

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
AUGUST 11, 2026

- 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 posted on the Borough website, which adequate notice has been certified by the Clerk."
- D. **PRESENTATIONS**
Recognition of Keri Marino and Officers Lospinuso and Officer Rotunda for receiving an award from Congressman Gottheimer.

Stacey Manning – Action Wellness Group.

- 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 July 14, 2026. (Absent: None)
2. **Resolution 2026-75** authorizing a disabled veteran exemption on Block 601, Lot 14.
3. **Resolution 2026-76** authorizing the award of Test Well Drilling and Pumping Bid #26-03R2 to William Stothoff Company in an amount not to exceed \$90,545.

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4. Resolution 2026-77 approving the memorandum of understanding with the Borough of Franklin Police Department/PBA Local 404 (MOU included in Council packet)
5. Resolution 2026-78 approving an emergency resolution in accordance with NJS 40A:4-48 in the amount of \$314,126.
6. Resolution 2026-79 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 effective August 12, 2026.
7. Resolution 2026-80 authorizing the correction and restoration of widow of a veteran property tax deduction for Block 601 Lot 37.
8. Resolution 2026-81 authorizing the Water/Sewer Collector to cancel an overbilling on Account #1251-0.
9. Sewer Connection Application to approve the sewer connection application submitted by Pablo Perrone for 1.5 EDU's commercial dwelling at 12 Park Drive contingent upon receipt of associated connection fees, all directives followed as per Utility Engineer, Michael Vreeland and his final review.
10. Uhl & Associates, Inc. Proposal to approve Uhl & Associates, Inc. proposal for Professional Hydrogeologic Consulting Services for the Ryan Home Test Well Drilling and Pumping oversight at a cost not to exceed \$24,000.
11. Police Chief Agreement to approve the addendum to the Police Chief Employment agreement between the Borough of Franklin and Police Chief Gregory Cugliari from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2028. (Agreement provided in Council packets).

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.

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
JULY 14, 2026**

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, Mrs. Heath, Mr. Limon, Mr. Skellenger, Mr. Snyder 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 posted on the Borough website, which adequate notice has been certified by the Clerk."

PRESENTATIONS

The Recreation Committee presented the 2026 Royal Court of Franklin. Fred Babcock, Chairperson and James Affinito presented the Royal Court with certificates and the Franklin PBA presented Miss Franklin with a scholarship. The winners of the 2026 Royal Court were: Eden Russell-Krieger, Princess of Franklin, Alexa Raperto, Princess of Franklin, Bianca Raperto, Little Miss Franklin and Addison Smith, Miss Franklin.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Limon had nothing to report.

Mrs. Carnes commented that this past Thursday there was an EDC meeting and we discussed on how we want to move forward. After a lot of discussions, we are starting to talk about doing the tourism particularly off the rails to trails.

Mr. Snyder commented that the ordinance committee will be meeting soon and July 22nd there will be a meeting regarding the water meters.

Mrs. Heath commented that the personnel committee met earlier. The Franklin Day/Nite was a huge success. Recreation did a great job.

Mr. Skellenger had nothing to report.

Mr. Formica commented the repairs on Catlin Road were completed and the repairs at fireman's park have been completed.

Mrs. Little commented that the 2nd quarter cannabis tax has been received in the amount of \$322,843.37.

Mr. Spidaletto commented that CFO Michelle asked him to share that our 2026 bond anticipation note has been awarded to Oppenheimer and Co. at a net interest rate of 3.056%.

Mr. Windels had nothing to report.

Mayor Sowden commented that the rails to trails has finally come to fruition after about 25 years, it has started. Mayor Sowden commented that he already has an idea as to the direction and I think the DEP does also. Mayor Sowden commented that as far as the bad weather, Franklin is very lucky. We lost two telephones during the event; the response time was not as quick as we would have hoped.

Mr. Limon commented that there will be a Historic Preservation meeting next month.

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. Formica. All were in favor.

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Joanne Tatka stepped forward. Mrs. Tatka asked for the brush at the intersection of Maple and Wildcat Roads be trimmed back. Ms. Tatka asked if the paving for Maple and Davis is for next year.

Mr. Spidaletto commented that it will be slated for next year. We have applied for State Grants for both of those roadways.

Ms. Tatka commented that at the last meeting it was stated that the trucks were being replaced. Ms. Tatka spoke regarding the recent power outages and asked to be put on a different grid.

