

**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  
FEBRUARY 9, 2021**

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.

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. Snyder, Mr. Zydon and Mayor Sowden.

Absent: None

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 6, 2021, and posted on the Borough website, which adequate notice has been certified by the Clerk."

**PRESENTATIONS**

There were no presentations scheduled for this evening.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Postas had nothing to report.

Mr. Snyder had nothing to report.

Mr. Formica reported he met with Steve a representative from another electrical company and they went around to all the Borough buildings so that he can provide estimates to possibly upgrade to LED lighting. The estimates will be per building for both labor and material and also for just material. Once all estimates are received, he will schedule a meeting with Buildings and Grounds to compile a list of what needs to be done and prioritize those items.

Mr. Skellenger had nothing to report. Mr. Skellenger thanked the Mayor for appointing Darlene [Pallay] to the Recreation Committee tonight.

Mr. Zydon reported there was a Public Safety meeting, we gave out the responsibilities to the other members of the committee. Mr. Postas will be handling other avenues of funding. Mr. Zydon contacted the Police Chief and the First Aid Squad for vehicle specifications.

Mr. Limon reported there will be an Ordinance Committee meeting next Monday and he will also will be trying to set up a Public Works Committee meeting with Brian VanDenBroek. The McCann Street project has been delayed due to the weather.

Clerk Tremont had nothing to report.

Administrator Bonanno had nothing to report.

Mr. Ursin had nothing to report.

Mayor Sowden commented the DPW did a great job during the snow storm. We [Council] will be working on an ordinance with the Planning Board for Stormwater and Flood Control for the Borough of Franklin.

**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.

## **MAYOR & COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 9, 2021**

### **CORRESPONDENCE** (ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING ONLY OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. Resolution from the Board of County Commissioners Re: 2021 Board of County Commissioners Municipal Liaisons.
2. Introduction of Borough of Ogdensburg Ordinance 01-2021 amending and supplementing chapter 30 of the borough code entitled "land development" to provide standard and regulations for keeping fowl.
3. Introduction of Borough of Ogdensburg Ordinance 02-2021 amending and supplementing chapter 30 of the borough code entitled "land development" relating to the borough's BC Borough Center District.
4. Introduction of Borough of Ogdensburg Ordinance 03-2021 amending and modifying chapter 30 "land development", section 201 "definitions", and section 502.1 "stormwater management", of the Borough of Ogdensburg.

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

1. Board of Health Report – December 2020

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

1. None filed.

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

1. Resolution 2021-19  
Approval to adopt resolution 2021-19 appointing Glenn T. Gavan as Municipal Court Judge for a 3-yr. term, expiring on 12/31/2023.
2. Payment of bills for the meeting of February 9, 2021.

Mr. Limon made a motion to approve the consent agenda of February 9, 2021. Seconded by Mr. Formica.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Formica, Limon, Postas, Skellenger, Snyder, Zydon

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 for January 26, 2021. (Absent: Postas) Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Formica, Limon, Skellenger, Snyder, Zydon

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: Postas

#### Animal Control Officer Shared Service Agreement

Mr. Zydon made a motion to approve the Shared Service Agreement between Vernon Township and the Borough of Franklin for the services of Animal Control Officer from April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2024, starting fee is \$13,000.00 for 2021, \$13,250.00 for 2022 and \$13,500.00 for 2023. (Agreement provided in council packet) Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Formica, Limon, Postas, Skellenger, Snyder, Zydon

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

#### Resolution 2021-18

Mr. Limon made a motion to adopt resolution 2021-18 releasing the maintenance bond for G.S. Realty Corp./Estelle Manor, Block 38.01, Lots 17-21 and Block 38, Lot 11.05. (Thomas Knutelsky, Borough Engineer letter of recommendation dated January 21, 2021, provided in the Council packets.) Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Formica, Limon, Postas, Skellenger, Snyder, Zydon

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

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### **Adopt Ordinance #01-2021**

Mr. Postas made a motion to adopt Ordinance 01-2021 entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY MODIFYING CHAPTER 10 CREATING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE". Seconded by Mr. Formica.

**Prior to final roll call Mayor Sowden requested a motion to open the meeting to the public for any comments regarding Ordinance 01-2021.**

Mr. Formica made a motion to open to the public ordinance 01-2021.

Administrator Bonanno directed anyone who wished to address the Governing Body to raise their hand.

No one from the public raised their hand.

Mr. Zydon made a motion to close to the public ordinance 01-2021. Seconded by Mr. Skellenger. All were in favor

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Formica, Limon, Postas, Skellenger, Snyder, Zydon

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

### **Introduction of Ordinance #02-2021**

Mr. Limon made a motion to introduce Ordinance 02-2021 entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 161 "LAND DEVELOPMENT" ARTICLE IX STORMWATER AND FLOODING CONTROLS OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN CODE". Seconded by Mr. Formica.

**Public Hearing will be held on March 9, 2021.**

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Formica, Limon, Postas, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: Zydon Absent: None Abstentions: None

### **Mayoral Appointment**

Mayor Sowden made the following appointment.

#### **Recreation Committee**

Darlene Pallay      Member (3-yr. unexpired term)      expires 12/31/2022

Mr. Skellenger made a motion to confirm the Mayor's appointment. Seconded by Mr. Formica.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Formica, Limon, Postas, Skellenger, Snyder, Zydon

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

### **Pandemic Related Outdoor Seating Authorization for Restaurants**

Mr. Skellenger made a motion to extend the pandemic related outdoor seating authorization for restaurants for 30 days. Seconded by Mr. Zydon.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Formica, Limon, Postas, Skellenger, Snyder, Zydon

Nays: None Absent: None 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 Mr. Postas. All were in favor.

Administrator Bonanno directed anyone who wished to address the Governing Body to raise their hand.

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

**MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS**

There were no miscellaneous comments

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further items for discussion by the Mayor and Council, Mr. Zydon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m., seconded by Mr. Skellenger. All were in favor.

John M. Sowden IV, Mayor

Darlene J. Tremont, Municipal Clerk