

**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
MAY 22, 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: Mr. Crabb, Ms. Fantasia, Mr. Limon, Mr. Skellenger, Mr. Snyder, and Mayor Giordano.

Absent: Mr. Postas

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."

PRESENTATIONS

At this time there was a presentation to recognize the achievement of the members of Dream Xtreme Dance by Nikki.

Ms. Fantasia read a statement. Dream Extreme Dancy by Nikki is located at 100 Route 23N, celebrating its' fifth year under the direction of Miss Nicole Primo. Ms. Fantasia explained the many achievements and awards of the Dream Extreme Dance members, many of those members placing first in various categories of numerous renowned competitions. They have also competed in national dance competitions in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland and even Disneyworld, Florida, which they plan to do again in 2019.

Ms. Fantasia presented certificates to Paiton Broda, Brooke Conklin, Lila Cunneely, Kylie Donofrio, Emily Evans, Stella Jones, Tayla Jones, Niko Karamanol, Kaylee Losco, Matthew Losco, Kristen MacMillan, Hailey Phillips, Abby Poltersdorf, Ashley Poltersdorf, Hannah Posser, Avery Riegel, Jordan Riegel, Gianna Sears, Olivia Towler, Jordyn Trinkleback and Marah Whitby who scored in the top for different dances in their categories to recognize their excellence in dance. Ms. Fantasia commented we are all proud of everyone of you and thanked them for coming tonight.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Limon commented the ordinance committee met and discussed various ordinances that are being worked on, they unanimously support the Franklin Resident Hiring Preference Ordinance that's on tonight's agenda. Mr. Limon asked about getting updated information for the next council meeting regarding reinforced grass parking. Mr. Limon stated there was an EDC meeting where they reviewed information on the Strategic Growth Planning meetings the Franklin School had. Franklin School enrollment is falling, 23% of the school population is special education, 40% is receiving free or reduced lunch or is considered economically disadvantaged. They covered Organizational Visions, Mission Statement, Global Awareness, participation with the Forward Franklin Alliance, establishing goals, objectives and action plans for the future. Mr. Limon stated there was a joint EDC meeting with Hardyston on April 12, 2018, items discussed included new businesses, eco-tourism in Sussex County and town identity using banners and signage. Mr. Limon commented EDC is waiting to hear if any decisions have been made on the possible creation of the Industrial Commission.

Mr. Snyder commented the street sweeping has begun in town. Mr. Snyder asked Administrator McHose to give an update on the past storm during her report.

Mr. Crabb congratulated the Dream Xtreme Dance by Nikki dancers, they bring great pride to Franklin Borough. Mr. Crabb commented on his first Public Utilities

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Committee meeting he attended. He is very impressed by how Mr. VanDenBroek and Michael Vreeland, Engineer handle the issues before them. Mr. Crabb commented on an old document from 1957 he was given by Ms. Tatka, her father-in-law had that ties into the Franklin Historical Commission on many minerals that are located in Franklin Borough.

Mr. Skellenger commented he attended the Public Utilities Committee meeting, in attendance were Brian VanDenBroek, Mr. Vreeland, Engineer and the Monica Miebach, CFO. Items discussed were two large outstanding water accounts, I&I repairs project, well rehab, the painting of the water tank, which will probably be held off until next year and the possibility of paving various parts of the pond area.

Ms. Fantasia commented as part of Public Safety, this week is National EMS Week, this weeks' theme is "Stronger Together". Ms. Fantasia explained how this week helps to publicize safety and to honor those who provide day to day life-saving services. Ms. Fantasia commented the Finance Committee had a capital budget meeting with Monica Miebach, CFO. They were provided a vehicle inventory list from Brian VanDenBroek. Capital Budget items for this year include, 75% for the fire truck purchased last year, radar units for police vehicles, security upgrades for multiple buildings and the Public Utilities Committee's recommendation to wait on the painting of the water tank until next year. Ms. Fantasia stated she attended the Miss Franklin Pageant. Carmella Limon was crowned Miss Franklin and will represent Franklin Borough at the Queen of the Fair Pageant. Ms. Fantasia requested the Ordinance Committee to review the sign ordinance, to help businesses place signs when property owners fail to provide them.

Administrator McHose commented one of the outstanding water accounts has been paid. Administrator McHose thanked Mr. Durina for sharing his information on the Planning Board and Zoning Board history. Administrator McHose commented she attended two Forward Franklin Alliance meetings, one was a stakeholders' meeting the other was a full committee meeting welcoming two adult affinity representatives, Sally McGrath and Shane Hrbek, two youth voting members are expected soon. Administrator McHose stated she also attended the Forward Franklin Alliance Health and Wellness Expo, Franklin Borough had a table promoting the activities of the Recreation Commission and the Borough, there were some Franklin Police Officers helping to hand out literature. Administrator McHose spoke about the hydro-raking of the pond, excavation of the beach and sand delivery, the bubbler and the concession stand being open during activities giving people access to the restrooms. Administrator McHose reminded everyone present that volunteers for the concession stand are always needed and appreciated. Administrator McHose stated the lifeguard process has started, which includes contact with the County Health Department.