Dawne Rowe stepped forward. Ms. Rowe spoke regarding the power outages and the circuit breakers that JCP&L installed. Ms. Rowe asked if a representative from JCP&L could come to a future council meeting to answer questions from the public. Ms. Rowe commented that other towns are passing ordinances to prohibit data centers. Ms. Rowe asked if we are going to do a similar ordinance. Ms. Rowe congratulated everyone on the Franklin Day/Nite festivities. Ms. Rowe asked for a second public session to be added to the agenda.

There being no one else present who wished to address the Governing Body, Mr. Skellenger made a motion to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Mrs. Heath. 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. Hampton Township Ordinance to amend Chapter 108, entitled "Zoning" of the code of the Township of Hampton, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey to prohibit data centers in all zones.
2. Township of Sparta Ordinance amending Chapter 18, entitled comprehensive land management code, to define and prohibit data centers within all zones throughout the Township of Sparta.
3. Township of Sparta Ordinance amending Chapter XVIII entitled "Comprehensive Land Management Code" to amend portions of section 18-4.29 entitled "Economic Development District," portions of section 18-4.35 entitled "PDRM-1 District Zone," and portions of section 18-4.36 entitled "PDRM-2 District Zone."

REPORTS (ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. COH Report – June 2026
2. Permit List – June 2026
3. Permit Activity Report – June 2026
4. Municipal Court Report – June 2026
5. Code Enforcement Officer report – June 2026

APPLICATIONS (APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. None filed.

RESOLUTIONS (APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. Payment of bills for the meeting of July 14, 2026.

Mrs. Heath made a motion to approve the consent agenda of July 14, 2026. Seconded by Mrs. Carnes.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Carnes, Formica, Heath, Limon, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: Skellenger

OLD BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of the Minutes

MAYOR & COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES JULY 14, 2026, 2026

Mr. Skellenger made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes for June 23, 2026. (Absent: Limon) Seconded by Mrs. Heath.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Carnes, Formica, Heath, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: Limon

Resolution 2026-67

Mr. Skellenger made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-67 extending the grace period for payment of 3rd quarter 2026 taxes. Seconded by Mr. Formica.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Resolution 2026-68

Mr. Limon made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-68 authorizing the hiring of a seasonal laborer for maintenance in the department of public works at the rate of \$20.00 per hour for up to 25 hours per week. Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

Mr. Snyder asked if this was for summer help or for all year long.

Mr. Spidaletto commented that this is just for the summer.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Resolution 2026-69

Mr. Formica made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-69 rescinding resolution 2026-57 and authorizing additional compensation for the municipal court administrator. Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Resolution 2026-70

Mr. Limon made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-70 authorizing advertisement and solicitation of bids for water meter replacements. Seconded by Mr. Formica.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Resolution 2026-71

Mr. Limon made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-71 approving submittal of a grant application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Davis Road Resurfacing Phase 1 project. Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Resolution 2026-72

Mrs. Carnes made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-72 approving submittal of a grant application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Maple Road resurfacing project. Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Carnes, Heath, Limon, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: Formica

MAYOR & COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES JULY 14, 2026, 2026

Resolution 2026-73

Mrs. Heath made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-73 authorizing the purchase of a 2027 Ford F-550 regular cab 4x4 from Ciocca Ford, utilizing the Morris County Cooperative Purchasing Contract in an amount not to exceed \$66,137.00. Seconded by Mr. Limon.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Resolution 2026-74

Mr. Snyder made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-74 authorizing the purchase of a 2026 F-250 crew cab 4x4 from All American Ford, utilizing the Morris County Cooperative Purchasing contract in an amount not to exceed \$50,011.00. Seconded by Mr. Formica.

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. Limon asked about contacting JCP&L to come to a future council meeting. Mr. Limon commented on the bills list and the amount paid to the Franklin School in regards to taxes.

Mrs. Carnes commented that since the previous person retired from JCP&L there has been no other representative to come in and see us.

Mayor Sowden commented that we will reach out to JCP&L and ask them to attend the next council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items for discussion by the Mayor and Council, Mr. Formica made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:34p.m., seconded by Mr. Skellenger. All were in favor.

