

**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
March 27, 2018**

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

Absent:

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, 2018, and posted on the Borough website, which adequate notice has been certified by the Clerk."

Mayor Giordano informed the public on the length of the agenda and therefore will change the order slightly, going directly to item 19 of the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #2018-38

Mr. Postas made a motion to adopt resolution 2018-38 changing the name of Legion Road to SGT Francis M. Glynn Road. Seconded by Mr. Rathbun.

Mayor Giordano commented the American Legion Commander made a request to the Council to have the road name changed in honor of Sgt. Francis M. Glynn, for whom the American Legion was named after. Mayor Giordano commented the Borough would like to have a small ceremony at the Memorial Day Parade. Mayor Giordano acknowledged the family members present in the public. Administrator McHose explained additional reasons for the name change.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

In accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, Mr. Rathbun made a motion to adjourn into closed executive session for attorney client privilege matters. Seconded by Mr. Skellenger. All were in favor.

After meeting in closed session, the Governing Body returned to their seats at 7:32PM, Mayor Giordano declared the meeting to be reconvened into open public session.

Mr. Limon made a motion to return from executive session. Seconded by Mr. Skellenger. All were in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Limon commented the EDC meeting was cancelled due to weather, the next meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2018.

Mr. Postas commented the Recreation Commission is working on many exciting programs for this summer at the pond, some programs include arts and crafts, yoga and kayaking and paddle boarding rentals if approved. Franklin Day is scheduled for June 30, 2018 which will conclude with an evening Fluorescent 5K run. The run will begin at the Franklin Mineral Museum, runners will be in fluorescent colors passing areas with black lights along the way. Also, recreation is working hard to try to have the pond open to help kick off the summer. The Spring Fling is 12noon on April 14, 2018 at the American Legion Post 132, no registration is necessary. Spring Trout Derby is April 22, 2018 at the pond, sponsored by Braen Quarry and Diez Check, breakfast and prizes will be provided. April 29, 2018, there will be a Miss America Organization "Meet and Greet" that will be meeting with the 2018 Miss New

MAYOR & COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES MARCH 27, 2018

Jersey Pageant. Miss Franklin scholarship program is being held on May 19, 2018 at the Franklin Borough School. Finally, we are again having the Franklin Carnival on September 27 through September 30, 2018. Mr. Postas also commented on the drafting of approximately 6 new ordinances the Ordinance Committee is working on with Mr. Ursin, Esq.

Mr. Snyder commented the Statewide Insurance Grant was approved in the amount of \$2,953.90 for the surveillance system for the Municipal building. Mr. Snyder questioned Administrator McHose on the status of the electrical maintenance for the concession stand. Administrator McHose commented she hopes to have that information at the next meeting.

Mr. Rathbun informed the Council of a lockdown that occurred at both Hardyston Elementary School and Franklin Borough Elementary School on March 1, 2018. It was after school hours; however, some students were there for after school activities. Mr. Rathbun commented he has been in touch with Chief McInerney as well as Mr. Giacchi, Franklin Borough Elementary School, CSA regarding programs and/or a resource officer for the school. The school has created a committee to address various concerns. Mr. Rathbun also commented he is working on scheduling a meeting with the Public Safety Committee, the police department, the school and the Administrator in the near future to discuss these important issues. Mr. Rathbun commented the Public Works Committee met on March 15, 2018 discussing I&I Study updates. There are 8 repairs at the cost of \$4,000.00 each that should be starting beginning April. Also, the Public Safety Committee is working on bid information for the Franklin Meadows water tank painting process and the issues associated with that tank. Mr. Rathbun updated the Council on the water meters in town, including gathering information, including available grants and costs for auto read meters, well rehabs and the possibility of purchasing a street sweeper in the future.

Mr. Skellenger commented at the Planning Board meeting the new members were welcomed.

Ms. Fantasia commented the Personnel Committee met and there will be some corrections to the items on the agenda. Ms. Fantasia explained the position titles, combining 3 open positions into 2, and the hours for each. Ms. Fantasia stated the CFO, Monica Miebach could not be here tonight, but she has some information from Ms. Miebach in reference to the Budget Introduction tonight. Ms. Fantasia explained how the State has implemented some changes regarding the notifications on how the Budget Introduction and Budget Adoption are handled. Ms. Fantasia also explained Ordinance 02-2018 and various resolutions on the agenda as they relate to the budget process. Ms. Fantasia commented on the Tax Levy adjustments resulting from tax appeals causing Franklin Borough's RUT number to be 97.28%, the average house in Franklin Borough is assessed at \$174,441.00 and there is no raise in taxes this year on the Municipal level.

