**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 27, 2026**

Council President Carnes 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, and Mr. Skellenger.

Absent: Mrs. Heath, Mr. Snyder and Mayor Sowden.

Council President Carnes led the assembly in the flag salute.

Council President Carnes 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

Amy Overman - Jersey Central Power and Light gave a liability update on the Borough. Explained substations, grids, circuits and trip saver devices. Franklins substation is being upgraded and should be completed in November. Electrical poles are being replaced with stronger poles and stronger wiring.

Mr. Formica commented on his section of town being put on the Franklin grid. Amy commented it is being reviewed.

Mrs. Carnes commented on same people going out often.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Skellenger had nothing to report.

Mr. Formica commented he was talking to the CFO regarding banners. Borough buys brackets $110.00 each, so banners can be changed throughout the year and to prepare an Ordinance for the fire department to repair a fire truck.

Mr. Limon commented there was a historical meeting last Wednesday. Concerned about habitat situation on Main Street.

Mrs. Little had nothing to report.

Mr. Spidaletto commented that there was pre application meeting for Safe Routes to School Grant.

Mr. Windels had nothing to report.

Mrs. Carnes had nothing to report.

## 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.

Joanne Tatka stepped forward. Ms. Tatka asked if anything is being done on future data centers, flock cameras, Habitat for Humanity, liquor license, beam guard rails.

Mike Walters stepped forward. Mr. Walters commented on a ponding problem by his house.

There being no one else present who wished to address the Governing Body, Mr. Formica made a motion to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Mr. Skellenger. All were in favor.

**CONSENT AGENDA**
Council President Carnes 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 Fredon resolution urging a comprehensive independent investigation and performance audit of New Jersey's electric utilities.
2. Township of Frankford resolution calling upon the Governor of the State of New Jersey and the New Jersey Department of Education to review the state school funding formula and the allocation of state aid to districts reporting substantial excess surplus.

**REPORTS** (ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING OF THE FOLLOWING):
1. Water/Sewer Division Report – September 2026
2. County Board of Health Report – September 2026

**APPLICATIONS** (APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING):
1. None filed.

**RESOLUTIONS** (APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING):
1. Payment of bills for the meeting of October 27, 2026.

Mr. Limon made a motion to approve the consent agenda of October 27, 2026. Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

Upon roll call vote:
Ayes: Carnes, Formica, Limon, Skellenger
Nays: None Absent: Heath, Snyder Abstentions: None

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

**NEW BUSINESS**
Approval of the Minutes
Mrs. Carnes made a motion for the regular meeting and executive session minutes for October 13, 2026. (Absent: None) Seconded by Mr. Skellenger

Upon roll call vote:
Ayes: Carnes, Formica, Limon, Skellenger
Nays: None Absent: Heath, Snyder Abstentions: None

Resolution 2026-100
Mr. Limon made a motion approving a person to person and place to place liquor license transfer for license #1906-33-009-012.
Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

Upon roll call vote to approve Resolution 2026-100:
Ayes: Carnes, Formica, Limon, Skellenger
Nays: None Absent: Heath, Snyder Abstentions: None

Resolution 2026-101
Mr. Formica made a motion authorizing through the Morris County Cooperative the purchase and installation of beam guiderail at a cost not to exceed $69,865.13.
Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

Upon roll call vote to approve Resolution 2026-101:
Ayes: Carnes, Formica, Limon, Skellenger
Nays: None Absent: Heath, Snyder Abstentions: None

2026 Best Practices Inventory
Mr. Skellenger made a motion to accept the 2026 best practices inventory prepared by the CFO, Administrator and Clerk as required by the Division of Local Government Services.
Seconded by Mr. Limon.

Upon roll call vote to approve 2026 Best Practices Inventory:
Ayes: Carnes, Formica, Limon, Skellenger
Nays: None Absent: Heath, Snyder Abstentions: None

Franklin Quilters Request
Mr. Skellenger made a motion to approve the Franklin Recreation Committee Sponsored, "Franklin Quilters" request to waive the fees and to use the Senior Center for their meetings on the 3rd Saturday of every month for year 2027. (Recreation approved sponsorship at its October 15, 2026 meeting)
Seconded by Mr. Formica.

Upon roll call vote to approve Franklin Quilters Request:
Ayes: Carnes, Formica, Limon, Skellenger
Nays: None Absent: Heath, Snyder Abstentions: None

Proclamation for Lights on Afterschool
Mr. Limon made a motion to approve the proclamation for lights on after school.
Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

Upon roll call vote to approve Proclamation for Lights on Afterschool:
Ayes: Carnes, Formica, Limon, Skellenger
Nays: None Absent: Heath, Snyder Abstentions: None

Mutual Aid Agreement for Emergency Fire Services
Mr. Formica made a motion to approve a mutual aid agreement for emergency fire services between the Borough of Franklin (provider) and the Borough of Hamburg (receiver) effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027.
Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

Upon roll call vote to approve Mutual Aid Agreement for Emergency Fire Services
Ayes: Carnes, Formica, Skellenger
Nays: None Absent: Heath, Snyder Abstentions: Limon

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**
There was no executive session.

**MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS**

Mr. Spidaletto thanked the coalition for everything they do for the county.
Mrs. Carnes thanked the Boy Scouts for coming.

**ADJOURNMENT**
There being no further items for discussion by the Mayor and Council, Mr. Skellenger made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m., seconded by Mr. Formica.
All were in favor.

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Patricia Carnes, Council President

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Colleen L. Little, Municipal Clerk