

**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
SEPTEMBER 22, 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**
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 September 8, 2026. (Absent: Skellenger, Snyder)
2. **Resolution 2026-92** authorizing the hiring of a seasonal laborer for maintenance in the department of public works.
3. **Resolution 2026-93** authorizing additional compensation for the violations clerk for the purpose of attending court sessions at a rate of \$100 per court session.
4. **Resolution 2026-94** authorizing a purchase through the ESCNJ Cooperative contract for standby generators for the Department of Public Works at a cost not to exceed \$84,760.00.
5. **Resolution 2026-95** authorizing a disabled veteran exemption on Block 302 Lot 2.
6. **Resolution 2026-96** authorizing a disabled veteran exemption on Block 1401 Lot 1.

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7. Resolution 2026-97 authorizing a disabled veteran exemption on Block 1204 Lot 16.
8. Resolution 2026-98 New Jersey Department of Transportation Division of Local Aid and economic development recommendation of award state aid project for the Kovach, Mabie and South Streets improvements.
9. Adoption of Ordinance 2026-09 entitled "CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PURCHASE OF UPFITTING FOR THE NEW POLICE CARS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND APPROPRIATING \$18,531.00 THEREFOR FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR THIS PURCHASE."

Prior to final roll call Mayor Sowden will request a motion to open the meeting to the public for Ordinance 2026-09.

10. Introduction of Ordinance 2026-10 entitled "CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE MAPLE ROAD PUMP STATION, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND APPROPRIATING \$48,837.00 THEREFOR FROM THE WATER/SEWER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR THIS PURCHASE."

PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 13, 2026

11. Introduction of Ordinance 2026-11 entitled "CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE MOSCOW STREET WATER MAIN, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND APPROPRIATING \$40,279.00 THEREFOR FROM THE WATER/SEWER CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR WATER DISTRIBUTION."

PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 13, 2026

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
SEPTEMBER 8, 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 and Mayor Sowden.

Absent: Mr. Skellenger and Mr. Snyder

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

Shane Hrbek Eagle Scout Award. Councilwoman Heath presented Shane Hrbek with an Eagle Scout Certificate.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Limon commented that a Public Works and Buildings and Grounds meeting was held.

Mrs. Carnes commented that there may be an EDC meeting this week.

Mrs. Heath commented that the 9/11 ceremony is on Friday at the pond. She commends everyone and everything is perfect and beautiful. The Wind Creek Casino trip is September 26. October 17 is a food truck festival, October 24 is the Halloween parade/trunk or treat and party. She wants to place a box in the Boro Hall for candy donations. November 14 is a vendor fair at the Franklin Firehouse. November 28 is the Christmas tree lighting.

Mr. Formica commented buildings & grounds met and talked about the paving, sidewalks and we talked about Christmas lights. Met with the engineer regarding the walking path.

Mrs. Little had nothing to report.

Mr. Spidaletto commented the drilling for the well should happen within the next few weeks, Resolutions on tonight's agenda are similar to the last agenda just some corrections on wording which were already approved last time. He reached out to our contact at JCP&L to attend our September 22 meeting.

Mr. Windles had nothing to report.

Mayor Sowden commented that he's looking forward to the 9/11 Ceremony at the pond, 7pm.

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 Mrs. Carnes. All were in favor.

Bill Geiger, resident of Franklin House, voiced concerns about the rent increases proposed and lost services like the exterminator and will probably come to the Board of Health about this, the window cleaners.

Romina Batiste, resident of Franklin House, voiced concerns over the rent increase.

Donald Vandermast, resident of Franklin House, voiced concerns regarding the rent increase.

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Darleen Milligan, resident of Hardyston, spoke regarding the rent increases at the Franklin House.

Sharon Leiba, resident of Franklin House, voiced concerns regarding the Franklin House.

Dawne Rowe, spoke regarding the Franklin Senior House.