Administrator McHose commented on improvements that were done at the concession stand which fall under Buildings & Grounds. The Board of Health was notified regarding the opening of the concession stand. The Borough is in receipt of two Grants related to the pond through the Forward Franklin Alliance. One is through the YMCA, for fitness stations, the second grant is through the Sussex County Division of Aging, for a senior garden in conjunction with the Community Garden Group and will be located at the Senior Center. Administrator McHose stated she met with the Salvation Army to re-negotiate their lease.

John Ursin had nothing to report.

Mayor Giordano informed the Council and the public, the bus survey is still up on the website and encourages whether you are a commuter or not, to complete the survey, it could help to possibly get direct bus service to the city back to Sussex County. Mayor Giordano commented the "Cram the Cruiser" was a big success. The Franklin Police Department together with the Ogdensburg Police Department, Hamburg Police Department and the Hardyston Police Department raised approximately \$1,400.00 in donations. Mayor Giordano commented on various

MAYOR & COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES MARCH 27, 2018

accomplishments from the past year, including establishing LOSAP, purchasing a Fire Truck, ordering a replacement Ambulance, while keeping the budget at a 0% increase. Mayor Giordano stated he is proud and appreciates the hard work of every Council member, Board member and volunteers that have worked hard to achieve all that has been done and looking forward to the many new projects yet to come.

NEW BUSINESS

Introduction Ordinance 02-2018

Mr. Rathbun made a motion to introduce an ordinance 02-2018 entitled "CALENDAR YEAR 2018 ORDINANCE 02-2018 TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)". Seconded by Mr. Limon

Public hearing will be held April 10, 2018.

Ms. Fantasia explained Ordinance 02-2018 as per notes from Monica Miebach, CFO.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Resolution #2018-33

Mr. Rathbun made a motion to adopt resolution 2018-33 Authorizing Participation in Self-Examination Program of the Municipal Budget for the 2018 Budget Year. Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Resolution #2018-34

Mr. Rathbun made a motion to adopt resolution 2018-34 "Modification to the Calculation of the Tax Collection Rate by Allowing Full Deduction of the Impact Tax Appeal Judgments on the Levy (therefore affecting the Reserve for Uncollected Taxes)". Seconded by Mr. Limon.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Resolution #2018-35 Introduction of the CY2018 Municipal Budget

Mr. Rathbun made a motion to adopt resolution 2018-35 introducing the CY2018 Municipal Budget for the Borough of Franklin. Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

Public Hearing: April 24, 2018.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Mayor Giordano commented Mr. Ursin will be explaining a resolution that will be added to the agenda that was discussed in tonight's executive session.

Mr. Ursin commented we are adding resolution 2018-41. Mr. Ursin explained insurance coverage and indemnification information that has just come before the Borough in relation to resolution 2018-41.

Resolution #2018-41

Mr. Skellenger made a motion to adopt resolution 2018-41 "Indemnification of Councilman Gilbert Snyder". Seconded by Mr. Limon

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Fantasia, Postas, Rathbun, Skellenger

MAYOR & COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES MARCH 27, 2018

Nays: Limon Absent: Snyder Abstentions: None

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. Snyder. All were in favor.

Dick Durina, 23 Lozaw Road stepped forward. Mr. Durina asked for clarification of resolution 2018-41. Mr. Ursin explained resolution 2018-41 is whether or not the Borough would indemnify (reimburse) Councilman Snyder for his costs in defending his ethics charges, which is separate and apart from insurance coverage. Mr. Durina expressed his disappointment that there was no budget workshop or another opportunity for the public to participate in the budget process. Mayor Giordano explained there was no quorum for the scheduled budget workshop. Mr. Durina commented he is representing many senior citizen residents and read a political flyer from a previous election. Mr. Durina stated he has numerous questions on the budget. Mayor Giordano explained the CFO is not available tonight. Administrator McHose informed Mr. Durina the CFO will be back to work on April 3rd. Mr. Durina questioned the advertising of the 2 positions, item 16 and 17 of the agenda. Administrator McHose explained the position titles and the advertising for the positions.