Mayor Giordano requested Council to authorize Administrator McHose to hire lifeguards and aquatic supervisors. The Council unanimously agreed.

Mr. Ursin had nothing to report.

Mayor Giordano commented street sweeping will need to be completed prior to striping on Main Street, the striping at the intersection of Main Street and Mill Street will be done in conjunction with the paving of Buckwheat Road. Mayor Giordano stated there are small videos on Facebook about the pond progress and the original beach sand is now starting to show from the hydro-raking. Mayor Giordano thanked Concetto Formica for helping paint the concession stand. Mayor Giordano requested volunteers to help paint some of the other buildings at the pond. Mayor Giordano commented on power outages from the severe storm that came through our area. Mayor Giordano spoke about applications the Planning Board received from JCM Investors and Bubalo Properties. Mayor Giordano congratulated Carmella Limon on being named Miss Franklin 2018. Mayor Giordano explained the transfer of the police department Jeep to the Wallkill Valley First Aid Squad won't be able to happen at present, possibly in the future. Mayor Giordano commented the Memorial Day Parade will line up at the American Legion Post 132 at 10:45 a.m. on Monday, May 28, 2018. The name changing of Legion Road will take place on Flag Day, June 14, 2018. Mayor Giordano announced Ben Drum will be Mayor for the Day on

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Memorial Day. Mayor Giordano requested Councils' permission to set up a committee to explore the construction of a new Neighborhood House on the old Neighborhood House site. The Council unanimously agreed.

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. Ms. Tatka spoke about the lack of personnel in the tax office when tax quarter payments are due. Ms. Tatka commented on street sweeping, hydro-raking at the pond and power outages on Susquehanna Street during storms. Ms. Tatka questioned Franklin Borough as an Equal Opportunity Employer and the advertising for the two positions recently filled in Borough Hall.

Bob Hanson, 14 Junction Street, Franklin stepped forward. Mr. Hanson commented on damage to his home resulting from fallen trees from the adjacent property where the old Hungarian Church now stands. Mayor Giordano commented he will have the DPW department assess the condition of the remaining trees on that property.

Emily Bazelewich, 1 Mill Street, Franklin stepped forward. Ms. Bazelewich commented on the picnic tables at the pond and resident/non-resident requirements for swimming in the pond.

Paul Bowden, 12 Gooseberry Road, Franklin stepped forward. Mr. Bowden commented on the possibility of acquiring an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) for the pond area. Administrator McHose commented an AED has been donated.

Dawn Rowe, 140 Munsonhurst Road, Franklin, stepped forward. Ms. Rowe questioned who is responsible for repairing County roads within Franklin Borough. Mr. Crabb commented he will contact the County hot line to inform them of the issues. Ms. Rowe commented on the water puddling on Route 23 in front of the Starbucks. Ms. Rowe also commented on correct advertising for various types of open positions and the results it can bring.

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. Snyder. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

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

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 May 4, 2018 from William Szabo, Business Administrator Franklin School to Darlene Tremont in regards to FY2018 signed Certificate and Report of School Taxes.
2. Letter dated May 7, 2018 from Terry Beym, Project Manager NJDEP to Franklin Borough in regards to the FY2018 Annual Fee Report and Assessment of Fee for the New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit program.
3. Borough of Hamburg resolution in support of the campaign to change direction initiative in Sussex County to raise awareness that there can be health without mental health, provide an effective way to eliminate stigma associated with mental illness and encourage those who are affected to seek services and feel supported by their community.

REPORTS (ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. Police Department Report - April 2018.
2. Municipal Court Report – April 2018

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APPLICATIONS (APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING):

None

RESOLUTIONS (APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. Payment of bills for the meeting of May 22, 2018.

Ms. Fantasia commented there is a typo on item 3 under correspondence, should read as "there can be no heath without mental health"

Mr. Limon made a motion to approve the consent agenda of May 22, 2018 as amended by Ms. Fantasia. Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Crabb, Fantasia, Limon, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: Postas Abstentions: None

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Mr. Limon made a motion to approve the executive session meeting minutes for May 8, 2018. (Absent: None) Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Crabb, Fantasia, Limon, Skellenger

Nays: None Absent: Postas Abstentions: Snyder

Resolution 2018-48

Mr. Limon made a motion to adopt Resolution #2018-48 Postal Meter Lease with Mail Finance a Neopost USA Company in the amount of \$8,470.80 for the lease period July 1, 2018, until June 30, 2023. (Contract included in council packets) Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Crabb, Fantasia, Limon, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: Postas Abstentions: None

Resolution 2018-49

Mr. Skellenger made a motion to adopt Resolution #2018-49, authorizing the Water and Sewer Collector to remove a 2nd quarter 2018 overbill of \$114.00 from the water/sewer account for the property located at 35 Mabie Street also known as Block 703 Lot 12. Seconded by Mr. Limon

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Crabb, Fantasia, Limon, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: Postas Abstentions: None

Resolution 2018-50

Mr. Skellenger made a motion to adopt Resolution #2018-50 regarding the development of automobile dealerships along the various highway commercial zones on Route 23. Seconded by Ms. Fantasia.

