

**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  
February 10, 2015**

Mayor Crowley called the meeting to order and requested the Borough Clerk to call the roll. Upon roll call, the following members of the Governing Body were present: Mr. Babcock, Mr. Dabinett, Mr. Giordano, Mr. Limon, Mr. Martinez and Mayor Crowley.

Absent: Mr. Snyder

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."

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Limon reported he will be meeting with the Administrator soon to follow up on FOP and DPW negotiations.

Mr. Giordano reported recreation will be meeting two Thursdays from now, they are working on Franklin Day already and they have some stuff prepared for the Spring Fling. We have an honorary Chairman this year for Spring Fling, Mr. Martinez. The awards committee, Mr. Babcock, Mr. Snyder and himself will be meeting to discuss the senior of the year we should hopefully have this ready for the next meeting that way we can get the sign and plaque ordered.

Mr. Babcock had nothing to report.

Mr. Martinez reported we need to work together with the safety committee. The Fire Department Chief is looking to getting a new vehicle or a price on some vehicles. They are having some issues with the vehicle they have today. We are going to meet with them and see what we can do with that item.

Mr. Dabinett reported before the Council tonight are changes to the towing ordinance, he would like to introduce tonight for first reading.

Mayor Crowley commented it won't be a first reading it will be a discussion then if everything is ok we will have the first reading next meeting.

Mr. Dabinett reported the garbage committee has met, we had a good meeting, we had representatives from Franklin Meadows, they gave us some input. Mr. Dabinett also extended an invitation to Mr. Frazil from Hillside Estes to meet with them also.

Ms. Hough reported the clerk's office issued 220 dog and 49 cat licenses and reminded everyone the late fees start March 1.

Mr. Ursin reported he had spoke to the Mayor and Administrator before the meeting, there was some developments with the DPW litigation, that can either be discussed tonight, the next scheduled mediation date with the DPW is the 26th, if you prefer to discuss in closed session at the next meeting whatever the Council prefers is fine.

Mrs. McHose reported items from the following administrator's report.

FYI

- A special meeting of the Borough Council was advertised as a conference call and held on Friday, 1/30/15. It was the first such meeting on record for the borough and I am happy to report that it was a success. Three council members and the mayor were present in the borough hall and two members participated by phone. One member was absent. The purpose of this special meeting was to determine the forms of refunding of a water bond.
- Held staff meeting with full and part time employees and met with department heads on a regular basis. We utilized a phone tree for several weather events to alert staff of delayed openings or closure of borough hall and posted these announcements on WSUS.

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- Placed advertisement on the NJ League of Municipality website for the RFQ request for six professional positions.
- Met with the town engineer, the head of the DPW and the CFO to discuss the budget and schedule for projects for the upcoming year.
- Toured the DPW facilities with Brian Vandebroek and Councilman Bob Dabinett.
- Met with town planner, the chairman of the planning board and the Mayor to discuss the master plan re-examination.
- The first meeting of the garbage committee was held and discussions on the schedule of the committee and bid process deadlines; discussion of compactors for several communities in the borough and next meeting is set for Wed. 2/18 at 5:30pm in the council conference room and it is open to the public.
- Submitted paperwork to the DCA to designate myself as the COAH municipal housing coordinator and designate Robin Hough as the trust fund preparer.
- Designated Brian Vandebroek as the Right to Know Coordinator for the Borough.
- Attended the Highlands Regional Master Plan Update Stakeholders meeting at the Sussex County Administration building. It is my recommendation that we submit comments regarding water and wastewater utilities.

Action Items

- Continued follow-up on personnel matters.
- Arranging a meeting with SCMUA and our CFO.
- Meeting with security contractor and buildings supervisor to discuss security systems.
- Assessing borough hall building.
- Meeting with Historical Society, EDC and the Wallkill Valley First Aid Squad.

Mr. Dabinett commented he would like the public to know by us revamping that water and sewer bond the savings to the Borough of Franklin is \$512,000 over a 24 year period. Mr. Dabinett thanked Monica for all her hard work.

Mayor Crowley reported the biggest problem with the Borough the last week or so, is snow and ice. As been reported in the papers salt is a rare commodity now, we had ordered a lot of salt over the summer our salt bin was filled but now we are getting low and having a hard time getting deliveries. There is a lot of overtime involved because of the ice involved. The DPW has done a tremendous job, it is very hard to keep the roads clean especially with only two or three inches which is very hard to plow.

Mayor Crowley informed the Council of a budget workshop by the League of Municipalities if anyone is interested.

Mayor Crowley reported the Planning Board meeting is canceled for this month.

