

**Franklin Borough Planning Board**  
**Meeting Minutes for**  
**December 16, 2013**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by the Chairman, Mr. John Cholminski, who then led the assembly in the flag salute.

Mr. Cholminski read the Statement of Compliance pursuant to the "Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, PL 1975."

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Crowley, Mr. Kilduff, Mr. Zydon,  
Mr. Cholminski, Mr. Foulds, Mr. Nidelko

ABSENT: Mr. Christiano, Lermond, Mr. Zschack

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. James Kilduff, Plng. & Comm. Dev. Dir.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mr. Zydon noted a misspelled word on Page 6, last ¶, 4<sup>th</sup> line be changed from "liberty vehicle" to "livery vehicle". Mr. Kilduff pointed out two alternates are present to be able to vote.

Mr. Kilduff made a motion to approve the **Franklin Borough Planning Board Meeting Minutes for October 21, 2013** (with noted change addressed). Seconded by Mr. Foulds.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Crowley, Kilduff, Zydon, Foulds

NAYS: None                      ABSTENTIONS:

It was inquired of Mr. Nidelko being eligible to vote. It was responded to as he wasn't at the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS:**

**APPLICATIONS FOR COMPLETENESS:**

**ADJOURNED CASES:**

**APPLICATIONS TO BE HEARD:**

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

Mr. Nidelko made a motion to approve the **Franklin Borough Planning Board Escrow Report for December 16, 2013**. Seconded by Mr. Zydon.

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Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Kilduff, Foulds, Nidelko, Cholminski

NAYS: None                      ABSTENTIONS: Crowley

**DISCUSSION:**

Chairman Cholminski inquired of discussion on Professional Evaluations. Mr. Kilduff said the Professional Evaluation Review Committee met recently. Two members from this Board were Mr. Foulds and Mr. Christiano and from the Zoning Board, Mrs. Bonis and Chairman Rich Kell. They reviewed all the submitted evaluations for both Boards and recommended re-appointment of all the professionals.

Mr. Kilduff said they did not have Mr. Knutelsky's (2014) projected rates and received the other professionals' contracts with no rate changes. Therefore, the committee recommended conditioning it upon satisfactory review of Mr. Knutelsky's proposed 2014 rates. He spoke with Mr. Knutelsky this afternoon via telephone and doesn't know if Board Members are aware Mr. Knutelsky's rates are decided by Mr. Pellow, and Mr. Knutelsky's rates are lower than other firm members. His current charge is \$119.00 and is projected at \$120.00 for next year which is a modest increase and is open for Board discussion.

Mr. Zydon asked what the \$1.00 an hour raise was. It was responded to as cost of living and it was also said it's under the 2%.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Chairman Cholminski said in Correspondence there was a memo to the Mayor & Council regarding the Commercial/Recreational Ordinance to which he spent much time reading through comments of the proposed ordinance and discussion. The latest being, to postpone for six months.

Mr. Kilduff said it went back to Mayor and Council with this Board's input and the public at the Mayor & Council Meeting during the public hearing of the ordinance. At its conclusion, Council decided not to pass it and extended the ordinance moratorium enforcement for another six months to go back, review the ordinance, and make adjustments. He said what was not brought up during this Board's review was another ordinance in place restricting post weight limits on about 19 streets in Franklin. The post shows 4 tons. This Board discussed increasing weight limit to 19,500 whereby adjustments would have to be made to that ordinance as well. One thing affects another and would have to be looked at again.

Mr. Cholminski asked Mr. Kilduff what points to Planning. Mr. Kilduff said this ordinance originated out of Council as opposed to the Planning Board.

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Mayor Crowley said the Council has an Ordinance Committee. On January 1<sup>st</sup> there will be new committees who'll ask the new Ordinance Committee to review, recommend and return to the Planning Board again if they change it.

Mr. Cholminski suggested inclusion of a Planning Board Member at (Ordinance) drafting. Mr. Foulds said to streamline the process prior to the review process. Mayor Crowley said you wouldn't streamline the process; by law it still has to return to the Planning Board. Mr. Cholminski commented (the Planning Board) having more experience with review and could involve the ZO. He asked Mr. Kilduff if they have to get any action on this. Mr. Kilduff said its straight information at this point.

**OPEN PUBLIC SESSION:**

Mr. Nidelko made a motion to **Open to the Public**. Seconded by Mayor Crowley. All were in favor.

No-one from the public stepped forward.

Mr. Foulds made a motion to **Close to the Public**. Seconded by Mayor Crowley. All were in favor.

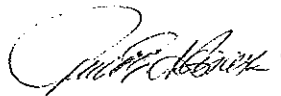
Mayor Crowley said Mr. Kilduff was put on the Board when Mr. Suckey stepped down. He said that position has to be a town official and in January, Jim Williams will be taking that position.

Mayor Crowley said he spoke with Mr. Zschack who doesn't have enough time, and the Council is to appoint someone else to be the Council representative.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 PM on a motion by Mr. Foulds. Seconded by Mayor Crowley. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Ruth Nunez  
Secretary