

**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
MARCH 08, 2011**

Mayor Crowley called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm and requested the Deputy Borough Clerk to call the roll. Upon roll call, the following members of the Governing Body were present: Mr. Giordano, Mr. Kulsar, Ms. Miller, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Zschack, and Mayor Crowley.

Absent: Ms. Gardell

Mayor Crowley led the assembly in the flag salute.

Mayor Crowley stated "This meeting is being held in compliance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975, Ch. 231. It has been properly advertised and certified by the Clerk."

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Crowley requested that all persons present review the consent agenda and offer any comments they may have at this time regarding the consent agenda. He added that the Franklin Quilters completed the Use Form.

CORRESPONDENCE (ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING ONLY OF THE FOLLOWING):
None

REPORTS (ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING OF THE FOLLOWING):
Tax Department Report for February 2011.
Building Department Report for February 2011.

APPLICATIONS (APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING):
Franklin Quilters use of the Franklin Senior Center on Saturday, May 7, 2011 from 9am – 5pm.

RESOLUTIONS (APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING):
Payment of bills for the meeting of March 08, 2011.

Mr. Zschack made a motion to approve the consent agenda of March 08, 2011. Mr. Giordano pulled the following PO's 15764, 15791, 15833, 15778, 15849, 15662, 15839, 15837, 15790, and 15795. Seconded by Ms. Miller. Mayor Crowley asked if there was any discussion on the consent agenda.

Upon roll call vote:
Ayes: Giordano, Kulsar, Miller, Snyder, Zschack
Nays: None Absent: Gardell Abstentions: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Kulsar reported that they are waiting for the architect to complete the drawings for the rec. building. They are waiting to hear from Mr. Kilduff regarding the interlocal info. Mr. Kilduff said that he has dates and will email them

Mr. Zschack reported that they have been discussing the Police Chief retirement and the Budget where they are making headway.

Ms. Miller had no report.

Mr. Snyder had no report.

Mr. Giordano reported that Recreation is planning for Franklin Nite.

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Mrs. Nemeth, Deputy Clerk thanked her fellow employees for their support and help while the Clerk is out due to an illness.

Attorney Ursin discussed that the OPRA lawsuit was dismissed today. He will work to ensure that there will be no OPRA issues in the future.

He added that the Administrators contract is completed and that the Mayor and Council will get copies so that they can discuss at the next meeting.

Mr. Kilduff gave his report which is on file in the Clerk's office. He discussed that trash bins and benches have been delivered for Main Street. Also, many resumes have come in for the temporary clerk's office position and that due to budget discussions and the Clerk possibly returning in a few weeks hiring has been held off. He thanked Marguerite for her efforts. The ad for the Violations clerk has been placed and resumes are in for that position. So far none of the resumes received have the deputy court administrator certification. Mr. Kilduff discussed that the Borough has received from the NJ Highlands Council payment of \$13,907 from the Plan Conformance Grant.

The Mayor reported that he, Mr. Zschack and Mr. Kilduff met with representatives from Ogdensburg for possible shared services for DPW, Water and other agencies.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. Zschack made a motion to open the meeting to the public for anyone wishing to address the Governing Body. Seconded by Mr. Snyder. All were in favor.

Alfonso Calando of 81 Main Street expressed his concerns about television sets on the side of the roads. He added that the garbage is a big problem.

Ms. Miller stated that garbage pickup is Tuesday and they are putting the trash out on Saturdays and Sundays, knowing that the Zoning Officer is not in on those days. It was discussed that the problem on Main Street runs from 140-146.

Karen Folkert of 113 Main Street discussed the vacancy in the police department and having only 12 men. She would like to see 13 officers. She understands that the over time is a problem when you have less men.

Joann Tatka of 151 Maple asked why there were no copies of the budget for the public. The Mayor said that the budget was flawed and the Council is not happy with it. He said it is introduced tonight and the public hearing is the 26th of April.

Mr. Rome stated that the budget is available from the Deputy Clerk or himself. He stated that he did not want to put an incorrect budget out.

She urged the Borough to keep below the CAP. She asked about the uncollected tax resolution. Mr. Rome explained the resolution. She stated she saw someone placing electronics in plastic bags. The Mayor said that people will try to do this. This is a problem with the law he said. This is a state law. She asked about using stickers for the electronics on the side of the roads. She questioned about a shared court. She asked who our SCUMA rep was. The Mayor said Jason Doyle. She said that the Citizen Advisory Committee asked about a newsletter on the website. She asked if the Redevelopment Study was finished. The answer was no. She asked about the new police car. She was told it was purchased outright. She questioned the dump truck that sits. The Mayor said they plan on using it. She said it was nice to see the sheriff office escorting those to court.

