

REGULAR AGENDA
FOR THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN,
HELD AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 46 MAIN STREET
FRANKLIN, NEW JERSEY AT 7:00 P.M. ON
JUNE 25, 2024

- A. **Mayor Sowden** will call the meeting to order; Clerk will call the roll.
- B. **Mayor Sowden** will invite all present to salute the flag.
- C. **Mayor Sowden** will state that "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 7, 2024, and posted on the Borough website, which adequate notice has been certified by the Clerk."
- D. **PRESENTATIONS**
There are no presentations this evening.
- E. **COMMITTEE REPORTS: Mayor Sowden** will allow each member of the Council, Borough Administrator, Borough Clerk, and Borough Attorney to present their respective committee report.

Mayor Sowden will offer the Mayor's Report.

- F. **OPEN PUBLIC SESSION: Mayor Sowden** will request a motion to open the meeting to the public, for any questions or comments concerning the good and welfare of the Borough. **All comments should be directed to the Mayor and kept to a 3-minute maximum per person.**

After giving all persons present an opportunity to address the Governing Body, **Mayor Sowden** will request a motion to close the meeting to the public and return to the regular order of business.

- G. **CONSENT AGENDA: Mayor Sowden** will request that all persons present review the consent agenda. If any member of the Council or public wishes an item on the consent agenda to be discussed and considered separately, a motion to this effect shall so be made, at this time.

After all persons have had an opportunity to review the consent agenda and offer requests for changes, Mayor Sowden will request a motion to approve the consent agenda.

- H. **OLD BUSINESS:**

- I. **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Approval of the Minutes** for the regular meeting minutes for June 11, 2024. (Absent: None)
2. **Resolution 2024-76** awarding contract for road resurfacing of Catlin Road, Wyker Road, Rowe Place and Junction Street through the Morris County Co-op.
3. **Resolution 2024-77** authorizing the award of a required disclosure contract with Reiner Pump Systems, Inc for the Department of Public Works in the amount not to exceed \$23,960.00.
4. **Resolution 2024-78** to accept project as complete for Hemlock Drive project.

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5. Resolution #2024-79 authorizing the award of Hemlock, Catlin and Junction Road improvements bid to Cedar Contracting.
6. Resolution #2024-80 authorizing a refund for a disabled veteran on Block 1101 Lot 14 Qual C01013 in the amount of \$258.46.
7. Discussion on the purchase of a street sweeper

J. EXECUTIVE SESSION – IF REQUESTED

Mayor Sowden will request a motion to adopt a resolution to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss certain items excluded from the public.

- Contract Negotiations

THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT ALLOWS THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC FROM A PORTION OF A MEETING IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN, THAT THE PUBLIC SHALL BE EXCLUDED FROM DISCUSSION OF MATTERS ALLOWED BY NEW JERSEY LAW.

THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES WILL BE PLACED ON FILE IN THE BOROUGH CLERK'S OFFICE, AND WILL BE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AS PROVIDED FOR BY NEW JERSEY LAW.

Be further advised this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

- K. MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS: **Mayor Sowden** will allow each member of the Governing Body to offer any miscellaneous comments which they may have at this time.
- L. ADJOURNMENT: **Mayor Sowden** will request a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**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
JUNE 11, 2024**

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, Mrs. Heath, Mr. Limon, Mr. Skellenger, Mr. Snyder and Mayor Sowden.

Absent: None

Mayor Sowden led the assembly in the flag salute. Mayor Sowden requested a moment of silence for Robert Dabinett, former councilman, who recently passed away.

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 7, 2024, and posted on the Borough website, which adequate notice has been certified by the Clerk."

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations for tonight's meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Heath commented that the recreation bus trip to the casino is almost sold out, the Yankee game bus trip scheduled for September 28, 2024 is half sold out, Miss Franklin pageant is June 28, 2024 at the Senior Center at 7pm, there will be a pond side market before Franklinite at 12pm on June 29, 2024, National Night out is August 6, 2024 and fishing derby is October 12, 2024 at 8am.

