

**CONSENT AGENDA
FOR THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN
AT 46 MAIN STREET, FRANKLIN, NJ HELD ON
MAY 24, 2022**

ALL MATTERS LISTED BELOW ARE CONSIDERED ROUTINE IN NATURE AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THE ITEMS. IF ANY DISCUSSION IS DESIRED, THAT PARTICULAR ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND WILL BE CONSIDERED SEPARATELY.

CORRESPONDENCE (ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING ONLY OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. Borough of Hamburg Ordinance amending chapter 215 Zoning Map of the code of the Borough of Hamburg.
2. Township of Frankford resolution opposing certain aspects of Assembly Bill 4454 adopted into law on March 1, 2021.
3. Resolution from the County of Sussex authorizing the creation of a parent's bill of rights concerning the protection and education of Sussex County Children.
4. Kittatinny Regional School District resolution #1-4-29-22 opposing a proposal by the New Jersey and Pennsylvania Chapters of the Sierra Club to Change the designation of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area to the Delaware River National Park and Lenape Preserve until a formal plan is presented for public review and comment.
5. Hampton Township School District resolution #2-4-28-22 opposing a proposal by the New Jersey and Pennsylvania Chapters of the Sierra Club to Change the designation of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area to the Delaware River National Park and Lenape Preserve until a formal plan is presented for public review and comment.
6. Letter dated May 17, 2022, from Jacob Pease, NJDEP Bureau of Safe Drinking Water to Brian VanDenBroek Re: Reduced Monitoring for Per-and Poly-Fluorinated Alkyl Substance (PFAS).
7. Sandyston Township resolution R-43-2022 authorizing Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute per diem mutual aid agreement for water emergency standbys as requested through the Sussex County Fire Coordinator on an as needed basis.

REPORTS (ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. Police Department Report – April 2022
2. Zoning Department Report – April – May 2022
3. Municipal Court Report – April 2022
4. DPW Report – April 25 – April 29, 2022
5. DPW Report – May 2 - May 6, 2022

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APPLICATIONS (APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. None filed.

RESOLUTIONS (APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. Resolution #2022-57 – opposing a proposal by the New Jersey and Pennsylvania Chapters of the Sierra Club to change the designation of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area to the Delaware River National Park and Lenape Preserve until a formal plan is presented for public review and comment.
2. Resolution #2022-58 – proclaiming June 2022 as Pride Month.
3. Payment of bills for the meeting of May 24, 2022.

Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex

Resolution #2022-57

RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN OPPOSING A PROPOSAL BY THE NEW JERSEY AND PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTERS OF THE SIERRA CLUB TO CHANGE THE DESIGNATION OF THE DELAWARE WATER GAP NATIONAL RECREATION AREA TO THE DELAWARE RIVER NATIONAL PARK AND LENAPE PRESERVE UNTIL A FORMAL PLAN IS PRESENTED FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT

WHEREAS, the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area (DEWA) was established September 1, 1965, one of 10 National Recreation Areas of the National Park Service, currently encompassing nearly 70,000 acres in New Jersey and Pennsylvania and is a protected area in the United States established by an Act of Congress to preserve enhanced recreational opportunities in places with significant natural and scenic resources; and

WHEREAS, the DEWA offers recreational opportunities such as hiking, walking, bicycling, fishing, hunting, swimming, camping, canoeing, boating, cross country skiing, bird watching, horseback riding, sightseeing, and special events; cultural resources, infrastructural facilities, national resources, and rare, threatened and endangered species of plants, fish, mammals, reptiles and amphibians; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Franklin Borough enjoy the recreational opportunities as well as cultural and natural resources of this open space and local businesses benefit from the tourism brought by Stokes State Forest, State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Fish & Wildlife and DEWA bring to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Franklin is aware of a proposal by the New Jersey and Pennsylvania Chapters of the Sierra Club seeking to change the designation of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area to the Delaware River National Park and Lenape Preserve; and

WHEREAS, the proposal by the New Jersey and Pennsylvania Chapters of the Sierra Club offers no insight or plan for the change in designation; namely the environmental, economic and agricultural impact to the DEWA and to the residents and local businesses in Sussex County; and