Joann Tatka, 151 Maple Road stepped forward. Ms. Tatka also questioned the 2 positions on the agenda, what type of work is anticipated from these positions. Administrator McHose explained new programs being implemented, responsibilities and how the work will be divided between the 2 positions. Ms. Tatka asked for the salary information for the Deputy Clerk position. Ms. Tatka questioned why at the last meeting the Borough voted and swore in the new police officer at the same meeting and has the Borough investigated merging with the Hamburg Police Department. Ms. Tatka also questioned the amount of water/sewer refunds. Mayor Giordano explained the equipment and old billing issues. Ms. Tatka commented on a Concerned Citizen's meeting that took place with the Sierra Club and the NJDEP representative, who stated any Planning Board member who attended would be removed from the Planning Board. Mayor Giordano explained the conflicts.

Mike Gunderman, 22 Jenkins Road, stepped forward. Mr. Gunderman commented on garbage at the pond and some safety issues within the walking path.

Phil Crabb, Jenkins Road, stepped forward. Mr. Crabb congratulated the Council on the work that has been done to re-open the pond and believes there will be many benefits associated with it. Mr. Crabb stated he met with Dr. Earl VerBeek, from the Franklin Mineral Museum, together they have put together a preliminary list of historical and cultural assets within Franklin Borough. Mr. Crabb stated he would like to meet this month again including any Council members to discuss additional interests, along with possible funding that may be available. Mr. Crabb commented he will be formally requesting for permission to close High Street again on April 21, 2018, as was done last year. Mr. Crabb stated he has spoken to Mr. JR Giacchi, Franklin Borough Elementary School, CSA to possibly have school children walk to the fenced in area on High Street to show them the cultural aspects that exist in Franklin Borough.

There being no one else present who wished to address the Governing Body, Mr. Skellenger made a motion to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Mr. Postas. 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 February 22, 2018, from Melissa Rockwell, Sussex County Tax Administrator, Re: 2018 Preliminary Equalization Table.
2. Letter dated February 21, 2018, from Diane Gutierrez-Saccetti, Acting Commissioner, State of New Jersey, Department of Transportation to Mayor Giordano, Re: NJDOT Fiscal Year 2018 Municipal Aid Program for Washington Avenue & School Plaza Resurfacing Grant.

MAYOR & COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES MARCH 27, 2018

3. Sandyston Township Resolution #R-28-2018, Resolution Making Formal Complaint to the Board of Public Utilities for the Neglect and Lack of Maintenance of Phone and Cable Lines and Requesting Phone and Cable Companies Visit Sandyston Township to Inspect Their Lines in an Effort to Improve and/or Initiate Vegetation Management Plan.
4. Sandyston Township Resolution #R-29-2018, Resolution Urging the Department of Transportation to Inspect Their Right of Way on the Route 206 Corridor in Sandyston Township and Trim and Remove Dangerous Trees, Their Limbs and Branches, Debris, Trim Vegetation and Initiate a Regular Maintenance Schedule.
5. Final Equalization Table for the County of Sussex for the Year 2018.

REPORTS (ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. Health Department report for November, 2017.
2. Health Department report for December, 2017.
3. Zoning Office report for February, 2018.
4. Police Department Report for February, 2018.
5. Construction permit activity report for February, 2018.
6. Construction report for February, 2018.
7. COH report for February, 2018.
8. Municipal Court Report for February, 2018.

APPLICATIONS (APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. Application for the use of the Franklin Senior Center from Rachel Heath, Franklin Forward Alliance, for meetings on 3/28/18, 4/25/18, 5/23/18, 6/27/18, 7/25/18, 8/22/18, 9/26/18, 10/21/18, 11/28/18 and 12/26/18 from 6:00PM to 8:00PM.
2. Application for the use of the Franklin Senior Center from Joseph Hendershot, Franklin Boy Scouts for an Eagle Scout meeting on April 11, 2018 from 7:00PM to 8:30PM.
3. Application for the use of the Franklin Senior Center from Donna Vreeland, Member, Franklin Recreation Commission for a Miss America meet and greet on April 29, 2018 from 9:00AM to 6:00PM.

RESOLUTIONS (APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. Payment of bills for the meeting of March 13, 2018. (Meeting cancelled carried to March 27, 2018)
2. Payment of bills for the meeting of March 27, 2018.

Mr. Limon made a motion to approve the consent agenda of March 27, 2018. Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Postas asked for a status update on equipment inventory purchased within the Borough he requested at the last meeting. Administrator McHose commented she sent vehicle information and will gather the additional equipment information up to a threshold of \$500.00.

NEW BUSINESS CONT'D

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Mr. Limon made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes for February 27, 2018. (Absent: Snyder) Seconded by Mr. Rathbun.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Fantasia, Limon, Postas, Rathbun, Skellenger

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: Snyder

Application for Taxi License

Mr. Limon made a motion to approve the application for a taxi license to Steve Collins, Anytime Taxi for the year 2018. Seconded by Mr. Postas.

