

**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
JULY 21, 2020**

This meeting is being held through a virtual meeting platform called ZOOM. The public has been notified and instructed on how to join the meeting and participate during the public session.

Mayor Sowden 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. Formica, Mr. Limon, Mr. Postas, Mr. Skellenger, Mr. Zydon and Mayor Sowden.

Absent: Snyder

Mayor Sowden led the assembly in the flag salute.

Mayor Sowden 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, 2020, and posted on the Borough website, which adequate notice has been certified by the Clerk."

PRESENTATIONS

Thomas Ferry, Borough Auditor was granted permission to join the meeting. Mr. Ferry referred to the CY2020 Budget pamphlet he provided to the Mayor and Council and explained each page in detail. Mr. Ferry commented page 2 is an analysis of the 2020 net value of taxation and the 2019 net value of taxation showing a large decrease in net valuation taxable of \$2,294,417.00 which is the assessed value of all the property in Franklin. We like to have ratables because it spreads out the rate of our taxes, this isn't dramatic but it was a big hit. There was a total increase of .95% in 2020 or one tax point. That one tax point for Franklin is \$39,555.28, that basically equates to \$10 on a \$100,000 assessed value home, \$20 on a 200,000 assessed value home and so on per year. Page 3 is an analysis of revenue also showing a comparison between 2019 and 2020. Page 5 is the analysis of the budget appropriations between 2019 and 2020. Mr. Ferry explained the process when calculating the reserve for uncollected taxes. The Borough used a 3-year average to adjust the 2019 tax collection rate to help get us get a little lower so we didn't have to raise any more money than necessary. The 5-year analysis of tax rate shows the Borough has remained fairly steady for the past 4 years and that averages out to be approximately 1%. In the year 2020 the tax collection rate and revenues didn't come in as expected that contributed to an increase of 5 tax points. It is important to remember the Municipal portion of the tax increase is approximately only 31%. The water/sewer budget increased by 2.48%. The average house in 2020 is assessed at \$174,088, the bottom line is a tax increase on that average house on the municipal portion only is \$89.66 and the taxes on that house is \$2,135. Mr. Ferry also commented the Borough wasn't self-examed this year, every 3 years the budget is reviewed by the state and they approved our budget this year.

Mr. Ferry informed everyone that a budget amendment was done to decrease the PERS in the amount of \$16,000 and increasing the Social Security in the same amount as requested by the state and because it stayed within the parameters there is no requirement to hold a public hearing or place a notice in the paper.

Mr. Ferry explained the procedure to follow to adopt the amendment to the budget and then to adopt the amended budget.

Public Hearing on the CY2020 Municipal Budget

Mr. Skellenger made a motion to open to the public CY2020 Municipal Budget. Seconded by Mr. Postas.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Formica, Limon, Postas, Skellenger, Zydon

Nays: None Absent: Snyder Abstentions: None

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Mayor Sowden directed anyone who wished to address the Governing Body to use either the "raise your hand" or dial *9 option to join.

Dawne Rowe, 140 Munsonhurst Road, Franklin, was granted permission to join the meeting after raising her hand. Ms. Rowe commented it is her understanding that if there is an adjustment made to the budget within certain parameters there is no requirement to notice the public or hold a public hearing.

Mr. Ferry replied that is correct.

Martin Tobias, 44 Mabie Street, Franklin, was granted permission to join the meeting after raising his hand. Mr. Tobias questioned if the taxes are increasing or staying steady and if we know what the school budget numbers are yet.

Mr. Ferry replied approximately the municipal tax portion is increasing, \$50 on a home assessed at \$100,000. The school budget numbers are also increasing approximately the same as the municipal portion.