There being no one else present who wished to address the Governing Body, Mrs. Heath made a motion to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Mr. Limon. 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. County of Sussex Resolution requesting a full, independent and transparent investigation into the improper registration of non-citizens to vote in New Jersey and calling for additional safeguards to protect election integrity.
2. Borough of Hopatcong resolution urging the New Jersey State Legislature and Governor to repeal the gas tax escalator and restore accountability to fuel tax increases.
3. Town of Newton Resolution encouraging the Sussex County Board of County Commissioners to establish a county homelessness housing trust fund.
4. Township of Fredon resolution in support of New Jersey Assembly Resolution No. 149 (AR-149), and supporting all law enforcement officers and urging each county and municipality to similarly express such support.
5. Township of Fredon Resolution in support of a full, independent and transparent investigation into the improper registration of non-citizens to vote in New Jersey and calling for additional safeguards to protect election integrity.
6. Borough of Hamburg resolution in support of New Jersey Assembly resolution no. 149 (AR149) recognizing the invaluable contributions of state and local police officers.
7. Borough of Hamburg resolution urging the New Jersey State Legislature and Governor to repeal the gas tax escalator and restore accountability to fuel tax increases.

REPORTS (ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. Municipal Court Report – July 2026
2. County Board of Health Report – July 2026
3. Zoning Department Report – July 2026
4. Water/Sewer Division Report – July 2026
5. Water/Sewer Division Report – August 2026
6. Zoning Department Report – August 2026
7. Road Department Report – August 2026

APPLICATIONS (APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. None filed.

RESOLUTIONS (APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. Payment of bills for the meeting of September 8, 2026.

Mr. Limon made a motion to approve the consent agenda of September 8, 2026. Seconded by Mrs. Heath.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Carnes, Formica, Heath, Limon

Nays: None Absent: Skellenger, Snyder Abstentions: None

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Carnes spoke regarding the bricks for the 9/11 Memorial and clarified staff did all they could and the paperwork was just never received.

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NEW BUSINESS

Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Formica made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes for August 11, 2026. (Absent: Limon) Seconded by Mrs. Heath.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Carnes, Formica, Heath

Nays: None Absent: Skellenger, Snyder Abstentions: Limon

Resolution 2026-83

Mrs. Heath made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-83 rescinding Resolution #2026-78 and approving an emergency appropriation. Seconded by Mr. Limon.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Carnes, Formica, Heath, Limon

Nays: None Absent: Skellenger, Snyder Abstentions: None

Resolution 2026-84

Mrs. Carnes made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-84 authorizing a refund of overpayment on Block 601 Lot 14 in the amount of \$1,959.09. Seconded by Mr. Formica.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Carnes, Formica, Heath, Limon

Nays: None Absent: Skellenger, Snyder Abstentions: None

Resolution 2026-85

Mr. Limon made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-85 authorizing the hiring of Alexa Odllakoff as full-time violations clerk at the annual salary of \$50,000 conditioned upon the completion of a successful background check. Seconded by Mrs. Heath.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Carnes, Formica, Heath, Limon

Nays: None Absent: Skellenger, Snyder Abstentions: None

Resolution 2026-86

Mr. Formica made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-86 authoring a water/sewer account overpayment refund for Account #7221-0 in the amount of \$167.00. Seconded by Mrs. Carnes.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Carnes, Formica, Heath, Limon

Nays: None Absent: Skellenger, Snyder Abstentions: None

Resolution 2026-87

Mrs. Heath made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-87 authorizing the refund of a vendor fee to Created by Jaz Studio in the amount of \$25.00. Seconded by Mr. Limon.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Carnes, Formica, Heath, Limon

Nays: None Absent: Skellenger, Snyder Abstentions: None

Resolution 2026-88

Mrs. Heath made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-88 authorizing the refund of \$200 for the fee paid to attend the Mets game from Emily Conklin. Seconded by Mr. Limon.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Carnes, Formica, Heath, Limon