WHEREAS, the proposal by the New Jersey and Pennsylvania Chapters of the Sierra Club offers no information on possible changes to public lands, namely, Stokes State Forest, High Point State Park and State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Fish & Wildlife lands as well as acquisition of private property; and

WHEREAS, the proposal by the New Jersey and Pennsylvania Chapters of the Sierra Club offers no information on the plan to facilitate this change; the implementation of fee collection and location of collection stations; and how funding will be provided for this National Park; and

WHEREAS, the proposal by the New Jersey and Pennsylvania Chapters of the Sierra Club offers no explanation on the location, size and parameters of the "Preserve" area, the activities allowed and disallowed; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Governing Body of the Borough of Franklin opposes any change in designation of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Governing Body of the Borough of Franklin firmly opposes the proposal of the New Jersey and Pennsylvania Chapters of the Sierra Club, or any other organization, seeking to change the designation of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area to the Delaware River National Park and Lenape Preserve unless and until a formal plan is presented offering information on the environmental, economic and agricultural impact of this proposed change; sources of funding; the fee structure and the plan for the implementation of fees and collection station locations; a map of the area depicting the location of the Lenape Preserve; the plans for any acquisition of additional private or public lands; and the impact this proposal will have on the residents of Frankford Township and Sussex County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Governing Body of the Borough of Franklin requests that once said formal plan is presented, the public shall have ample time to review, question and comment on the plan prior to any action taken by the United States Legislature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Borough of Franklin requests copies of this resolution be sent to President Joe Biden; Governor Phil Murphy; U.S. Senator Robert Menendez; U.S. Senator Cory Booker; Congressman Josh Gottheimer; New Jersey Senator Steven V. Oroho; New Jersey Assemblyman F. Parker Space; New Jersey Assemblyman Harold Wirths; NJ Senator Michael Doherty; Pennsylvania Sierra Club; Sussex County Board of County Commissioners; all municipalities of Sussex County; State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection; National Park Service, Charles Sams, Director; National Park Service Northeast Region, Gay Vietzke, Regional Director; Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, Sula Jacobs, Superintendent; Delaware River Basin Commission; Partnership for the Delaware Estuary; National Lands Trust.

CERTIFICATION

I, Colleen Little, Deputy 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 May 24, 2022.

Colleen Little, Deputy Clerk

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTES				
COUNCIL MEMBER	AYES	NAYES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CONCETTO FORMICA				
RACHEL HEATH				
JOSEPH LIMON				
JOHN POSTAS				
STEPHEN SKELLENGER				
GILBERT SNYDER				
MAYOR SOWDEN (Tie Only)				

Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex

Resolution #2022-58

Whereas, LGBTQ+ Pride Month is celebrated Nationwide each year in the month of June; and

Whereas, this month was chosen to commemorate the events that took place 50 years ago at the Stonewall Inn in Manhattan, New York, on June 28, 1969, and is often viewed as the beginning of the modern LGBTQ+ rights movement; and

Whereas, all human beings should be equal in dignity and rights, and no one should live in fear or face persecution and violence due to their sexual orientation or gender identity; and

Whereas, the Borough of Franklin celebrates and encourages diversity, acceptance and inclusion within our community and supports the self-affirmation, equality and increased visibility of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people; and

Whereas, it is essential to acknowledge that the need for awareness to combat discrimination, biases and prejudice; and

Whereas, the Borough of Franklin calls upon residents of our community to embrace this principle and work together to foster a warm and hospitable place for all to live; and

Whereas, acknowledging Pride Month influences awareness, provides support and fosters dialogue to build understanding and acceptance and advance equal rights for all Franklin Borough residents.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, by the Borough of Franklin Governing Body, in the County of Sussex and State of New Jersey, that June 2022 be proclaimed LGBTQ+ Pride Month in the Borough of Franklin and that our residents continue to respect all fellow human beings, irrespective of their sexual orientation or gender identity.

CERTIFICATION: I, Darlene J. Tremont, 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 May 26, 2022.

Colleen Little, Deputy Municipal Clerk

John M. Sowden IV, Mayor

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