There being no one else present who wished to address the Governing Body, Mr. Postas made a motion to close to the public CY2020 Municipal Budget. Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Formica, Limon, Postas, Skellenger, Zydon

Nays: None Absent: Snyder Abstentions: None

Resolution #2020-43

Mr. Postas made a motion to introduce and adopt resolution 2020-43 to amend the CY2020 Municipal Budget. Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Formica, Limon, Postas, Skellenger, Zydon

Nays: None Absent: Snyder Abstentions: None

Resolution #2020-47

Mr. Limon made a motion to adopt the amended CY2020 budget resolution 2020-47. Seconded by Mr. Postas.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Formica, Limon, Postas, Skellenger, Zydon

Nays: None Absent: Snyder Abstentions: None

Mayor Sowden commented the Finance Committee, Debbie Bonanno and Tom Ferry did a great job on the budget this year with all the issues we faced.

Christina Marks, Coordinator for the Congregate Nutrition Program for the County Division of Senior Services was granted permission to join the meeting. Ms. Marks commented the County Congregate Nutrition Program is a shared service program with 3 towns consisting of Vernon, Hopatcong and Franklin, providing socialization and nutrition to those seniors 60 years and older within the County. Ms. Marks explained the many benefits the program provides to the participants under normal circumstances as well as through the pandemic. We must follow all regulations, licensing laws and ordinances under the NJ State Standards for the Nutrition Program for Older Americans. Ms. Marks commented the Franklin site participants have risen since prior years, in 2020 the average participants are primarily from Franklin with a few attending that are from Hamburg Borough. Indoor dining has been suspended due to the pandemic but there are some who still need our services, so we have been delivering frozen meals to 10 individuals in Franklin needing those services. We have started to offer a grab and go pick up at our Hopatcong and Vernon sites and have been notified by individuals in Franklin that would be interested and benefit from that service.

Mayor Sowden questioned how this compared to the Meals on Wheels program.

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Ms. Marks commented the Meals on Wheels program is run through Catholic Charities through the nutrition program and explained the requirements and differences of both programs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Limon had nothing to report.

Mr. Postas reported the public works meeting took place last week and the rehab of Well "A" should be starting in October. The painting of the water tower is still on hold because we are waiting to find out who will be responsible for the removal and replacement of the cell towers that are on it. We are going out to bid again for the paving of Susquehanna Street, Paddock Road and Newton Street. We are also hoping to start the paving of Mitchell Avenue sometime in September 2020.

Mr. Formica reported Buildings and Grounds is looking into equipment needs. One issue we are looking into are the A/C units on the roof of Borough Hall. We are also looking at finishing up projects that are still open around town. The Finance Committee is looking into strategies for large cost items for the future. We will start planning out next year's budget to get a jump on things to help make them move more smoothly.

Mr. Skellenger reported at the Recreation meeting a movie screen was approved for purchase. However, we didn't have to purchase it because it was donated to us by Bill Elle, owner of Brick N Brew. The Senior of the Year has been chosen but we are still working out details on how to move forward with that since we weren't able to have the Spring Fling in April.

Mr. Zydon reported the Ordinance Committee met including the Zoning Officer, Debbie Card and we discussed abandon property maintenance issues, landlord registration issues and a request from the Recreation Committee to have pets allowed at the pond.

Ms. Bonanno reported so far since the pond opened on July 2nd there has been an average of 25 to 30 residents using the pond each day it's open. We are moving forward with our "citizen engagement" where residents can text a phone number in order to get additional information. There will also be a link placed on our website where residents can make service requests directly through that link. We also have on the agenda tonight a contract for electronic recycling that if approved by Council will be available to our residents beginning in August. Lastly, a reminder has been sent out to residents that dog and cat license renewals are due.

Clerk Tremont had nothing to report.

Mr. Ursin had nothing to report.

Mayor Sowden commented he is pleased with the attendance at the pond. Mayor Sowden reported as of this evening the COVID-19 positive cases in Franklin Borough have stayed steady at 47 and deaths are 2. Mayor Sowden informed the Council that the Franklin/Ogdensburg Mineralogical Society would like to move forward with their mineral show on September 26 and 27, 2020 at the Franklin Fire Park. The indoor show would take place at the Fire House if possible. This is of course if there are no flare ups with the pandemic. Mayor Sowden requested comments or concerns from the Council.