John M. Sowden IV, Mayor

Colleen L. Little, Municipal Clerk

Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex

Resolution #2026-75

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTION ON BLOCK 601 LOT 14

WHEREAS, The Department of Veteran Affairs determined that Jossie Caraballo at 81 Sterling St, Block 601, Lot 14, had a service connected disability that was totally disabling.

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor has received a Claim for property tax exemption on dwelling house of Disabled Veteran, which was approved by the Tax Assessor.

WHEREAS, as per N.J.S.A.54: 4-3.30et seq, Jossie Caraballo is entitled to a tax exemption on the property located at 81 Sterling St from June 5th, 2026, the date of application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Tax Collector is authorized to cancel taxes billed from June 5th, 2026.
2. The Tax Collector is authorized to cancel partial 2nd quarter 2026 taxes in the amount of \$421.25 and the 3rd and 4th quarter on 2026 along with 1st and 2nd quarters of 2027;
3. The cancellation of taxes from date of approval has created an overpayment in taxes, therefore the Tax Collector is authorized to refund Jossie Caraballo in the amount of \$421.25.
4. This property will be marked as Exempt.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

CERTIFICATION: I, Colleen L. Little, 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 August 11, 2026.

Colleen L. Little, Municipal Clerk

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTES				
COUNCIL MEMBER	AYES	NAYES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
PATRICIA CARNES				
CONCETTO FORMICA				
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GILBERT SNYDER				
MAYOR SOWDEN (Tie Only)				

Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex

Resolution #2026-76

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF TEST WELL DRILLING AND PUMPING BID #26-03R2 TO WILLIAM STOTHOFF COMPANY

WHEREAS there exists a need for a Test Well Drilling and Pumping for the daily operations of the water utility of the Borough of Franklin,

WHEREAS the Township publicly advertised and received one (1) bid for Bid #26-03R2 on July 22, 2026, at 10:30 AM:

VENDOR

BASE BID

William Stothoff Co

\$90,545.00

WHEREAS William Stothoff Company, 110 River Road, Flemington, NJ 08822, has been determined to submit the lowest responsible and responsive bid, and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer, as required by N.J.A.C 5:30-1, has certified that there are sufficient funds available for the purpose of awarding a contract to said entity; and

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

1. That the Mayor is authorized to enter into a contract with William Stothoff Company for Bid #26-03R2 Test Well Drilling and Pumping
2. That the Municipal Clerk shall forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the following:
 - A. Chief Financial Officer.
 - B. Borough Administrator
 - C. Superintendent of Public Works
 - D. William Stothoff Company
110 River Road, Flemington, NJ 08822

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Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex

Resolution #2026-77

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT/PBA LOCAL 404

WHEREAS, the Borough of Franklin (“Borough”) and the Borough of Franklin Police Department Employees’ Union (“PBA Local 404”) have been in negotiations for a successor collective negotiations agreement for the employees covered by the PBA Local 404 agreement; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to those negotiations, the Borough and PBA Local 404 have reached a Memorandum of Agreement dated March 16, 2026, concerning the terms and conditions of employment for the employees of the Franklin Borough Police Department covered by the PBA agreement; and

WHEREAS, the successor collective negotiations agreement will be effective from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator and personnel committee has recommended ratification of the Memorandum of Agreement reached with the employees of the Borough of Franklin Police Department covered by the PBA agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council having reviewed the Memorandum of Agreement and finding ratification of the Agreement is in the best interests of the Borough;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of Franklin Borough, that it hereby ratifies and accepts the Memorandum of Agreement dated March 16, 2026, between the Borough and the PBA covering the terms and conditions of the employment of the Police Department employees.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of Franklin Borough that the Borough Administrator is authorized to amend the prior collective negotiations agreement between the Borough and the PBA Local 404 and create a successor collective negotiations agreement consistent with the Memorandum of Agreement, and that the Mayor and Administrator are hereby authorized to execute the successor collective negotiations agreement once it has been amended. This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

CERTIFICATION: I, Colleen L. Little, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Franklin, in the County of Sussex, State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Franklin at a regular meeting held on August 11, 2026.