Nays: None Absent: Skellenger, Snyder Abstentions: None

Resolution 2026-89

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Mr. Formica made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-89 authorizing a water/sewer account overpayment refund for account #1251-0 in the amount of \$9,761.25. Seconded by Mrs. Carnes.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Carnes, Formica, Heath, Limon

Nays: None Absent: Skellenger, Snyder Abstentions: None

Resolution 2026-90

Mr. Formica made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-90 requesting a full, independent and transparent investigation into the improper registration of non-citizens to vote in New Jersey and calling for additional safeguards to protect election integrity. Seconded by Mrs. Carnes.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Carnes, Formica, Heath, Limon

Nays: None Absent: Skellenger, Snyder Abstentions: None

Resolution 2026-91

Mrs. Carnes made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-91 authorizing a 2.5% reduction in the health care contribution percentage, or a 2.5% increase in the health benefit waiver amount, for all employees not covered by the current PBA Contract effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028. Seconded by Mrs. Heath.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Carnes, Formica, Heath, Limon

Nays: None Absent: Skellenger, Snyder Abstentions: None

Introduction of Ordinance 2026-09

Mr. Limon made a motion to introduce Ordinance 2026-09 entitled "CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PURCHASE OF UPFITTING FOR THE NEW POLICE CARS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND APPROPRIATING \$18,531.00 THEREFOR FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR THIS PURCHASE." Seconded by Mr. Formica.

Mayor Sowden announced that the final reading will be held on September 22, 2026

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Carnes, Formica, Heath, Limon

Nays: None Absent: Skellenger, Snyder Abstentions: None

Autoagent Data Solutions Agreement

Mr. Formica made a motion to approve the agreement between Autoagent Data Solutions and the Borough of Franklin for the purposes of an online payment portal known as MuniciPay at a one-time implementation fee of \$1,000 and the cost of a credit card machine at a cost not to exceed \$500. Seconded by Mrs. Carnes.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Carnes, Formica, Heath, Limon

Nays: None Absent: Skellenger, Snyder Abstentions: None

Mayoral Appointment

Mayor Sowden made the following appointment:

Crossing Guard Hire

Natasha Gonzalez as substitute crossing guard at the rate of \$16.67/hr. effective September 9, 2026, contingent upon successful physical and background check, as recommended by Rebecca Babcock, Crossing Guard Captain.

Crossing Guard Hire

Richard Havel as substitute crossing guard at the rate of \$16.67/hr. effective September 9, 2026, contingent upon successful physical and background check, as recommended by Rebecca Babcock, Crossing Guard Captain.

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Discussion of Fire Department Small Business Line of Credit

Mr. Spidaletto spoke regarding the Fire Departments request for their business line of credit for various improvements. Mr. Formica made a motion to support the request of the Franklin Fire Department for a business line of credit. Seconded by Mrs. Carnes.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Carnes, Formica, Heath

Nays: None Absent: Skellenger, Snyder Abstentions: Limon

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS

Mrs. Heath commented regarding the Franklin House and is looking forward to the 9/11 celebration.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items for discussion by the Mayor and Council, Mrs. Heath made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:51p.m., seconded by Mrs. Carnes. All were in favor.

John M. Sowden IV, Mayor

Colleen L. Little, Municipal Clerk

Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex

Resolution #2026-92

RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF A SEASONAL LABORER FOR MAINTENANCE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

WHEREAS, there has arisen an opportunity to hire a seasonal laborer for maintenance in the Department of Public Works;

WHEREAS, Jesse Bogart, Roads Supervisor and the Administrator recommends hiring Joseph Lecaros up to 25 hours per week at the rate of \$20.00 per hour effective immediately.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Franklin that the Borough Administrator is authorized to hire Joseph Lecaros as a Laborer for maintenance in the Department of Public Works up to 25 hours per week at the rate of \$20.00 per hour, effective immediately, conditioned upon all required pre-employment testing.

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 at a regular meeting held on September 22, 2026 at 7:00 PM.