Mr. Postas commented he supports this. It's very beneficial not only to the town but also bringing it back to the Fire House. We [the town] need to do this especially this year.

Mr. Formica commented he supports this as long as all CDC guidelines are able to be followed and no spike in [COVID-19] cases.

Mayor Sowden also requested if the Council had any objections to the Girl Scout Town Wide Garage Sale being held on September 19, 2020. They had to cancel the

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normal scheduled date in April as we all know because of the pandemic. He has reminded them that all guidelines must be followed and if there are any spike in cases it will have to be cancelled and postponed to 2021.

Mr. Postas commented again it is important to support those who are planning fundraisers just as we have tried to support our businesses.

The Council had no objections and were in favor of both requests provided the certain criteria as stated is followed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Sowden requested that all persons present review the consent agenda and offer any comments they may have at this time regarding the consent agenda.

Mr. Zydon requested resolution 2020-46 be removed from the consent agenda and voted on separately.

Mayor Sowden requested resolution 2020-45 be removed from the consent agenda and voted on separately as recommended by Mr. Ursin.

CORRESPONDENCE (ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING ONLY OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. Township of West Milford resolution 2020-216 supporting high speed internet accessibility.
2. Letter dated July 13, 2020, from Colleen Little, Deputy Clerk regarding 2020 dog license renewals.

REPORTS (ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. Construction Permit Activity Report – June 2020
2. COH Report – June 2020
3. Construction Report – June 2020
4. Franklin Police Department Report – June 2020
5. St. Clare's Response Report – June 2020
6. Franklin Municipal Court Report – June 2020

APPLICATIONS (APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. Application for a Catering Permit
Approval of the application for a catering permit submitted by the In Thyme Food Service, LLC, premises for the catering permit is 137 Buckwheat Road, Franklin on August 7, 2020, and authorize the clerk to endorse the application.
2. Application for a Social Affair Permit
Approval of the application for a social affair permit submitted by Branchville Rotary Foundation, Inc., premises for the social affair permit is Franklin Fireman's Pavilion, 137 Buckwheat Road, Franklin on August 30, 2020, and authorize the clerk to endorse the application.

RESOLUTIONS (APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. Resolution #2020-44
Approval to adopt resolution 2020-44 approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Evans Street resurfacing project.
2. Resolution #2020-45 (This item was removed from the consent agenda)
Approval to adopt resolution 2020-45 approving the LOSAP qualification list and authorizing contributions for qualifying members of the Franklin Fire Department and the Wallkill Valley First Aid Squad.
3. Resolution #2020-46 (This item was removed from the consent agenda)
Approval to adopt resolution 2020-46 authorizing assignment of tax sale certificate #2018-005 to NJSL 301, LLC for the property located at 341 Rutherford Ave, also known as Block 607, Lot 26 and authorize the Mayor and Administrator endorse the necessary assignment document.
4. Resolution #2020-48
Approval to adopt resolution 2020-48 expressing opposition to the legalization of recreational marijuana by the State of New Jersey.

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5. Resolution #2020-50

Approval to adopt resolution 2020-50 authorizing the Borough Clerk to renew the following liquor licenses for the 2020-2021 licensing term.

1906-32-013-008 Franklin 897 LLC. T/A Shop Rite Wines and Spirits

1906-44-003-010 Jersey Innovative Investments. T/A Wind Grand

1906-44-006-006 MINDIP LLC. T/A The Right Bottle

1906-44-007-007 WC Franklin LLC. T/A Wine Country Franklin

6. Resolution #2020-51

Approval to adopt resolution 2020-51 authorizing an increase in the bid threshold for the award of public contracts from \$40,000 to \$44,000.