Mr. Skellenger had nothing to report.

Mr. Formica commented that the Franklin Borough received a \$77,000 local recreation improvement grant and the Fire Department received a rescue plan fire fighter grant in the amount of \$60,000.

Mr. Limon commented that the road and buildings and grounds subcommittee will be having a meeting soon. We received a road mower quote and street sweeper quote.

Mr. Snyder had nothing to report.

Mrs. Tremont had nothing to report.

Mr. Ursin had nothing to report.

Mayor Sowden had nothing to report.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. Formica 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.

Mrs. Joanne Tatka stepped forward. Mrs. Tatka asked if there was any comment on the police accident from two weeks ago. Mrs. Tatka commented about the purchasing of 2 new Tahoe's for the Police department, the police department promotion and asked if the new police officer is a Franklin resident.

Mr. Leonard Helmstetter stepped forward. Mr. Helmstetter asked about the property maintenance ordinance and how it is being enforced.

Ms. Rene Zierold stepped forward. Ms. Zierold commented on the proposed development of 500 units on Main Street, how would the development effect the environment and what kind of an impact would it have on the asphalt, what impact would this development have on the landfill, how would this development affect the

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capacity of the wells and how would this development affect the sewer system. Ms. Zierold commented that she has walked the trails around this property.

Ms. Lori Fowley stepped forward. Ms. Fowley commented that her concern is not just the environment. Ms. Fowley's concern is the size of the development. The schools could potentially be overcrowded. Will we need more police, fire and EMT's as well additional equipment. Please take these concerns into consideration when making decisions.

Mr. Michael Walters stepped forward. Mr. Walters commented that his concerns are about the increase in schools. Mr. Walters commented that our wells cannot handle a 500-unit apartment complex and the sewer wouldn't be able to handle the size. There are sink holes in the property that may make development hard. Please consider these issues.

Ms. Brittany McFatridge stepped forward. Ms. McFatridge commented that the property by her house is nice and doesn't want to see it go.

Mr. Tom Prol stepped forward. Mr. Prol commented that he is the attorney for the developer. Mr. Prol stated that there is no pending development application nor is there 500 units, there is only the adoption of a redevelopment plan. There are environmental issues on the property and clean up would have to be done on the property and that is regulated by DEP. Mr. Prol commented that there are broken buildings and contamination of the property. Mr. Prol addressed questions brought up from those in attendance. Mr. Prol commented that there is a lot of capacity for sewer and traffic will be considered. The stormwater pertaining to Zinc Mine property will also be considered.

Nicole stepped forward. Nicole commented that she is concerned about the walking children to and from school.

Ms. Eve Soares stepped forward. Ms. Soares commented that she was not putting out misinformation, she was just trying to get the word out about this possible project.

Ms. Lori Fowley stepped forward. Ms. Fowley commented on the redevelopment plan, is the rendering on the plan the possible development.

Mr. Leonard Helmstetter stepped forward. Mr. Helmstetter asked who pays for cleanup.

Mr. Ursin commented that the town does not own the property and any clean up would be between the property owner or the developer. Mr. Ursin explained the tax issues.

Ms. Elaina Hall stepped forward. Ms. Hall commented that this is a cute town and this development would ruin the beautiful town.

Mr. Don DeVore stepped forward. Mr. DeVore commented that there seems to be some miscommunication, and nothing is a secret here.

Mayor Sowden explained how residents can get information on the town.

Mr. Tom Fowley stepped forward. Mr. Fowley asked if information can be placed on the bulletin board that is by the pond.

Mrs. Joanne Tatka stepped forward. Mrs. Tatka questioned the redevelopment plan and if there will be public meetings and hearings in the future. Mrs. Tatka questioned the cleanup of the Zinc Mine site and asked if the DEP was involved with the cleanup.

Mr. John Christiano stepped forward. Mr. Christiano, Chairman of the Planning Board, commented that the redevelopment category that this property falls under takes away a lot of the approval authority from the planning board. Mr. Christiano

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asked Mr. Ursin for clarification on the tax abatement, whether it's a pilot program or something else. The taxes that do come into the municipality go to the municipality, they do not go to the county or the school.