MAYOR & COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES MARCH 27, 2018

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Fantasia, Limon, Postas, Rathbun, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: Skellenger

Littell Community Center Shared Service Agreement

Mr. Limon made a motion to approve the Littell Community Center Shared Service Agreement in the sum of \$26,000.00 for a one year period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. (Agreement provided in Council packets) Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

Mr. Postas commented on the continuation of the Littell Community Center, the youth in Franklin has voiced interest in having somewhere they walk to closer to the center of town. Mr. Limon commented on the cost to Borough in conjunction with the usage. Mayor Giordano explained why the 1 year agreement and the intent to investigate other options for the future. Ms. Fantasia commented on the importance of acting sooner rather than later if we choose to make changes. A discussion continued on the Littell Community Center. Mayor Giordano stated we will discuss this again in a few months.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Resolution #2018-26

Mr. Skellenger made a motion to approve the endorsement of the original tax sales certificate for cancellation for MTGLQ Investors, LP, for the property located at 62 Washington Ave., also known as Block 1401, Lot 11. Seconded by Mr. Limon.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Tax and Water/Sewer Refunds

Mr. Skellenger made a motion to approve the following tax and water/sewer refunds as recommended by the tax collector. Seconded by Mr. Rathbun.

- A. Resolution #2018-27, 45 Munsonhurst Rd., Block 2702, Lot 17, for water/sewer overbill in the amount of \$31,897.00.
- B. Resolution #2018-28, 59 Ben Franklin Drive, Block 1101, Lot 60, for a water/sewer overbill in the amount of \$8,815.25.
- C. Resolution #2018-29, 39 Woodland Road, Block 2301, Lot 9, for property tax overbill in the amount of \$2,669.31.
- D. Resolution #2018-30, 19 Constitution Way, Block 1101, Lot 136, for property tax interest in the amount of \$44.72.
- E. Resolution #2018-31, 47 Mabie Street, Block 709, Lot 27, for a water/sewer overbill in the amount of \$2,033.61.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Resolution #2018-32

Mr. Skellenger made a motion to approve Resolution #2018-32, the Collective Negotiations Agreement with the DPW Union. (MOA included in Council Packets) Seconded by Mr. Limon.

Mayor Giordano explained Resolution #2018-32 as it refers to the MOA.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

MAYOR & COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES MARCH 27, 2018

Discussion on cell tower lease(s) analysis

Mr. Skellenger made a motion to discuss the hiring of an outside consulting firm for cell tower lease(s) analysis. Seconded by Mr. Rathbun.

Mr. Ursin explained the cell tower leases and the reductions offered from companies representing the lease holders. The reductions suggested are significant, therefore Mr. Ursin is recommending seeking a consultant that is in the business to buy, sell and negotiate cell tower leases that will provide the Borough with market information so that the Borough can properly negotiate the highest and best lease on the cell towers with the cell tower company. Mr. Limon questioned the lease end dates. Mr. Ursin explained the dates, costs and reductions. Ms. Fantasia commented this is the third attorney that has recommended the benefits of retaining a cell tower lease consultant. A discussion continued on the cell tower lease consultant. Mayor Giordano stated the Council is in agreement and requests Mr. Ursin to obtain proposals for the Council to review at the next meeting.

Mayoral Appointment

Mayor Giordano made the following appointments. All were in favor.

Planning Board

Member(Class IV) unexpired 4yr term –12/31/2021 - John Friend Sr.

Economical Development Committee

Member 1yr term – expires 12/31/2018 Debra Card

Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation

Ms. Fantasia made a motion to adopt the Proclamation proclaiming April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Seconded by Mr. Rathbun. All were in favor.

Resolution #2018-36

Ms. Fantasia made a motion to adopt resolution 2018-36 designating Alison L McHose, Borough Administrator as the Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.). Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Resolution #2018-37

Ms. Fantasia made a motion to approve resolution 2018-37 releasing a Performance Bond in the amount of \$36,523.92 for 24 Mabie Street LLC. Seconded by Mr. Snyder.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Mr. Ursin requested the Council to remake the motion and re-vote. The way it is expressed on the agenda isn't fully accurate. The total amount of the Performance Guarantees is \$365,239.20 that is made up of Letter of Credit #8050002416 from Provident Bank in the amount of \$328,715.28 and \$36,523.92 in cash. Those amounts are in the written resolution, however it is important to have the clarification when directing the Clerk to specifically reduce a Letter of Credit identified by serial number.

