

**MINUTES FOR THE ORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN  
HELD AT THE FRANKLIN BOROUGH HALL  
46 MAIN STREET, FRANKLIN, NJ AT 12:00 NOON  
JANUARY 1, 2014**

Mayor Crowley will call the meeting to order.

Mayor Crowley will state “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.”

Mayor Crowley led the assembly in the flag salute.

**Roll Call of 2013 Borough Council Members**

Mayor Crowley requested a roll call of the 2013 Governing Body:

Present: Mr. Babcock, Mr. Fanale, Mr. Giordano, Mr. Limon, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Zschack and Mayor Crowley

Absent: None

**Oaths of Office**

Ms. Hough read the “Statement of Determination” of the Board of County Canvassers.

Ms. Hough administered the Oath of Office to Councilman-elect David M. Fanale for a three-year term as Councilman of the Borough of Franklin.

Ms. Hough administered the Oath of Office to Councilman-elect Nicholas Giordano for a three-year term as Councilman of the Borough of Franklin.

**Roll Call of 2014 Borough Council Members**

Mayor Crowley requested a roll call of the 2014 Governing Body.

Present: Mr. Babcock, Mr. Fanale, Mr. Giordano, Mr. Limon, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Zschack, Mayor Crowley

Absent: None

**Council Appointment: Council President**

Mayor Crowley opened the floor for Council nominations to the position of Council President for 2014.

Mr. Babcock nominated Councilman Limon to the position of Council President for 2014. Mr. Snyder seconded the motion.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Babcock, Fanale, Giordano, Limon, Snyder, Zschack

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

**Fire Department Chief and Line Officers**

Mayor Crowley recognized the Chief of the Franklin Fire Department for 2014, Jeffrey Snyder

Ms. Hough administered the Oath of Office to the Chief of the Franklin Fire Department for 2014, Jeffrey Snyder.

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Mayor Crowley asked Fire Chief Jeffrey Snyder to introduce the 2014 Line Officers of the Franklin Fire Department. Line Officers present: Assistant Chief Troy Kays, Captain Brian Doyle, Lieutenant Michael Raperto, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Chris Ross, 3rd Lieutenant Brian Davis Sr., President Jack Stoll and Vice President James Raperto. Note: Treasurer James Nidelko and Secretary Kevin Karpowicz did not attend the meeting.

Ms. Hough administered the Oath of Office to the Line Officers present of the Franklin Fire Department for 2014.

Mayor Crowley congratulated the Fire Department; all the members that are here, wishing them a good year and safe year. He is looking forward to working with basically the same officers as before.

Mayor Crowley stated he would like to make a special representation; ex-chief Raperto is present who is also Fireman of the year. Mayor Crowley congratulated ex-chief Raperto.

Mayor Crowley asked Terry Gallagher to come forward and introduce our First Aid Squad.

Mr. Gallagher stepped forward and introduced: President William Lanham, Secretary Cindy Lanham and Vice President Denise D'Amelio. Mr. Gallagher mentioned other members could not make the meeting due to their work schedule.

Mayor Crowley thanked the members of the First Aid Squad for their time and effort they make for our community. Mayor Crowley wished them good luck and to have a safe year.

Mayor Crowley commented the Borough received congratulations from the 24th District representatives; they were not able to attend the meeting. Unfortunately right now there is about six reorganizations going on County wide. They send their congratulations from the 24th district office and also the Freeholders.

Mayor Crowley acknowledged in the audience Mayor Jonathan Ross from Sussex here and thanked him for attending the meeting. Mayor Crowley also acknowledged former Mayor Dick Durina is also here.

**Mayor's Appointments**

At this time, **Mayor Crowley** will present his nominations for appointment to the various positions of Borough Government for the year 2014.

Prosecutor (1 yr.)	Anthony DenUyl
Public Defender (1 yr.)	Daniel A. Colfax, Esq.
Administrator	James Kilduff (Subject to Contract)
Assessment Search Officer (1 yr.)	Robin Hough
Tax Search Officer (1 yr.)	Theresa Schlosser
Borough Physician (1 yr.)	Dennis Fielding
Animal Control Officer (1 yr.)	John Abate
School Crossing Head Guard (1 yr.)	Lynn Prtorich
Municipal Housing Liaison (1yr.)	James Kilduff
Judge (3yr.) Expires 12/31/14	James Devine, Esq.
Emergency Management Coordinator (3 yr)	Jim Williams

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Mr. Zschack made a motion to confirm the Mayor's Appointment. Seconded by Mr. Limon.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Babcock, Fanale, Giordano, Limon, Snyder, Zschack

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

**Appointments: Planning Board**

At this time, the **Council** shall, by motion, select a representative to serve on the Planning Board as a Full Member Class III (1 yr.)

Mr. Zschack made a motion to nominate Nicholas Giordano for Class III member to the Planning Board. Seconded by Mr. Snyder.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Babcock, Fanale, Limon, Snyder, Zschack

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: Giordano

**Mayor Crowley** shall make the following appointments to the Planning Board:

Member Class IV (4 year term)	John Christiano
Member Class IV (4 year term)	Nathan Foulds
Alternate #1 (2 yr. term)	Jim Nidelko
Alternate #2 (2 yr. term)	John Friend
Fire Safety Class II (1 yr. term)	Jim Williams

Mr. Zschack made a motion to confirm the Mayor's appointments to the Planning Board. Seconded by Mr. Snyder.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Babcock, Fanale, Giordano, Limon, Snyder, Zschack

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

**Appointments: Boards and Commissions**

**Mayor Crowley** shall nominate appointments for the various Boards and Commissions of the Borough of Franklin for 2014.

**ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

Member	4 year term	Joseph Martinez
Member	4 year term	Martin Swiss
Alternate #1	2 year term	Glenn Soules
Alternate #2	2 year term	Ethel Alexander

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS**

Member	3 year term	Bonnie Holland
Alternate #2	3 year term	Vacant

**FRANKLIN/HARDYSTON JOINT RECREATION COMMITTEE**

All current Board of Recreation Commissioners 1 year term

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**RECREATION COMMISSION**

Alternate # 1	5 year term	Russell Bronstein
Alternate #2	4 year term	Vacant

**BOARD OF HEALTH**

Member	4 year term	Carolyn Ryder
Member	4 year term	Amiee Zschack
Secretary	1 year term	Rachel Heath

**LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

Mayor	1 year term	Paul Crowley
Deputy	1 year term	Eugene McInerney
Member/OEM	1 year term	Jim Williams
Member/FFD	1 year term	Jeffrey Snyder
Member/WVFAS	1 year term	Terry Gallagher
Member	1 year term	Scott Rogoff
Member	1 year term	Monica Miebach
Member	1 year term	Jim Kilduff
Member	1 year term	Steve Sluka
Member	1 year term	Dayne Hill
Member	1 year term	Richard L. Border
Member	1 year term	James Nidelko

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Member	1 year term	Renee Smith
Member	1 year term	Suzanne Weeks
Member	1 year term	David Fanale
Member	1 year term	Steven Oroho
Member	1 year term	Steve Zydon
Member	1 year term	Judy Williams
Alternate #1	1 year term	Floy Estes
Alternate #2	1 year term	Vacant

**RENT LEVELING BOARD**

Member	5 year term	Vacant
Alt# 1	1 year term	Bonnie Holland
Alt#2	1 year term	Glen Soules

Mr. Zschack made a motion to approve the Mayor's appointments. Seconded by Mr. Babcock.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Babcock, Fanale, Giordano, Limon, Snyder, Zschack

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

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**2014 Council Committee Duties**

Mayor Crowley passed out to the Council a list of the Council Committee's for the year. 2014.

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

Mayor Crowley requested a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Mr. Limon made a motion to accept the consent agenda as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Zschack.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Babcock, Fanale, Giordano, Limon, Snyder, Zschack

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

**Mayor's Statement**

Mayor Crowley commented the past year [one of] the major things he has seen for the Borough is the reevaluation and while the reevaluation corrects the reevaluation that was done a couple of years ago before there was a drop in housing this should bring us into 100 percent compliance. Which hopefully will cut off a lot of the questions people have on the evaluation. This should also help us on the tax appeal process, where we are consistently losing in tax appeal courts.

Mayor Crowley commented last year the Borough celebrated its 100 year Anniversary of the incorporation of Franklin Borough. There were various events throughout the year on the Anniversary. Mayor Crowley thanked Judy Williams who helped organize and ran the celebration, with the help of the Historical Society, Recreation and different other organizations. Mayor Crowley stated Judy was the stamina that kept it all going and thanked her very much for taking that on; she did a great job.

Mayor Crowley commented on the completion of the two bridge projects E-06 and E-07. They are finally finished; they came out beautiful the fact they opened on time on their budget. It was a County project [but] the Borough is going to feel the difference now in regards to traffic.

Mayor Crowley stated goals for next year; the biggest problem he sees is the fact we lost, and this is not just Franklin but the County, population is going down in the Borough. We have more housing residents but less people in the Borough as the population goes down we have to make the Borough affordable and desirable for residents to live here and also for commercial development. That is what we need to do for the next year.

Mr. Limon thanked the Council for the added responsibility hopefully like all the other volunteers here, he looks forward to doing it and hopefully will serve the Council in the right capacity with that.

Mr. Limon commented there is a fuel situation out in Hardyston; we have a shared service with Hardyston, our OEM has an idea that we should follow up on. When the Fire House is converted over to natural gas, use the oil tank already at the Fire House for fuel for the fire trucks and ambulance squad. Hopefully we can look into that; the equipment is already there we would save and we wouldn't have to send the vehicles

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over to Hardyston. This is something we can look into and wanted everyone to be aware of it.

Mr. Giordano commented he had nothing to add.

Mr. Snyder wished everyone a Happy and Healthy good year. He wants this Council to open 2014 to be proactive and be able to do what we need to do to help the tax payers of our town.

Mr. Zschack wished everyone a Happy and Healthy and prosperous year.

Mr. Babcock commented same here Happy New Year. Let's work together and get the tax payers through.

Mr. Fanale thanked everyone for the guidance and pursuing this; his family and looks forward to working with everyone to move the Borough forward.

Mayor Crowley wished everyone a Happy New Year.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Zschack made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12: 25PM. Seconded by Mr. Babcock. All were in favor.

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Paul B. Crowley, Mayor

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Robin Hough, Borough Clerk