Ms. Arrigo asked about signs. The Mayor stated that the ordinance committee has it. It will not be done for this snow season. She spoke about Mansfield signs and how they use temporary no parking flag signs.

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

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Giordano questioned the vouchers pulled 15764 DPW meals, 15791 fuel oil, 15833, 15778, 15849, 15662, 15839, 15837, 15790, 15795 Direct TV for first aid squad. He stated that we should consolidate suppliers for fuel oil. He discussed that BPW is remodeling the building. The Mayor said that they put in a shop. Mr. Giordano asked why it needed ceiling tiles and spackle when it is an industrial building. He said we spend a lot of money on equipment, tools and parts. He then questioned the purchase of a vacuum for \$399.00. Sam, CFO stated it was for the municipal building. Mr. Giordano questioned the \$200.00 for steps for the truck. He then questioned the Direct TV bill for the First Aid Squad. Mr. Snyder said that they use it for weather and emergencies. He added that they could get the \$19.95 package and the Fire Department pays for their own from their budget. Attorney Ursin added that Service Electric could possibly provide cable at the building for free. Mr. Rome, CFO stated that the Little Center gets cable for \$9.95 a month. Mr. Snyder asked Mr. Giordano if he spoke to Brian or Mike regarding the vouchers he had questioned and he should speak to them if he has questions regarding the expenditures. The Mayor also added that he should speak to Brian and Mike. Mr. Giordano motioned to approve the vouchers. Seconded by Mr. Snyder.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Giordano, Kulsar, Miller, Snyder, Zschack

Nays: None Absent: Gardell Abstentions: None

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Ms. Miller motioned to approve the meeting minutes of the Regular Meeting and held on February 22, 2011. Seconded by Mr. Snyder.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Giordano, Miller, Snyder, Zschack

Nays: None Absent: Gardell Abstentions: Kulsar

Franklin Band Lease

Mr. Webb of the Franklin Band came forward to speak to the Council about the Franklin Band and the need for a place to store their equipment. The Council discussed offering the office space in the Senior Center at \$1.00 a year for a term of three years. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting. In the meantime the attorney will draw up the lease agreement resolution and forward it to the Borough for review.

2010 Tonnage Grant Application Resolution

Ms. Miller motioned to adopt a resolution authorizing the submission of an application for the 2010 Recycling Tonnage Grant to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and designates the Franklin Borough Public Works Manager, Mike Gunderman to ensure that the application is properly filed. Seconded by Mr. Zschack.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Giordano, Kulsar, Miller, Snyder, Zschack

Nays: None Absent: Gardell Abstentions: None

Resolution Providing for Increase in Reserve for Uncollected Taxes Percentage

Mr. Snyder motioned to approve the Resolution Providing for Increase in Reserve for Uncollected Taxes Percentage. Seconded by Mr. Giordano.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Giordano, Kulsar, Miller, Snyder, Zschack

Nays: None Absent: Gardell Abstentions: None

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Resolution Providing for Increase in Reserve for Uncollected Taxes Percentage.

Mr. Snyder motioned to approve the Resolution Providing for Increase in Reserve for Uncollected Taxes Percentage. Seconded by Mr. Giordano.

Mr. Rome, CFO explained the resolution providing for increase in reserve for uncollected taxes to those present.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Giordano, Kulsar, Miller, Snyder, Zschack

Nays: None Absent: Gardell Abstentions: None

Introduction FY 2011 Municipal Budget

Ms. Miller motioned to adopt a resolution introducing the FY 2011 Municipal Budget for the Borough of Franklin. The public hearing will be April 26, 2011. Seconded by Mr. Zschack.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Giordano, Kulsar, Miller, Snyder, Zschack

Nays: None Absent: Gardell Abstentions: None

Discussion regarding Chief of Police Joseph Kistle's Retirement

The Mayor said that the chief asked the council if in his retirement agreement he could retain two of his service weapons, that the borough would pay \$800 for lodging expenses at a conference a few weeks after his retirement, and allow him to keep his borough-appointed phone number. Mr. Giordano motioned to approve that the Chief of Police retain two of his service weapons, that the borough would pay \$800 for lodging expenses at a conference a few weeks after his retirement, and allow him to keep his borough-appointed phone number. Seconded by Ms. Miller.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Giordano, Kulsar, Miller, Zschack

Nays: Snyder Absent: Gardell Abstentions: None

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items for discussion by the Mayor and Council, Ms. Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m., seconded by Mr. Zschack. All were in favor.

Paul B. Crowley, Mayor

Respectfully submitted by
Marguerite L. Nemeth
Deputy Borough Clerk