

**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
DECEMBER 30, 2025**

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: Mrs. Carnes, Mr. Formica, Mr. Limon, Mr. Skellenger (via phone), Mr. Snyder and Mayor Sowden.

Absent: Mrs. Heath

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 December 28, 2025, 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

Mr. Limon had nothing to report.

Mrs. Carnes had nothing to report.

Mr. Snyder had nothing to report.

Mr. Skellenger had nothing to report.

Mr. Formica had nothing to report.

Mrs. Little had nothing to report.

Mayor Sowden had nothing to report.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

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

Ms. Lisa DeLorenzo stepped forward. Ms. DeLorenzo commented that she is new to the area and came to the meeting to be informed and become active in the town.

There being no one else present who wished to address the Governing Body, Mrs. Carnes made a motion to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Mr. Snyder. 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. Borough of Ogdensburg Ordinance amending Chapter 30 "Land Development".
2. Letter dated December 15, 2025 from SCMUUA regarding the actual annual charge for FY2025 and quarterly estimated charge for FY2026.

REPORTS (ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. None filed.

APPLICATIONS (APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. None filed.

RESOLUTIONS (APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. Payment of bills for the meeting of December 30, 2025.

Mrs. Carnes made a motion to approve the consent agenda of December 30, 2025. Seconded by Mr. Formica.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Carnes, Formica, Limon, Skellenger, Snyder

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Nays: None Absent: Heath Abstentions: None

OLD BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2025-103

Mr. Snyder made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-103 authorizing budget transfers in the amount of \$25,293. Seconded by Mrs. Carnes.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Carnes, Formica, Limon, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: Heath Abstentions: None

Resolution 2025-104

Mrs. Carnes made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-104 authorizing an agreement with the Township of Lafayette pursuant to the uniform shared services and consolidation act concerning the services of a certified tax collector. Seconded by Mr. Formica.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Carnes, Formica, Limon, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: Heath Abstentions: None

Resolution 2025-105

Mr. Formica made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-105 approving a stipend for tax collector shared service agreement in the amount of \$833.33 semi-monthly (\$20,000 annually) for 2026, \$854.17 semi-monthly (\$20,500 annually) for 2027 and \$872.52 semi-monthly (\$21,013 annually) for 2028. Seconded by Mrs. Carnes.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Carnes, Formica, Limon, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: Heath Abstentions: None

Resolution 2025-106

Mr. Limon made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-106 approving budget transfers in the amount of \$30,700. Seconded by Mrs. Carnes.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Carnes, Formica, Limon, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: Heath Abstentions: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS

Mr. Limon commented that with everyone's approval maybe we can let the employees of the Borough and the Road Department leave at noon tomorrow since its New Years Eve.

Mrs. Carnes commented that Borough Hall is closing at 2pm tomorrow.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items for discussion by the Mayor and Council, Mr. Snyder made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:38p.m., seconded by Mr. Formica.

All were in favor.

John M. Sowden IV, Mayor

Colleen L. Little, Municipal Clerk