7. Payment of bills for the meeting of July 21, 2020.

Mr. Postas made a motion to approve the consent agenda of July 21, 2020 with the removal of resolution 2020-45 and resolution 2020-46. Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Formica, Limon, Postas, Skellenger, Zydon

Nays: None Absent: Snyder Abstentions: None

Resolution #2020-45

Mr. Postas made a motion to adopt resolution 2020-45 approving the LOSAP qualification list and authorizing contributions for qualifying members of the Franklin Fire Department and the Walkkill Valley First Aid Squad. Seconded by Mr. Formica.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Formica, Postas, Skellenger, Zydon

Nays: None Absent: Snyder Abstentions: Limon

Resolution #2020-46

Mr. Formica made a motion to adopt resolution 2020-46 authorizing assignment of tax sale certificate #2018-005 to NJSL 301, LLC for the property located at 341 Rutherford Ave, also known as Block 607, Lot 26 and authorize the Mayor and Administrator endorse the necessary assignment document. Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Formica, Limon, Skellenger

Nays: None Absent: Snyder Abstentions: Postas, Zydon

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Postas thanked Christina Marks for her presentation, it shows there is a real need for this program. Mr. Postas also commented on the costs to the town, taxes paid by seniors, socialization and rumors that have been going around. Mr. Postas stated we have many seniors who are lifelong residents, we need to give assurances we won't pull the rug out from under them and he will never support closing the Senior Center or shutting down the nutrition program.

Mr. Limon commented on staffing issues during the pandemic.

Mr. Skellenger commented he also would never support cutting the nutrition program or the closing of the Senior Center. We should be bringing this [the program] back.

Mr. Formica commented on bringing back all the staff but modifying the program to accommodate what can be provided at this time.

Mr. Postas questioned if it is necessary to bring all staff back if we are only able to do the grab and go program.

Christina Marks commented it is up to the town and explained the type of staffing needed.

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Mayor Sowden recommended having Christina Marks and Debbie Bonanno discuss what will be needed in order to move forward.

Christina Marks commented on how eating meals outdoors are handled, stating that the seniors are aware that they can eat there, however no specific cleaning is done and they are eating together at their own risk. Ms. Marks also commented in the interim the County can help with extra coverage if an employee calls out.

Mr. Postas commented we must do this soon to put the rumors to rest.

Ms. Bonanno commented she and Ms. Marks will work together to move this along quickly.

Mr. Limon commented on the possibility to have the next tax quarter payment due date extended as we did before.

Mr. Ursin explained that the only way we could approve another extension of the tax quarter payment grace period would be through an executive order from the Governor's office.

Mr. Postas requested what the numbers were of the residents who took advantage of the tax payment extension.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Mr. Postas made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes and executive session meeting minutes for June 23, 2020. (Absent: None) Seconded by Mr. Formica.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Formica, Limon, Postas, Skellenger, Zydon

Nays: None Absent: Snyder Abstentions: None

Resolution 2020-49

Mr. Skellenger made a motion to adopt resolution 2020-49 to Join (renew) the Statewide Insurance Fund for the period of three years with the effective dates from January 1, 2021 to January 1, 2024. Seconded by Mr. Limon.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Formica, Limon, Postas, Skellenger, Zydon

Nays: None Absent: Snyder Abstentions: None

Statewide Insurance Fund Indemnity & Trust Agreement

Mr. Zydon made a motion to approve the Statewide Insurance Fund Indemnity and Trust Agreement for the Borough of Franklin continuing membership until January 1, 2024. Seconded by Mr. Postas.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Formica, Limon, Postas, Skellenger, Zydon

Nays: None Absent: Snyder Abstentions: None

Introduction of Ordinance #06-2020

Mr. Zydon made a motion to introduce ordinance 06-2020 entitled "BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$476,480, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$286,406 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH, FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY". Seconded by Mr. Postas.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Formica, Limon, Postas, Skellenger, Zydon

Nays: None Absent: Snyder Abstentions: None

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Mayor Sowden announced the Public Hearing on this [ordinance 06-2020] will be held on August 18, 2020.

