

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
MARCH 22, 2022

- 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 printed in the New Jersey Herald/Sunday New Jersey Herald on January 7, 2022, and posted on the Borough website, which adequate notice has been certified by the Clerk."
- D. **PRESENTATIONS**
1. **Oath of Office – Zachary LaGrave**
Mayor Sowden will recognize Police Chief Gregory Cugliari who will introduce new hire Franklin Police Department Patrolman Zachary LaGrave.

Mrs. Tremont will administer the Oath of Office to Zachary LaGrave, Franklin Police Department Patrolman.
 2. **Tamara Contreras, Walkkill Coalition Coordinator Center for Prevention & Counseling – Drug Free Communities Support Program**
- 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** to approve the regular meeting minutes for March, 8, 2022. (Absent: None) (*motion needed*)

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2. Introduction of Ordinance 04-2022 entitled “BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY CALENDAR YEAR 2022 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14) *(motion needed)*

Public hearing to be held on April 12, 2022.

3. Mayoral Appointment
Mayor Sowden will make the following appointment.

Crossing Guard Captain

Rebecca Babcock at the rate of \$15.75 effective March 24, 2022.
(motion to confirm needed)

4. Approval of NJ State Firemen's Association Membership Application for membership of Jacob G. Sherwood, 88 Scott Road, Apt. 4, Franklin, to the Franklin Fire Department as endorsed by Khyle Conklin, Franklin Fire Department Chief. *(motion needed)*
5. Approval of NJ State Firemen's Association Membership Application for membership of Ryan J. Carnes, 289 Rutherford Ave., Franklin, to the Franklin Fire Department as endorsed by Khyle Conklin, Franklin Fire Department Chief. *(motion needed)*
6. Approve Special Event Permit Application for Franklin Mineral Museum to conduct a Rock Swap and Sell on April 23, 2022, rain date of April 24, 2022 at the location of 32 Evans Street, Franklin and to authorize the use of the Franklin Pond area for parking as needed. *(motion needed)*
7. Approve Garden State Fireworks Agreement for Fireworks Display for Franklin Day, to be held on June 18, 2022, in the amount of \$7,500.00. Rain Date June 19, 2022. *(motion needed)*
8. Discussion on moving School Board Elections back to April

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.

ORDINANCE 04-2022

**BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN
SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY CALENDAR YEAR 2022
ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS
AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 1.0% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Franklin in the County of Sussex finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2022 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Franklin hereby determines that a 3.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$260,384.54 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Franklin hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Franklin, in the County of Sussex, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2022 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Franklin shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$260,384.54, and that the CY 2022 municipal budget for the Franklin Borough be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall be applied retroactively to be applicable to the introduction and adoption of the 2022 Municipal Budget.

Attest:

Darlene J. Tremont, Municipal Clerk

John M. Sowden, IV, Mayor

NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that the above entitled Ordinance 04-2022 was introduced at a regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Franklin on March 22, 2022 and will be considered for final passage after public hearing at a regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Franklin to be held on April 12, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Darlene J. Tremont, Municipal Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Darlene J. Tremont, Clerk of the Borough of Franklin, do hereby certify that the Borough of Franklin Council duly adopted the foregoing Ordinance on the ___ day of ___, 2022.

Darlene J. Tremont, Municipal Clerk

John M. Sowden IV, Mayor

Introduced:

Adopted:

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

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTES-SECOND READING					Move	2nd
COUNCIL MEMBER	AYES	NAYES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT		
CONCETTO FORMICA COUNCIL PRESIDENT						
RACHEL HEATH						
JOSEPH LIMON						
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