Mr. Ursin commented that is something that would need to be negotiated.

Mr. Christiano presented old plans from the site and referred to old buildings to be preserved.

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. Skellenger. All were in favor.

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.

CORRESPONDENCE (ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING ONLY OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. Township of Frankford resolution opposing the proposal by the Delaware River National Park and Lenape Preserve alliance to change the designation of Delaware Water Gap National Recreation area to a National Park and Preserve.
2. Township of Frankford resolution supporting assembly resolution AR133 and Senate Resolution SR93 opposing all proposals to change the designation of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area to National Park and Preserve, including proposal by the Delaware river National Park and Lenape Preserve Alliance.
3. County of Sussex resolution in re: amendments to the Sussex County Resolution establishing county roads as through streets.
4. Montague Township resolution opposing the proposal by the Delaware River National Park and Lenape Preserve alliance to change the designation of Delaware Water Gap National Recreation area to a National Park and Preserve.
5. Montague Township resolution supporting assembly resolution AR133 and Senate Resolution SR93 opposing all proposals to change the designation of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area to National Park and Preserve, including proposal by the Delaware river National Park and Lenape Preserve Alliance.

REPORTS (ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. DPW Report – April 22, 2024 – April 26, 2024
2. DPW Report - April 29, 2024 – May 3, 2024
3. DPW Report – May 6, 2024 – May 10, 2024
4. DPW Report – May 13, 2024 – May 17, 2024
5. DPW Report – May 20, 2024 – May 24, 2024
6. Municipal Court Report – May 2024
7. Zoning Report – March – May 2024

APPLICATIONS (APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. None filed.

RESOLUTIONS (APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. Resolution #2024-75 to authorize the Borough Clerk to renew the following liquor licenses for the 2024-2025 licensing term.

1906-32-013-009	Franklin 897 LLC.	ShopRite Wines and Spirits
1906-33-014-006	Six Gee Corp. Irish Cottage Inn	
1906-33-010-008	Franklin Grill & Tavern, LLC	Brick & Brew
1906-33-008-010	Stone Hill Recreation SPE LLC	Bear Den Grill, Black Bear
1906-33-009-012	Franklin Silver Ducat II, LLC	
1906-44-006-006	MINDIP LLC.	The Right Bottle
1906-44-003-010	Jersey Innovative Investments LLC	Wine Grand
1906-44-007-007	WC Franklin LLC	
1906-31-015-001	Sgt Francis M. Glynn Post	
1906-31-017-001	Walkill Golf Cub	

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2. Payment of bills for the meeting of June 11, 2024.

Mr. Skellenger made a motion to approve the consent agenda of June 11, 2024. Seconded by Mr. Limon.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Formica, Heath, Limon, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

OLD BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment of Council Vacancy

Mr. Snyder explained the process as to how we were presented with the names.

Mr. George Drossel stepped forward. Mr. Drossel has been a resident of Franklin Borough for 41 years and he read his letter of interest.

Mrs. Patricia Carnes stepped forward. Mrs. Carnes has been a resident of Franklin Borough for 15 years. Mrs. Carnes explained her experience, both personal and in town. Mrs. Carnes is a member of the EDC and chairperson of the recreation committee.

Mr. James Affinito stepped forward. Mr. Affinito explained his history and current experience. Mr. Affinito has been a resident of Franklin for 3 years. Mr. Affinito is currently the president of the Walkkill Valley First Aid Squad, and he is a member of the recreation committee and the planning board.

Mr. Snyder asked all the candidates if they would have the time to commit to being a council person.

Mayor Sowden commented there is a motion in order to fill a vacant council seat in the Borough of Franklin. (Letter from Virginia N. Littell, Municipal Chairman, Republican County Committee included in council packets)

Mr. Skellenger made a motion to nominate Patricia Carnes to fill a vacant council seat in the Borough of Franklin. Seconded by Mrs. Heath.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Formica, Heath, Limon, Skellenger

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: Snyder

At this time, Mrs. Tremont administered the oath of office to Patricia Carnes.