Introduction of Ordinance #07-2020

Mr. Zydon made a motion to introduce ordinance 07-2020 entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE AUCTION OF PUBLIC PROPERTIES OWNED BY THE BOROUGH AND NO LONGER REQUIRED FOR PUBLIC USE". Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Formica, Limon, Postas, Skellenger, Zydon

Nays: None Absent: Snyder Abstentions: None

Public Hearing will be held on August 18, 2020.

Shared Service Agreement for Deer Carcass Removal

Mr. Formica made a motion to approve the Shared Service Agreement through December 31, 2021, between Space Wild Animal Farm Inc. and the Borough of Franklin for deer carcass removal from Municipal road rights-of-way at the current 2020 rate of \$31.00 per deer. Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Formica, Limon, Postas, Skellenger, Zydon

Nays: None Absent: Snyder Abstentions: None

Resolution #2020-52

Mr. Zydon made a motion to adopt resolution 2020-52 authorizing the retainer of an auctioneer for the sale of certain land and property no longer needed for public use. Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

Mr. Ursin explained ordinance 07-2020 and resolution 2020-52 stating these services are at no cost to the Borough.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Formica, Limon, Postas, Skellenger, Zydon

Nays: None Absent: Snyder Abstentions: None

Release of Performance Bond

Mr. Postas made a motion to authorize the release of a performance bond in the amount of \$6,000 to Hudd Environmental Services as recommended by Thomas Knutelsky, Borough Engineer. (letter of recommendation provided in Council packets) Seconded by Mr. Limon.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Formica, Limon, Postas, Skellenger, Zydon

Nays: None Absent: Snyder Abstentions: None

Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement with the County of Sussex

Mr. Skellenger made a motion to approve the Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement between the County of Sussex and Franklin Borough to provide services in emergency situations through December 31, 2023. Seconded by Mr. Limon.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Formica, Limon, Postas, Skellenger, Zydon

Nays: None Absent: Snyder Abstentions: None

Mr. Limon questioned why we needed this agreement; we already contact them when we need them.

Mr. Ursin commented the agreement is memorializing that every town in the County has uniformly agreed to have mutual aid with each other and with the County. Even though this is something we already do, the agreement is a way to confirm that.

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Greenchip Proposal of Services

Mr. Limon made a motion to approve the proposal of services from Greenchip E-waste and ITAD Solutions for electronic waste recycling services. Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

Ms. Bonanno commented the company will place a container at the DPW garage where residents or non-residents can dispose of their electronic waste during the hours that the road department is open Monday thru Friday. The Borough will be paid for certain types of waste that is disposed of which could potentially generate a small revenue to us. There is no cost to the Borough for these services.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Formica, Limon, Postas, Skellenger, Zydon

Nays: None Absent: Snyder Abstentions: None

Discussion on the approval of the Developer's Agreement for "Miner's Cove"

At this time there was a discussion on the approval of the Developer's Agreement for "Miner's Cove".

Mr. Ursin commented there have been three developers for Miner's Cove and gave a brief description of them. The third developer who has purchased Miner's Cove seem to be very motivated and are eager to move forward. We did the developers agreement with the input of all professionals and department heads. The developer has reviewed this document and they approve.

Mr. Limon made a motion to approve the Developer's Agreement for "Miner's Cove". Seconded by Mr. Postas.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Formica, Limon, Postas, Skellenger, Zydon

Nays: None Absent: Snyder Abstentions: None

Discussion on Zoning Officer Memo re: Outdoor Dining Parameters

At this time there was a discussion on the zoning officer memo re: outdoor dining parameters.

Mr. Ursin commented on how the Council previously expedited the approval of outdoor dining parameters and giving approval to the Zoning Officer to use her best judgement when dealing with those businesses interested in implementing outdoor dining. During her interactions with those businesses the Zoning Officer has developed a list of guidelines that she has been using. Mr. Ursin explained the importance of approving a formal set of guidelines the Council will be comfortable with that the Zoning Officer can follow.