Colleen L. Little, Borough 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 #2026-93

AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR THE VIOLATIONS CLERK

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 2B:8-1 et seq. the Municipal Court of the Borough of Franklin, Sussex County has been established; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee recommends additional compensation to the Violations Clerk, Alexa Odllakoff; and

WHEREAS, additional compensation to Alexa Odllakoff will be provided as follows:

- a) Court sessions \$100 per session

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, does hereby approve the additional compensation to Alexa Odllakoff as Violations Clerk effective September 9, 2026.

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 at a regular meeting held on September 22, 2026.

Colleen L. Little, 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 #2026-94

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE THROUGH THE ESCNJ COOPERATIVE CONTRACT FOR STANDBY GENERATORS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES

WHEREAS the Borough of Franklin may, by resolution, and without advertising for bids or obtaining quotations, purchase any goods or services as per N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11, under the ESCNJ 25/26-62 Contract

WHEREAS the Department of Public Works needs, on a timely basis, to purchase goods and services utilizing the ESCNJ 25/26-62 Contract, duly authorized under law, to extend contract pricing to local units, per N.J.A.C. 5:34-7 et. Seq.; and

WHEREAS the Borough intends to enter into a contract for the procurement of two (2) standby generators from Foley, Incorporated, an authorized vendor under the ESCNJ 25/26-62 Contract as noted:

- Maple Road Pump Station, 60kw Diesel Standby Generator \$48,837.00
- Route 23N Pump Station, 30kw Diesel Standby Generator \$35,923.00

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds in the amount not to exceed \$84,760.00 are available in the Water/Sewer Budget and

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

1. The Department of Public Works is hereby authorized to purchase the above listed equipment from Foley Incorporated, an authorized vendor under the ESCNJ 25/26/62 Contract,
2. That the Chief Financial Officer has certified the amount not to exceed \$84,760.00
3. That the Borough Clerk shall forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the following:
 - Chief Financial Officer
 - Purchasing Agent
 - Director of Public Works
 - Foley Power Systems
855 Centennial Avenue, Piscataway, NJ 08855

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 September 22, 2026.

Colleen L. Little, 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 #2026-95

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTION ON BLOCK 302 LOT 2

WHEREAS, The Department of Veteran Affairs determined that Charles Buvis at 432 Rutherford Ave., Block 302, Lot 2, 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, Charles Buvis is entitled to a tax exemption on the property located at 432 Rutherford Ave. from July 28th, 2026, the date of application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Tax Collector is authorized to cancel taxes billed from July 28th, 2026.
2. The Tax Collector is authorized to cancel partial 3rd quarter 2026 taxes in the amount of \$1,921.10 and the full 4th quarter of 2026 amount along with the full 1st and 2nd quarter amounts 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 Corelogic/Cotality in the amount of \$1921.10.
4. This property will be marked as Exempt.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Mayor & Council of the Borough of Franklin, in the County of Sussex, New Jersey, at a meeting held on September 22nd, 2026.

Colleen L. Little, 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 #2026-96

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTION ON BLOCK 1401 LOT 1

WHEREAS, The Department of Veteran Affairs determined that Ronald Breidenstein at 40 Washington Ave., Block 1401, Lot 1, 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, Ronald Breidenstein is entitled to a tax exemption on the property located at 40 Washington Ave. from September 2nd, 2026, the date of application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Tax Collector is authorized to cancel taxes billed from September 2nd, 2026.
2. The Tax Collector is authorized to cancel partial 3rd quarter 2026 taxes in the amount of \$1,003.11 and the full 4th quarter of 2026 amount along with the full 1st and 2nd quarter amounts 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 Ronald Breidenstein in the amount of \$1,003.11.
4. This property will be marked as Exempt.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Mayor & Council of the Borough of Franklin, in the County of Sussex, New Jersey, at a meeting held on September 22nd, 2026.