Mrs. Carnes took her place at the dais.

Resolution #2024-71

Mr. Snyder made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-71 to approve certifying the Franklin Borough Governing Body has reviewed the 2023 Audit comments and recommendations as required by N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5. Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

Mr. Ray Sarinelli stepped forward. Mr. Sarinelli commented that what you have is the audit, which is the closure of the 2023 year from a financial perspective. The current fund (general operating fund) balance in the beginning of the year was roughly \$2.6 million and there was \$745,000 used to balance the budget in 2023 and then \$1.3 million was generated leaving a fund balance of \$3.177 million or an increase of \$564,000. The cannabis tax was instrumental in aiding to the increase. The grants operated normally during the year, most importantly ARP funds were appropriated for water sewer improvements. The Water Sewer fund balance increased from roughly \$2.6 million to \$2.665 million. Good to see good collection rates. Mr. Sarinelli went over the recommendations of the audit; segregation of

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duties, internal controls, CFO turnover, water sewer fund reconciliation wasn't done in a timely manner. The water sewer fund reconciliations have already started to be addressed.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Formica, Heath, Limon, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: Carnes

Resolution #2024-72

Mr. Snyder made a motion to adopt resolution 2024-72 to accept and approve for filing the corrective action plan for the Audit Report year 2023 prepared and filed by the Borough's Chief Financial Officer. (Corrective Action Plan attached) Seconded by Mr. Skellenger

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Formica, Heath, Limon, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: Carnes

Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Limon made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes for May 28, 2024. (Absent: None) Seconded by Mr. Skellenger

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Formica, Heath, Limon, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: Carnes

Resolution #2024-62

Mr. Skellenger made a motion to adopt resolution 2024-62 authorizing through NJ State Contract a purchase for two 2024 Chevrolet Tahoe PPV from Gentilini Motors. Seconded by Mr. Formica.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Carnes, Formica, Heath, Limon, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Resolution #2024-63

Mr. Skellenger made a motion to adopt resolution 2024-63 authorizing through NJ State Contract for two Police Vehicle Technology, Cameras and Mobile data terminal upfits. Seconded by Mr. Formica.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Carnes, Formica, Heath, Limon, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Resolution #2024-64

Mr. Limon made a motion to adopt resolution 2024-64 authorizing a refund for a disabled veteran in the amount of \$2,238.33 for Block 608 Lot 40. Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Carnes, Formica, Heath, Limon, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Resolution #2024-65

Mr. Limon made a motion to adopt resolution 2024-65 authorizing a refund for a disabled veteran in the amount of \$1,379.00 for Block 1403 Lot 1. Seconded by Mr. Formica.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Carnes, Formica, Heath, Limon, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

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Resolution #2024-66

Mrs. Heath made a motion to adopt resolution 2024-66 authorizing the hiring of a part-time Senior Center attendant at the rate of \$15.50 per hour not to exceed an average of 25 hours per week. Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Carnes, Formica, Heath, Limon, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Resolution #2024-67

Mr. Formica made a motion to adopt resolution 2024-67 authorizing the hiring of a seasonal laborer for maintenance in the Department of Public Works at the rate of \$16.50 per hour up to 25 hours per week. Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Carnes, Formica, Heath, Limon, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Resolution #2024-68

Mr. Limon made a motion to adopt resolution 2024-68 supporting RevolutionNJ. Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Carnes, Formica, Heath, Limon, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Resolution #2024-69

Mr. Formica made a motion to adopt resolution 2024-69 authorizing a purchase through the ESCNJ Cooperative Contract for a Kubota M5 4WD Ultra Grand Cab Tractor in the amount not to exceed \$145,100.00. Seconded by Mr. Limon.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Carnes, Formica, Heath, Limon, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Resolution #2024-70