Mr. Zydon commented Debbie Card has discussed her observations and interactions she's had with the businesses during our ordinance committee meeting. We need to do this so she can do her job and give these people [businesses] a chance.

Mr. Postas commented he believes she [Debbie Card] is looking out for both the town's and the business owner's best interest. We should let her continue to do the work she's doing.

Mr. Limon commented his only concern is that we don't want to make it difficult for the businesses. Hopefully this will be over soon but we want everyone to be safe.

Mr. Skellenger commented on liability concerns.

Mr. Ursin commented since this is a temporary program he would suggest if the Council is in agreement with the guidelines, they should make a motion to indicate that. This will be a continuation of the previous resolution and the Zoning Officer will know where she stands moving forward.

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Mr. Postas commented this will give the Zoning Officer a formal set of guidelines she can follow and take to the businesses.

A discussion continued on the guidelines and parameters for outdoor dining.

Mr. Skellenger made a motion that the Council is in agreement with the guidelines for outdoor dining as listed in the Zoning Officer's memo. Seconded by Mr. Postas.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Formica, Postas, Skellenger, Zydon

Nays: Limon Absent: Snyder Abstentions: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session for this meeting.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

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

Joanne Tatka, 151 Maple Road, Franklin was granted permission to join the meeting after raising her hand. Ms. Tatka commented on the total cost for the LOSAP qualification list, the amount of dog and/or cat licenses that were still expected to be renewed, the nutrition program and how the Senior Center is used and by whom and the water testing results for the pond. Ms. Tatka also commented she would like to close the meeting with our motto in Franklin, "Senior Lives Matter".

Martin Tobias, 44 Mabie Street, Franklin was granted permission to join the meeting after raising his hand. Mr. Tobias commented on schools opening, the Municipal building fully opening and when, concerns on conditions around other parts of the Country that are negative to churches, the impacts if any, to Franklin Borough with the sale of the Littell Center and if the Council would be able to make a statement in support of the police department to help boost their moral.

Mayor Sowden commented there are many issues related to opening schools and there are no guarantees. The Franklin Police Department do an excellent job and the Mayor and Council do support them. There have been light discussions regarding additional activities for the seniors at the Senior Center now that the Littell Center has sold. Lastly, there have been no concerns in Franklin Borough on the need for protection of our statues, churches, etc.

Dawne Rowe, 140 Munsonhurst Road, Franklin was granted permission to join the meeting after raising her hand. Ms. Rowe commented on a problem with the excessive use of fireworks in the town. Ms. Rowe requested enforcing the noise ordinances that the town has and also if the Ordinance Committee would consider re-visiting the jake-brake ordinance.

Sharon Jacobovitz, 293 Corkhill Road, Franklin was granted permission to join the meeting after raising her hand. Ms. Jacobovitz commented on a problem she has with an easement on her property. She has found out that she is land locked and would like to know who can help resolve the issue.

Mr. Ursin commented he can try to help if she would provide a survey and title work that he can review and will respond quickly.

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

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS

Mr. Zydon commented the changes made to the sandwich sign ordinance is being well received by the business owners.

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Mr. Limon commented he learned something new tonight that easements are handled through the County. Mr. Limon also commented he was very happy to see information about the text notifications on the Franklin website. Mr. Limon stated it is a great thing for the residents.

Ms. Bonanno clarified it is through the "Citizen Engagement Program" that is part of the work order management system. We will continue to update information.

Mayor Sowden commented the Planning Board met last night approving 2 zoning amendments. One regulation is for trailers, RV's and similar equipment in residential zones and the other regulation is for fences in both residential and non-residential zones, these will be coming up at the August meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items for discussion by the Mayor and Council, Mr. Skellenger made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:02p.m., seconded by Mr. Limon. All were in favor.

John M. Sowden IV, Mayor

Darlene J. Tremont, Municipal Clerk