

**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  
OCTOBER 26, 2021**

This meeting is being held in person adhering to the CDC guidelines and through a virtual meeting platform called ZOOM. The public who attended through ZOOM 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. Snyder, Mr. Zydou 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.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Limon commented that he had to reschedule the Public Works meeting.

Mr. Postas had nothing to report.

Mr. Snyder had nothing to report.

Mr. Formica commented that Sussex County Hunger Coalition will be having their final pop-up pantry on Thursday October 28<sup>th</sup>. On Saturday October 30<sup>th</sup> at noon recreation will have a Senior Appreciation Luncheon at the pavilion and Sunday October 31<sup>st</sup> at noon is the Halloween Parade starting at Rutherford and Main, stopping at the firehouse for cider and donuts and ending at the fire department parking lot with a trunk or treat.

Mr. Zydou had nothing to report.

Mr. Skellenger had nothing to report.

Ms. Tremont commented that we re-auctioned two vehicles and they both sold. One for \$3,000 and the other for \$3,099. In person early voting is taking place now through October 31<sup>st</sup> and additional information can be found on Franklin Borough's website.

Mr. Ursin had nothing to report.

Mayor Sowden had nothing to report.

**OPEN PUBLIC SESSION**

Mr. Limon 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.

JoAnn Tatka, 151 Maple Road, Franklin, stepped forward. Ms. Tatka stated that the Concerned citizens is not a political organization.

Emily Bazelewich, 1 Mill Street, Franklin, stepped forward. Ms. Bazelewich asked about the installation of a mirror at the intersection of Mill Street and Sterling Street. Mayor Sowden commented that he went around town with the traffic safety officer to mark issues. Ms. Bazelewich commented why are cars allowed to park at the corner of Cummins Street. Ms. Bazelewich also commented that a school crossing sign should be placed at the crest of High Street when approaching the intersection of Parker Street.

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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. Formica. 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. Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority FY2022 proposed rate schedule effective December 1, 2021.
2. Memo dated October 19, 2021, from Dawn Latincsics, SCMUA Recycling Coordinator to Sussex County Municipalities, Schools and Institutions re: Hazardous Waste Disposal – Policy Change.

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

1. Sussex County Board of Health Report – September 2021
2. Municipal Court Report – September 2021

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

1. None filed.

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

1. Resolution 2021-99  
Approval to adopt resolution 2021-99 accepting project as complete for the proposed resurfacing of Mitchell Avenue. (Letter of recommendation included in Council packets)
2. Payment of bills for the meeting of October 26, 2021.

Mr. Limon made a motion to approve the consent agenda of October 26, 2021. Seconded by Mr. Postas.

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 the Minutes

Mr. Skellenger made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes and executive session meeting minutes for October 12, 2021. (Absent: Postas) and the workshop meeting minutes for October 20, 2021. (Absent: None) Seconded by Mr. Limon.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Formica, Limon, Skellenger, Snyder, Zydon

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: Postas

Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts Troop Pack 90 Request

Mr. Zydon made a motion to approve the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts Troop Pack 90 request to waive the fees for using the Senior Center. Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Resolution #2021-100

Mr. Snyder made a motion to adopt resolution 2021-100 authorizing Darlene J. Tremont to continue to provide administrative duties at the added rate of \$25.00 per hour. Seconded by Mr. Postas.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

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**Resolution #2021-101**

Mr. Zydon made a motion to adopt resolution 2021-101 endorsing the "Election Integrity" bill package pending in the legislature in support of free and fair elections untainted by fraud. Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

**Resolution #2021-102**

Mr. Formica made a motion to adopt resolution 2021-102 supporting a 2021 bear hunt. Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

In accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, Mr. Postas made a motion to adjourn into closed executive session to discuss personnel matters. Motion seconded by Mr. Formica.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

After meeting in closed session, the Governing Body returned to their seats at 8:38 p.m. and Mayor Sowden declared the meeting to be reconvened into open public session.

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

**Discussion on CFO/Administrator Position**

At this time there was a discussion on the CFO/Administrator position.

Mr. Ursin commented that during closed session the council interviewed candidates for open positions within the Borough and that there appears to be a consensus among the Council.

Mr. Skellenger made a motion to authorize the Mayor to make a conditional offer to the candidate that was discussed at the terms that were discussed. Seconded by Mr. Postas.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

**MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS**

There were no miscellaneous comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further items for discussion by the Mayor and Council, Mr. Snyder made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40p.m., seconded by Mr. Skellenger. All were in favor.

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John M. Sowden IV, Mayor

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Darlene J. Tremont, Municipal Clerk