Mr. Skellenger made a motion to adopt resolution 2024-70 regarding police department promotion (Letter of recommendation from Chief Cugliari included in council packet) Seconded by Mr. Formica.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Carnes, Formica, Heath, Limon, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Resolution #2024-73

Mr. Limon made a motion to adopt resolution 2024-73 authorizing a purchase through the ESCNJ Cooperative Contract for a Bandit Intimidator 15XP Woodchipper in the amount not to exceed \$81,500.00. Seconded by Mr. Formica.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Carnes, Formica, Heath, Limon, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Resolution #2024-74

Mrs. Heath made a motion to adopt resolution 2024-74 to hire a new Borough of Franklin Police Officer. Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Carnes, Formica, Heath, Limon, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Adoption of Ordinance 10-2024

Mr. Snyder made a motion to adopt ordinance 10-2024 entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, AND STATE OF NEW

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JERSEY AMENDING SECTION 119-4, GENERAL FEES.” Seconded by Mr. Formica.

Prior to final roll call Mayor Sowden requested a motion to open to the meeting to the public for Ordinance 10-2024. Mr. Formica made a motion to open the meeting to the public for Ordinance 10-2024. Seconded by Mr. Skellenger. All were in favor.

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. Snyder. All were in favor.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Carnes, Formica, Heath, Limon, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Adoption of Ordinance 11-2024

Mr. Formica made a motion to adopt ordinance 11-2024 entitled “AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY ADOPTING THE “120 NJSH ROUTE 23” REDEVELOPMENT PLAN PREPARED BY J. CALDWELL ASSOCIATES DATED NOVEMBER 25, 2023. Seconded by Mrs. Heath.

Prior to final roll call Mayor Sowden requested a motion to open to the meeting to the public for Ordinance 11-2024. Mrs. Heath made a motion to open the meeting to the public for Ordinance 11-2024. Seconded by Mr. Skellenger. All were in favor.

Mr. Michael Raperto stepped forward. Mr. Raperto asked if there is a developer and how does this help the developer.

Mr. Ursin explained why a redevelopment plan is done and the costs to the Borough.

There being no one present who wished to address the governing body, Mr. Snyder made a motion to close the meeting to the public. Seconded by Mr. Formica. All were in favor.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Carnes, Formica, Heath, Limon, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Discussion on the Historic Preservation Plan

At this time a discussion was held on the Historic Preservation Plan.

Mayor Sowden commented that this plan does discuss the zinc site.

Adoption of Ordinance 12-2024

Mr. Formica made a motion to adopt ordinance 12-2024 entitled “AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY ADOPTING THE “ZINC MINE” REDEVELOPMENT PLAN PREPARED BY J. CALDWELL & ASSOCIATES DATED MARCH 11, 2024.” Seconded by Mrs. Heath.

Prior to final roll call Mayor Sowden requested a motion to open to the meeting to the public for Ordinance 12-2024. Mr. Formica made a motion to open the meeting to the public for Ordinance 12-2024. Seconded by Mr. Skellenger. All were in favor.

Mrs. Judy Williams stepped forward. Mrs. Williams commented she is asking again to incorporate the buildings (change house, officers building, etc.) into the plan.

Ms. Barbara McGrath stepped forward. Ms. McGrath commented that her mother was a founding member of the Franklin Historical Society. Ms. McGrath asked to please consider keeping the buildings.

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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. Formica. All were in favor.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Carnes, Formica, Heath, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: Limon Absent: None Abstentions: None

Approval of NJ State Firemen's Association Membership Application

Mr. Skellenger made a motion to approve the application for membership of Cole Weekley, 27 Cummins Street, Franklin, as Firematic member to the Franklin Fire Department as endorsed by Michael Raperto, Franklin Fire Department Chief. Seconded by Mr. Formica.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Carnes, Formica, Heath, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: Limon

Mayoral Appointment

Mayor Sowden made the following appointment.

Sarah Kieselmann-McGreeby – Recreation Committee Member to a 3-yr. term ending 12/31/2024. As recommended by the Recreation Committee.