Colleen L. Little, Municipal Clerk

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Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex

Resolution #2026-78

EMERGENCY RESOLUTION – NJS 40A:4-48

(Under 3% limitation)

WHEREAS, an emergency has arisen with respect to the approval of the Police Labor Contract for 2026 to 2028 after the 2026 budget was adopted, no adequate provision was made in the 2026 budget for the aforesaid purpose, and NJS 40A:4-46 provides for the creation of an emergency appropriation for the purpose mentioned above, and

WHEREAS, the total amount of the emergency appropriations created, including the appropriation to be created by this resolution is \$314,126 and three (3) percent of the total operating appropriations in the budget for 2026 is \$325,746 and

WHEREAS, the foregoing appropriation together with prior appropriations does not exceed three (3) percent of the total operating appropriations (including utility operation appropriations) in the budget for 2026,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, (by not less than 2/3 of all governing body members affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with NJS 40A:4-48:

1. An emergency appropriation is hereby made for Police Salaries and Other Expenses in the amount of \$314,126.
2. That said emergency appropriation shall be provided for in full in the 2027 budget, and is requested to be excluded from CAPS, pursuant to NJS 40A:4-53.3c(1)
3. That a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the FAST system

CERTIFICATION: I, Colleen L. Little, 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 August 11, 2026.

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MAYOR SOWDEN (Tie Only)				

Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex

Resolution #2026-79

Part Time Senior Center Attendant

WHEREAS, the Borough of Franklin currently has a vacancy for a part-time senior center attendant due to a retirement;

WHEREAS, this position is to assist the nutrition site manager on a daily basis;

WHEREAS, Borough Administration and Personnel Committee recommends Lisa Capra to fill the position of part-time senior center attendant at the rate of \$15.92 per hour not to exceed an average of 25 hours per week, effective August 12, 2026;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Franklin that the Administrator is authorized to have Lisa Capra fill the position as part time senior center attendant at the rate of \$15.92 per hour, not to exceed an average of 25 hours, effective August 12, 2026.

CERTIFICATION: I, Colleen Little, 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 August 11, 2026.

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MAYOR SOWDEN (Tie Only)				

Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex

Resolution #2026-80

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CORRECTION AND RESTORATION OF WIDOW OF A VETERAN PROPERTY TAX DEDUCTION FOR BLOCK 601, LOT 37 (47 STERLING STREET)

WHEREAS, Lorraine F. Kabatyr is the record owner of the property located within the Borough of Franklin at 47 Sterling Street, designated as Block 601, Lot 37; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Kabatyr was previously approved for and actively receiving the \$250.00 annual Widow of a Veteran Property Tax Deduction pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-8.10 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, during a recent software transition of municipal administration tax programs, a system processing error inadvertently removed said deduction, resulting in an improper chargeback/disallowance of \$250.00 for Tax Year 2025 and \$250.00 for Tax Year 2026 (totaling \$500.00); and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector and Tax Assessor have verified that the property owner remains fully qualified, eligible, and entitled to the deduction, and that the chargeback was solely attributable to an administrative software migration error;

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

1. **Correction & Credit:** The Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to correct the property tax account for Block 601, Lot 37 (47 Sterling Street, Lorraine F. Kabatyr) by reversing the erroneous disallowance and applying a tax credit of **\$500.00** representing the improperly charged back deductions for Tax Years 2025 and 2026.
2. **Reinstatement:** The Tax Assessor and Tax Collector are authorized to reinstate and continue the Widow of a Veteran Property Tax Deduction on this property for Tax Year 2026 and subsequent years for as long as eligibility requirements continue to be met.
3. **Distribution:** Certified copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Municipal Tax Collector, the Municipal Tax Assessor, the Chief Financial Officer, and the property owner.

CERTIFICATION: I, Colleen L. Little, 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 August 11, 2026.

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Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex

Resolution #2026-81

RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN AUTHORIZING THE WATER/SEWER COLLECTOR TO CANCEL AN OVERBILLING ON BLOCK 1505, LOT 2

WHEREAS, on property 107-109 Route 23, also known as Block 1505, Lot 2 and owned by MA Franklin Sq. LLC for which an erroneous meter reading was obtained;

WHEREAS, it has been determined that this caused an overbilling on the water/sewer account for the property at 107-109 Route 23 and the water/sewer collector correct the meter reading.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Franklin that the Water/Sewer Collector be authorized to remove the overbilling from the account and be relieved of collecting same.

CERTIFICATION: I, Colleen L. Little, 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 at a meeting held in the Franklin Municipal Building at 46 Main Street at 7:00 PM on the date of August 11, 2026.

Colleen L. Little, Municipal Clerk

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