Mayor Giordano explained Resolution 2018-50.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Crabb, Fantasia, Limon, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: Postas Abstentions: None

Introduction of Ordinance 05-2018

Mr. Snyder made a motion to introduce Ordinance #05-2018 entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 56 REGARDING PERSONNEL POLICIES IN THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN, COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY CREATING A FRANKLIN RESIDENT HIRING PREFERENCE". Seconded by Mr. Limon.

Public hearing will be held June 12, 2018.

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Ms. Fantasia commented she agrees with this ordinance, however are there conflicts that might affect the hiring practices of the police department. Mr. Ursin commented it would apply to all employees. Mayor Giordano commented on the scoring matrix when considering an applicant. Mr. Limon commented on residency requirements. A discussion continued on Ordinance 05-2018.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Crabb, Fantasia, Limon, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: Postas Abstentions: None

Public Employer Trust Agreement

Mr. Snyder made a motion to approve the Public Employer Trust Agreement between the Borough of Franklin and Brown and Brown Benefit Advisors for Horizon Healthcare Dental for the period of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019, addendum with coverage cost election attached. Seconded by Mr. Limon.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Crabb, Fantasia, Limon, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: Postas Abstentions: None

Discussion on Recreation Commission request letter

Mayor Giordano made a request to table the request from the Franklin Recreation Commission regarding the attached Comet Security Contract for the Franklin Carnival. Mr. Skellenger made a motion to table the Comet Security Contract upon attorney review. Seconded by Ms. Fantasia. All were in favor.

Introduction of Ordinance 06-2018

Mr. Crabb made a motion to introduce Ordinance #06-2018 entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 119 OF THE BOROUGH CODE ENTITLED "FEES". Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

Public hearing will be held June 12, 2018.

Ms. Fantasia recommended lowering the fees for the badges for swimming at the pond, the demographics doesn't seem to fit the fee schedule as presented.

Mayor Giordano explained the established recreation fees and the comparisons to other surrounding towns.

Mr. Crabb read the fees currently listed in Ordinance 06-2018. Mr. Crabb commented on other ways the Borough will be able to make money with other improvements at the pond area to offset some of the new expenses incurred. Mr. Crabb stated the first year will be a learning year.

Administrator McHose commented on limitations related to swimming at the pond. A discussion continued on Ordinance 06-2018.

Ms. Fantasia made a motion to amend the fees in Ordinance 06-2018 as follows. Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

Family resident of 5 - \$100

Additional family members in same household - \$20

Single resident season pass - \$25

Resident Senior Citizen - \$25

Daily resident wrist band - \$5

Daily non-resident (accompanied by a Franklin resident) wrist band - \$10

Daily resident senior citizen wrist band - \$3

Children age 3 and under – Free

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Crabb, Fantasia, Limon, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: Postas Abstentions: None

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Ordinance 06-2018 as amended

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Crabb, Fantasia, Limon, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: Postas Abstentions: None

Ms. Fantasia made a motion to waive the beach fees on opening day, June 30, 2018 as per capacity limits. Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Crabb, Fantasia, Limon, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: Postas Abstentions: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

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 Mr. Snyder. All were in favor.

Dick Durina, 23 Lozaw Road, Franklin stepped forward. Mr. Durina commented on his meeting with Administrator McHose discussing politics and advertising for open positions in the Borough. Mr. Durina read the original NJ Herald advertisements for the 2 advertised open positions in 2017. Mr. Durina commented on EOE.

Mayor Giordano commented Franklin Borough will review its hiring practices and will ensure to make changes as needed.

Administrator McHose explained meetings she had with the personnel committee discussing the combining of the Planning Board Secretary, Recreation Secretary and Administrator's Assistant positions into 2 part time positions.

Mr. Durina commented years ago he spent many hours swimming at the pond, he would like to suggest no fees to be charged this year. Mr. Durina commented on the numerous water testings done at the pond now and in the past.

Joann Tatka, 151 Maple Road, Franklin stepped forward. Ms. Tatka questioned whether or not the paddleboard charges are separate from the beach fees. Mayor Giordano explained the charges. Ms. Tatka cautioned waiving all fees.

Mike Raperto, 13 South Street, Franklin stepped forward. Mr. Raperto commented on ages of swimmers being accompanied by adults, rules and regulations enforcements.

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. Snyder. All were in favor.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS

Mr. Crabb congratulated Carmella Limon on being named Miss Franklin.

Mr. Limon commented on age restrictions for swimmers at the pond.

Ms. Fantasia commented recreation did a great job on the pageant, it has come a long way with much improvement. Ms. Fantasia commented Franklin Borough values the hard work the Recreation Commission has put into the opening of the pond, the changes the council made tonight should in no way diminish that.

Mayor Giordano agreed with Ms. Fantasia stating none of this would be possible without the Recreation Commission, starting with the carnival, then the pond and possibly a new neighborhood house.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items for discussion by the Mayor and Council, Mr. Limon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55p.m., seconded by Mr. Skellenger. All were in favor.

Nicholas Giordano, Mayor

Darlene J. Tremont, Acting Municipal Clerk