Mrs. Carnes made a motion to confirm the mayor's appointment. Seconded by Mrs. Heath.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Carnes, Formica, Heath, Limon, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS

Mr. Skellenger commented that the NJMVC has openings for both part-time and full-time.

Mrs. Heath commented that all minutes are posted on the website and the calendar has meeting dates.

Mr. Snyder commented that the old JCP&L building across from Brick and Brew needs to have the lawn mowed.

Mrs. Carnes thanked everyone, and she is looking forward to working with everyone.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items for discussion by the Mayor and Council, Mr. Snyder made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:54p.m., seconded by Mr. Skellenger. All were in favor.

John M. Sowden IV, Mayor

Darlene J. Tremont, Municipal Clerk

Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex

Resolution #2024-76

AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR ROAD RESURFACING OF CATLIN ROAD, WYKER ROAD, ROWE PLACE AND JUNCTION STREET THROUGH THE MORRIS COUNTY CO-OP

WHEREAS, The Borough of Franklin is a member of the Morris County Cooperative Pricing System and wishes to utilize the contract for Road Resurfacing for Improvements to Catlin Road, Wyker Road, Rowe Place and Junction Street; and

WHEREAS, Riverview Paving, Hackettstown, NJ has been awarded Contract #6 for Road Resurfacing through the Morris County Cooperative pricing Council of which the Borough of Franklin is an active participant; and

WHEREAS, Road Safety Systems, LLC, Shamong, NJ has been awarded contract #26 for Beam Guide Rail & Safety Ends (Installed) through the Morris County Cooperative pricing Council of which the Borough of Franklin is an active participant; and

WHEREAS, Denville Line Painting, Inc, Rockaway, NJ has been awarded contract #36 for Traffic Striping through the Morris County Cooperative pricing Council of which the Borough of Franklin is an active participant; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Committee of the Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex, and State of New Jersey that road resurfacing services for Catlin Road, Wyker Road, Junction Street & Rowe Place is awarded to Riverview Paving, in the amount not to exceed \$119,630.48, Denville Line Painting for \$3,371.35 and Road Safety Systems for \$39,992.00.

Date:

CERTIFICATION: I, Darlene J. Tremont, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Franklin, in the County of Sussex, State of New Jersey do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey at a regular meeting held on June 25, 2024.

Darlene J. Tremont, Municipal Clerk

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTES					Move	2nd
COUNCIL MEMBER	AYES	NAYES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT		
PATRICIA CARNES						
CONCETTO FORMICA						
RACHEL HEATH COUNCIL PRESIDENT						
JOSEPH LIMON						
STEPHEN SKELLENGER						
GILBERT SNYDER						
MAYOR SOWDEN, IV (Tie Only)						

Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex

Resolution #2024-77

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A REQUIRED DISCLOSURE CONTRACT WITH REINER PUMP SYSTEMS, INC FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

WHEREAS the Borough of Franklin Department of Public Works needs a replacement well pump, and Reiner Pump Systems of 53 US 206, Stanhope, NJ, has a required disclosure contract under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4et. Seq., and,

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent has certified that the value of the contract is more than the Pay to Play threshold of \$17,500.00 and

WHEREAS, Reiner Pump Systems of 53 US 206, Stanhope, NJ, has supplied a quote for the replacement of:

- Sulzer 20HP well pump replacement for \$23,958.00

WHEREAS quotes were received from North Jersey Pump and Controls LLC and TAM Enterprises

WHEREAS Reiner Pump Systems. is deemed to be the most advantageous to the Borough based upon Price and other Factors per N.J.S.A.40A:11-6.1 et. Seq., and

WHEREAS, Reiner Pump Systems, Inc. has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification and a Personal Contribution Disclosure form, which certifies that they have not made any reportable contributions to a candidate in the Borough of Franklin in the previous year and that the contract will prohibit them from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent has recommended the contract be awarded for \$23,958.00 and

WHEREAS the Chief Financial Officer certifies the availability of funds and that the funds shall not exceed \$23,958.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of Franklin, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That the contract for sewer pump replacement is awarded for \$23,958.00 to Reiner Pump Systems of 53 US 206, Stanhope, NJ.
2. That the cost for the services aforesaid shall not exceed \$23,960.00

4. That the Municipal Clerk shall forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the following:

- A. Chief Financial Officer
- B. Purchasing Agent
- C. Director of Public Works
- D. Reiner Pump Systems
53 US 206, Stanhope, NJ

CERTIFICATION

I, Darlene J. Tremont, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough Council at a meeting held on the 25th day of June 2024.

