

**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  
December 26, 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. Rathbun, Mr. Snyder, and Mayor Giordano.

Absent: Mr. Skellenger

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, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et sequentes. It has been properly advertised by posting in Borough Hall, and printed in the New Jersey Herald/Sunday New Jersey Herald on January 5, 2017, and posted on the Borough website, which adequate notice has been certified by the Clerk."

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Limon had nothing to report.

Mr. Dabinett had nothing to report.

Mr. Snyder met with Buildings and Grounds and will report on at the meeting in the new year.

Mr. Rathbun had nothing to report.

Ms. Fantasia commented on the letter included in the Consent Agenda from Steve Zydon from EDC regarding the recommendation of opening Mabie Street to a 2-way street from Rutherford Avenue to Main Street and the reopening the north end of Rutherford Avenue near the Iron Deli. As of December 31, 2017 Mr. Zydon is resigning from the Economic Development Committee. The Finance committee has been in contact with Monica Miebach, CFO, via email, the water and sewer collections are up from last year, however the tax collections are down. It is important to continue with collection calls aggressively before closing out the year. There is nothing to report for Personnel other than the Mayoral appointment of the Borough Attorney. RFP's for the Borough Attorney were just received and would like to discuss however, that doesn't fall under Personnel.

Mr. Skellenger arrived at 7:10 pm.

Mr. Dabinett commented on the recommendation from Mr. Zydon regarding Mabie Street being changed to a 2-way street. Mr. Dabinett commented Mabie Street is very narrow to be made a 2-way street, however suggested changing Mabie Street from a one way street from Main Street to Rutherford Avenue to a one way street from Rutherford Avenue to Main Street to improve traffic flow towards Main Street.

There was a discussion on the one way traffic on Mabie Street.

Mayor Giordano commented the Administrator is not present tonight.

Mr. Prol had nothing to report.

**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 Avenue, Franklin, stepped forward. Mrs. Tatka commented on the one-way direction of Mabie Street. Mrs. Tatka asked about the Tax Sale

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figures she asked for and still hasn't received. Mrs. Tatka wished Mr. Dabinett all the best in the future.

There being no one else present who wished to address the Governing Body, Mr. Dabinett 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):

Mr. Limon made a motion to approve the consent agenda of December 26, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business for tonight's portion of the meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Mr. Limon made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes and executive session meeting minutes for December 12, 2018. (Absent: Mr. Rathbun). Seconded by Mr. Dabinett.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Dabinett, Fantasia, Limon, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: Rathbun

Resolution #2017-74

Mr. Limon made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-74 Awarding the I&I Contract to All County Sewer and Drain Service.

Mr. Prol commented he spoke with Mr. Vreeland, Borough Water Engineer regarding cost savings to the Borough and getting other bids for services. Mr. Prol recommended to table Resolution #2017-74.

Mr. Dabinett commented he respectfully disagrees with the recommendation. He wouldn't want to have to make repairs under newly paved roads.

A discussion continued on the costs and effects of the I&I waste water system within the Borough.

Seconded by Ms. Fantasia

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions:

Resolution 2017-80

Mr. Limon made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-80 authorizing the execution of the Atlantic Tomorrows Copier Lease. Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

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Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions:

Resolution 2017-81

Mr. Skellenger made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-81 authorizing the purchase of an ambulance through the Houston-Galveston Area Council Co-op (H-GAC). Seconded by Ms. Fantasia.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions:

Resolution 2017-82

Mr. Skellenger made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-82 to remove \$1,638.68 from the water and sewer account for the First Presbyterian Church on the property located at 13 Main Street, Franklin also known as Block 9.08 Lot 27 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter water/sewer charge. Seconded by Mr. Limon

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Dabinett, Fantasia, Limon, Rathbun, Skellenger

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: Snyder

Mayor Giordano commented a new remote water meter reader will be installed at the Church which should avoid this from happening again.

Resolution 2017-83

Mr. Rathbun made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-83 authorizing compliance with arrest and convictions.

Mr. Prol explained Resolution 2017-83.

Seconded by Mr. Dabinett

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions:

Mr. Rathbun made a motion to approve the MSI Services and Maintenance Contract. Seconded by Mr. Limon

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions:

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

Ms. Fantasia questioned what would happen if a decision wasn't made for choosing a Borough Attorney for the new year. Ms. Fantasia commented she would like to have a group discussion.

Mr. Snyder asked if a decision isn't made at the reorganizational meeting how does the council move forward until an appointment is made and voted on.

Mr. Prol explained how the current attorney would continue the duties under the current contract.

Mayor Giordano commented he will make the appointment and the council can vote after they review all the information given to them at the reorganizational meeting.

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A discussion on the Borough Attorney appointment continued.

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Joann Tatka, 151 Maple Road, Franklin, stepped forward. Mrs. Tatka asked if there is an agreement between the Mayor and Council for choosing a Borough Attorney. Ms. Tatka commented on the funds for the purchase of the ambulance and the taxes for the Borough of Franklin.

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. Rathbun. All were in favor.

**MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS**

Mayor Giordano complimented the response time for an emergency handled by the Franklin Fire Department and the Franklin Police Department. Mayor Giordano also personally thanked Officer Jeffrey Snyder for his compassion during an emergency medical situation at his home.

Mr. Dabinett thanked Mr. Rathbun and Mr. Skellenger. Mr. Dabinett commented it has been a pleasure to work with you both on the Board of Public Works Department. Mr. Dabinett also commented he believes Franklin Borough has the finest Road Department and Water Department in the County.

Mr. Rathbun thanked Mr. Dabinett for his service and the knowledge he passed on to him.

Mr. Skellenger thanked Mr. Dabinett. Mr. Skellenger also commented Mr. Dabinett has taught me so much and took the time to answer any questions. Mr. Skellenger wished Mr. Dabinett all the best.

Ms. Fantasia thanked Mr. Dabinett for all his work and the detail he put into whatever projects he handled.

Mr. Prol thanked Mr. Dabinett for the hard work he put into everything he did for the Borough and he will be missed.

The Council wished everyone a Happy New Year.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further items for discussion by the Mayor and Council, Mr. Dabinett made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m., seconded by Mr. Snyder. All were in favor.

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Nicholas Giordano, Mayor

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Darlene J. Tremont, Acting Municipal Clerk