of the vehicle that was donated. Mayor Giordano explained.

Mr. Skellenger commented he wants to make a clarification, I know we tabled the minutes for the next [meeting] but I realize now, I didn't clarify that it was for coaching the background checks that they are interchangeable between schools, what Ms. Fantasia is referring to is teaching they are not, he was making a reference to when he was coaching not teaching.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Nicholas Giordano, Mayor

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Robin Hough, Borough Clerk