Mr. Limon remade a motion to approve resolution 2018-37 as stated by Mr. Ursin. Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

MAYOR & COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES MARCH 27, 2018

Part Time Planning Board Secretary/Administrative Assistant New Hire

Ms. Fantasia made a motion to approve the hiring of Michelle Babcock as part time Planning Board Secretary and Assistant to the Administrator for 27.5 hours per week at the rate of \$15.00/hr. effective April 16, 2018. Seconded by Mr. Limon.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Mayor Giordano commented he has a conflict with agenda item #17, Part Time Recreation Secretary/Administrative Assistant New Hire and recused himself.

Part Time Recreation Secretary/Administrative Assistant New Hire

Ms. Fantasia made a motion to approve the hiring of Donna Vreeland as part time Recreation Secretary and Assistant to the Administrator for 27.5 hours per week at the rate of \$15.00/hr. effective April 2, 2018. Seconded by Mr. Rathbun.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Jersey Paddle Boards Contract

Mr. Snyder made a motion to approve a one-year contract with Jersey Paddle Boards for the rental and operation of paddle boards and/or kayaks. Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

Administrator McHose explained the Borough is leasing beach space to the company, Jersey Paddle Boards will be in charge of the rental and operations of the paddle boards and kayaks.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Resolution #2018-39

Mr. Snyder made a motion to approve resolution 2018-39 authorizing the transfer of appropriations (2017 Municipal Budget) in the amount of \$1,500.00 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58/59. Seconded by Mr. Limon.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Resolution #2018-40

Mr. Snyder made a motion to adopt resolution 2018-40 requesting approval of items of revenue and appropriation NJSA 40A:4-87. The sum of \$6,600.00, is appropriated under the caption Distracted Driver Grant. Seconded by Mr. Rathbun.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

ADDENDUM

Introduction to Ordinance 03-2018

Mr. Rathbun made a motion to introduce an Ordinance #03-2018 appropriating a not to exceed sum of \$20,000.00 from reserve for improvements to sewer stations by the Borough of Franklin, in the County of Sussex, New Jersey. Seconded by Mr. Skellenger

Public Hearing will be held April 10, 2018.

Mayor Giordano commented there was a power outage at the Maple Road pump station. Upon regaining power and after inspection, it was determined one of the pumps had failed. The emergency replacement under this ordinance is necessary because we are operating under a temporary budget.

MAYOR & COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES MARCH 27, 2018

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Bob Allen, 24 Jenkins Road stepped forward. Mr. Allen commented he has someone that may be interested in speaking to the Council regarding putting in a cell tower pole. Mayor Giordano stated if he is interested in speaking before the Council that is fine.

Administrator McHose commented there is a survey on the website for the Forward Franklin Alliance, they are trying to collect data before and after for the projects funded by the grants. Administrator McHose encouraged the public to complete the survey.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

In accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, Mr. Rathbun made a motion to adjourn into closed executive session to discuss personnel and attorney client privilege matters. Motion seconded by Mr. Skellenger. All were in favor.

After meeting in closed session, the Governing Body returned to their seats at 10:00p.m. and Mayor Giordano declared the meeting to be reconvened into open public session.

Mr. Skellenger made a motion to return from executive session. Seconded by Ms. Fantasia. All were in favor.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION II

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.

Dick Durina, 23 Lozaw Road stepped forward. Mr. Durina made a suggestion to utilize the Franklin School for activities for the youth. Mr. Durina asked for a copy of the budget. Mayor Giordano commented the budget will be available in the Clerk's office starting tomorrow morning.

Joann Tatka, 151 Maple Road stepped forward. Ms. Tatka questioned if the new hires will be working from home at all or strictly in Borough Hall.

Michael Raperto, 13 South Street stepped forward. Mr. Raperto questioned the process for the 2 grant applications and if the Borough has had any progress on the hiring of a part time grant writer for the Borough. Mr. Raperto asked if we are actively seeking other grants available to the Borough.

Mr. Limon commented on the salaries for the new hires and comparisons that were done previously. Mr. Limon commented on the closing of the pond and how exciting it is to have the prospect of the pond opening again.

Ms. Fantasia commented she has the police department overtime figures for Ms. Tatka.

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items for discussion by the Mayor and Council, Mr. Limon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:10p.m. Seconded by Ms. Fantasia. All were in favor.

Nicholas Giordano, Mayor

Darlene J. Tremont, Acting Municipal Clerk