

**MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN
HELD AT THE FRANKLIN MUNICIPAL BUILDING
46 MAIN STREET, FRANKLIN, NJ
February 19, 2014**

Mayor Crowley called the workshop meeting of February 19, 2014 at 7:00 PM to order.

Mayor Crowley requested the Borough Clerk to call the roll.

Upon roll call, the following members of the Governing Body were present: Mr. Babcock, Mr. Fanale, Mr. Giordano, Mr. Limon and Mayor Crowley.

Absent: Mr. Snyder, Mr. Zschack

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."

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

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

No one from the public stepped forward.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

CY 2014 Municipal Budget

Monica Miebach, CFO, Jim Kilduff, Administrator and Thomas Ferry, Registered Municipal Accountant were present for the workshop discussion. Mrs. Miebach handed out the preliminary water and sewer budget.

Mrs. Miebach reviewed the Water and Sewer handout to the Council. Key Points; it is a self funding utility, savings in the electric due to high efficiency pumps, little increase in salary and wages and a plus Miner's Cove development paid water and sewer hookup fees last year.

There was a brief discussion on weekend overtime for water and sewer. Mrs. Miebach explained the overtime line item and on call line item.

Mrs. Miebach handed out the preliminary current fund budget. The preliminary budget which is subject to change; the tax payer may see a decrease of \$43.00 from last year's taxes.

There was a discussion on the municipality being only a portion of the budget; the other three components of the budget is the Franklin School, Walkkill Valley Regional School and the County, the average assessed value of the homes, the new reassessment values, more of a balance between tax payers in the Borough due to the reassessment, appeals, line item for road salt, items inside the cap and outside the cap, additional police officers, overtime pay for the police department and the dog census.

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At the end of the lengthy discussion the consensus was to introduce the budget at the March 11, 2014 Mayor and Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items for discussion by the Mayor and Council, Mr. Limon made a motion to adjourn the workshop meeting at 7:57p.m., seconded by Mr. Babcock. All were in favor.

Paul B. Crowley, Mayor

Robin Hough, Borough Clerk