Colleen L. Little, Municipal Clerk

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

Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex

Resolution #2026-97

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTION ON BLOCK 1204 LOT 16

WHEREAS, The Department of Veteran Affairs determined that John Hanson at 14 Stonemill Road, Block 1204, Lot 16, 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, John Hanson is entitled to a tax exemption on the property located at 14 Stonemill Road. from July 22nd, 2026, the date of application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Tax Collector is authorized to cancel taxes billed from July 22nd, 2026.
2. The Tax Collector is authorized to cancel partial 3rd quarter 2026 taxes in the amount of \$1,597.82 and the full 4th quarter of 2026 amount along with the full 1st and 2nd quarter amounts 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 John Hanson in the amount of \$1,597.82.
4. This property will be marked as Exempt.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Mayor & Council of the Borough of Franklin, in the County of Sussex, New Jersey, at a meeting held on September 22nd, 2026.

Colleen L. Little, 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 #2026-98

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DIVISION OF LOCAL AID AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RECOMMENDATION OF AWARD STATE AID PROJECT

BE IT RESOLVED

that the **Franklin Borough Council**

hereby recommends to the New Jersey Department of Transportation that the contract for

Kovach, Mabie and South Street Improvements

(Name of Project)

in the **Borough of Franklin** County of **Sussex**

(Name of Municipality)

be awarded to **the following 2026 Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council Vendors:**

Tilcon New York, Inc. (MCCPC Contract #6) whose bid amounted to \$ 125,610.00

Campbell Foundry Company (MCCPC Contract #14) whose bid amounted to \$ 960.00

Denville Line Painting, Inc. (MCCPC Contract #36) whose bid amounted to \$ 1,716.52

whose bids amounted to **\$ 128,286.52** subject to the approval of the Department.

That the presiding officer of this body be and is hereby directed to sign for and on its behalf the contract in the prescribed form for said construction.

That the clerk of this body be and Mayor is hereby directed to seal said contract with the corporate seal of this body and to attest to the same.

Approved by the Franklin Borough Council on September 22, 2026.

(Name of Local Government)

(Date of Award)

(Presiding Officer)

(Date)

(Clerk)

(Date)

(Affix Seal)

**BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN
ORDINANCE NUMBER 09-2026**

**CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PURCHASE OF
UPFITTING FOR THE NEW POLICE CARS FOR THE POLICE
DEPARTMENT, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN, IN
THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND
APPROPRIATING \$18,531.00 THEREFOR FROM THE CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR THIS PURCHASE**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Franklin, in the County of Sussex, State of New Jersey (the "Borough"), needs to upfit the newly purchased Tahoe and Silverado; and

WHEREAS, the cost of a portion of said improvements or purposes is estimated to be \$18,531.00; and

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to authorize the appropriation and expenditure of \$18,531.00 from the capital improvement fund to upfit these vehicles.

**BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AS
FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1. The capital improvements or purposes described below are hereby authorized as the Purchase of Server and Printer for the Police Department be undertaken by the Borough. For the said improvements or purposes, there is hereby appropriated the amount of \$18,531.00 from the capital improvement fund.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect immediately after final adoption and approval by the Mayor as described in N.J.S.A. 40:49-2.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced to pass on first reading at a regular meeting of the Council of the Borough of Franklin held on September 8, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. and ordered published in accordance with the law. Said Ordinance will be considered for final reading and adoption at a regular meeting of the Borough Council to be held on

September 22, 2026 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the Borough Council may hear this Ordinance at the Municipal Building, 46 Main Street, Franklin, New Jersey 07416, at which time all persons interested may appear for or against the passage of said Ordinance.

Colleen L. Little
Municipal Clerk

ADOPTED ON FIRST READING
DATED: September 8, 2026

Colleen L. Little,
Clerk of the Borough of Franklin

ADOPTED ON SECOND READING
DATED: September 22, 2026

Colleen L. Little,
Clerk of the Borough of Franklin

APPROVAL BY THE MAYOR ON THIS 22nd DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2026.