Darlene J. Tremont, Municipal Clerk

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTES				
COUNCIL MEMBER	AYES	NAYES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
PATRICIA CARNES				
CONCETTO FORMICA				
RACHEL HEATH				
JOSEPH LIMON				
STEPHEN SKELLENGER				
GILBERT SNYDER				
MAYOR SOWDEN (Tie Only)				

Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex

Resolution #2024-78

RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN TO ACCEPT PROJECT AS COMPLETE FOR HEMLOCK DRIVE PROJECT

WHEREAS, AA Berms LLC performed a project for Hemlock Drive; and

WHEREAS, the project is now complete; and

WHEREAS, the municipal engineer has recommended in his letter dated June 17, 2024 that the project be accepted by the Council as complete; and

WHEREAS, on July 12, 2016, the Borough of Franklin adopted Ordinance 17-2016 establishing a 3 year moratorium on all newly resurfaced roads; and

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Franklin that the project performed by AA Berms LLC, for the Hemlock Drive project is accepted as complete.

CERTIFICATION: I, Darlene J. Tremont, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Franklin, in the County of Sussex, State of New Jersey do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Franklin at a regular meeting held on June 25, 2024.

Darlene J. Tremont, Municipal Clerk

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTES				
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Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex

Resolution #2024-79

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF HEMLOCK, CATLIN and JUNCTION ROAD IMPROVEMENTS BID TO CEDAR CONTRACTING

WHEREAS there exists a need for road improvements to various roads in the Borough of Franklin,

WHEREAS the Township publicly advertised and received six (6) bids for Road Improvements for Hemlock, Catling, and Junctions roads on June 19, 2024, at 10:00 AM. to wit:

VENDOR	CUMULATIVE RATE
A. Takton Concrete Corp	\$188,910.00
Diamond Construction	\$199,920.00
Cedar Contracting	\$128,255.00
AA Berms	\$151,185.00
Tony's Concrete	\$220,211.00
Portofino Builders, LLC	Non-Compliant

WHEREAS Cedar Contracting has been determined to submit the lowest responsible and responsive bidder and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified funding from the 2024 current fund is available.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Franklin, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Mayor is authorized to enter into a contract with Cedar Contracting for the Catlin, Hemlock, and Junction Road Improvements
2. That the Municipal Clerk shall forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the following:
 - A. Chief Financial Officer.
 - B. Qualified Purchasing Agent
 - C. Superintendent of Public Works
 - D. Cedar Contracting
621 North Union Ave Hillside, NJ

Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex

Resolution #2024-79

CERTIFICATION

I, Darlene J. Tremont, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough Council of Franklin at a meeting held on the 25th day of June 2024.

Darlene Tremont, RMC
Municipal Clerk

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NOT YET APPROVED BY COUNCIL

Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex

Resolution #2024-80

WHEREAS, a Disabled Veteran Exemption has been allowed on Block 1101 Lot 14 Qual C0103, 6 Constitution Way effective March 14, 2024.

WHEREAS, taxes for 1st & 2nd Qtr 2024 were paid prior to the Exemption being allowed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Franklin, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to refund, Thomas Santarpia, \$258.46 for 1st Qtr 2024 prorated overpayment.

CERTIFICATION: I, Darlene J. Tremont, Municipal Clerk hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Franklin in a meeting held in the Franklin Municipal Building at 46 Main Street at 7:00 PM on June 25, 2024.

Darlene J. Tremont, Municipal Clerk

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