JOHN M. SOWDEN, IV, Mayor

**BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN
ORDINANCE NUMBER 09-2026**

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

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

**BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN
ORDINANCE NUMBER 10-2026**

**CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF A
GENERATOR FOR THE MAPLE ROAD PUMP STATION, BY
AND IN THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN, IN THE COUNTY OF
SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND APPROPRIATING
\$48,837.00 THEREFOR FROM THE WATER/SEWER CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR THIS PURCHASE**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Franklin, in the County of Sussex, State of New Jersey (the "Borough"), needs to purchase a generator for the Maple Road Pump Station, and

WHEREAS, the cost of a portion of said improvements or purposes is \$48,837.00; and

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to authorize the appropriation and expenditure of \$48,837.00 from the water/sewer capital improvement fund to purchase this generator,

**BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AS
FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1. The capital improvements or purposes described below are hereby authorized as the Purchase of a Generator at the Mape Road Pump Station for the Water/Sewer Utility be undertaken by the Borough. For the said improvements or purposes, there is hereby appropriated the amount of \$48,837.00 from the water/sewer capital improvement fund.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect immediately after final adoption and approval by the Mayor as described in N.J.S.A. 40:49-2.

NOTICE is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced to pass on first reading at a regular meeting of the Council of the Borough of Franklin held on September 22, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. and ordered published in accordance with the law. Said Ordinance will be considered for final reading and adoption at a regular meeting of the Borough Council to be held on

October 13, 2026 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the Borough Council may hear this Ordinance at the Municipal Building, 46 Main Street, Franklin, New Jersey 07416, at which time all persons interested may appear for or against the passage of said Ordinance.

Colleen L. Little
Municipal Clerk

ADOPTED ON FIRST READING
DATED:

Colleen L. Little,
Clerk of the Borough of Franklin

ADOPTED ON SECOND READING
DATED:

Colleen L. Little,
Clerk of the Borough of Franklin

APPROVAL BY THE MAYOR ON THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2026.

JOHN M. SOWDEN, IV, Mayor

**BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN
ORDINANCE NUMBER 10-2026**

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

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

**BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN
ORDINANCE NUMBER 11-2026**

**CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF
THE MOSCOW STREET WATER MAIN, BY AND IN THE
BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND APPROPRIATING \$40,279.00
THEREFOR FROM THE WATER/SEWER CAPITAL RESERVE
FOR WATER DISTRIBUTION**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Franklin, in the County of Sussex, State of New Jersey (the "Borough"), needs to extend the Moscow Street Water Main, and

WHEREAS, the cost of a portion of said improvements or purposes is \$40,279.00; and

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to authorize the appropriation and expenditure of \$40,279.00 from the water/sewer capital reserve for water distribution for this purpose,

**BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AS
FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1. The capital improvement described below is hereby authorized as the extension of the Moscow Street water main be undertaken by the Borough. For the said improvements or purposes, there is hereby appropriated the amount of \$40,279.00 from the water/sewer capital reserve for water distribution.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect immediately after final adoption and approval by the Mayor as described in N.J.S.A. 40:49-2.

NOTICE is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced to pass on first reading at a regular meeting of the Council of the Borough of Franklin held on September 22, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. and ordered published in accordance with the law. Said Ordinance will be considered for final reading and adoption at a regular meeting of the Borough Council to be held on

October 13, 2026 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the Borough Council may hear this Ordinance at the Municipal Building, 46 Main Street, Franklin, New Jersey 07416, at which time all persons interested may appear for or against the passage of said Ordinance.

Colleen L. Little
Municipal Clerk

ADOPTED ON FIRST READING
DATED:

Colleen L. Little,
Clerk of the Borough of Franklin

ADOPTED ON SECOND READING
DATED:

Colleen L. Little,
Clerk of the Borough of Franklin

APPROVAL BY THE MAYOR ON THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2026.

JOHN M. SOWDEN, IV, Mayor

**BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN
ORDINANCE NUMBER 11-2026**

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GILBERT SNYDER						
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