**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. Martinez. All were in favor.

Robert Allen, Jenkins Road, Franklin, stepped forward. Mr. Allen commented on how we can make the town go after 60 years of standing still. Sussex, Hamburg and Ogdensburg did a terrific job fixing their town up. Mr. Allen explained the information he found out regarding the work done is these towns. Mr. Allen commented on DEP and the Senior Housing Building.

Dick Durina, 23 Lozaw Road, Franklin, stepped forward. Mr. Durina commented under new business item number 10, discussion on the Board of Public Works, is that going to be open to the public for comments.

Mayor Crowley commented probably not, he was hoping to have Glenn Souls here and Brian [Vandebroek] but he doesn't see either here.

Mr. Durina commented we have millions of dollars invested in our roads, water and sewer systems, we need a Board of Public Works to maintain this valuable infrastructure. It worked very well for this town in the past, you have a Planning Board that plans for the Land Use, he thinks we should have a Board of Public

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Works that can also plan our infrastructure on where we can expand our water and sewer lines so we can go out and be more aggressive in bringing new business into Franklin. It has always been an asset, he knows you are not the Mayor that changed it but you are also a strong supporter as to not wanting it.

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. Martinez. All were in favor.

**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.

**CORRESPONDENCE** (ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING ONLY OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. Letter dated December 26, 2014 from Marianne Smith, Hardyston Township Manager to Jim Kilduff, Administrator Re: Construction Office Services 2014.
2. Letter dated December 31, 2014 from John Nugent, Superintendent Wastewater Facilities to James Kilduff, Administrator Re: Sewage Flows.
3. Resolution from the Township of Wantage to support funding to State Parks.
4. Resolution 2015-25 from the Township of Fredon regarding the restoration of funding to State Parks Programs which will suffer cuts due to diversion of corporation business tax funds due to public approval of New Jersey Ballot Question 2.
5. Resolution R-14-2015 from Sandyston Township regarding the restoration of funding to State Parks Programs which will suffer cuts due to diversion of corporation business tax funds due to public approval of New Jersey Ballot Question 2.
6. Resolution R-19-2015 from Sandyston Township opposing specific proposals of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area "Vision 2030".
7. Resolution R-13-2015 from Sandyston Township urging the New Jersey State Legislature to enact a 2% cap on Tuition increases charges by County Vocational Technical High Schools to local sending districts.
8. Resolution 1-2015 from Friends of Waterloo Village to support restoration of funding to State Parks Programs which will suffer cuts due to diversion of corporation business tax funds due to public approval of New Jersey Ballot Question 2.
9. Letter dated January 15, 2015 from John Nugent, Superintendent Wastewater Facilities, Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority to Alison McHose, Administrator, Re: Sewage Flows.
10. Letter dated January 22, 2015 from Maureen L. Murphy, Borough Clerk of Tinton Falls to Franklin Borough Municipal Clerk Re Resolution supporting, Recognizing and Honoring the Service of Law Enforcement Officers.

**REPORTS** (ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. Municipal Court Report for December, 2014.
2. Health Department Report for December, 2014.
3. Zoning Officers Report for December, 2014.
4. Tax Department Report for January, 2015.

**APPLICATIONS** (APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. Application for Vending Machine License Renewal for Wal-Mart #2090 230 State Highway, Franklin.
2. Application for Vending Machine License Renewal for Vendomatic Inc. machines located at Dollar Tree Route 23, Franklin.
3. Application for Vending Machine License Renewal for Weis Markets #147, 140 Rte 23, Franklin.

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4. Application for Vending Machine License Renewal for Shop Rite, 270 Rte 23, Franklin.
5. Application for Vending Machine License Renewal for Double M. Vending, 86 Fowler St. Port Jervis, NY (location Koz's Korner)
6. Application for Coca Cola Refreshments 521 Lake Kathy Dr. Brandon FL (location Wal-Mart #2090).
7. Application for Vending Machine License Renewal for Anytime Fitness, 100 Rte 23 North, Franklin.

(Note: Items number 8-11, Peddler/Solicitors permits were pulled off the consent agenda on December 9, 2014 and not approved due to license plate number missing on the applications. On January 10, 2015 the applications were not approved due to missing home phone numbers of the applicants. The Clerk's office received an email from Slomins with the applicants phone numbers, copy of the vehicle registration, insurance card and informing the Borough applicant Louis Oliveria no longer works for Slomin's therefore that application is not listed. The Clerk's office also received an email with a correction to the year of the vehicle being 2011 not 2010. )

8. Application for Peddler/Solicitors permit for Mickel Belle, employed by Slomin's to solicit home security/home heating oil.
9. Application for Peddler/Solicitor permit for Marius Williams, employed by Slomin's to solicit home security/home heating oil.
10. Application for Peddler/Solicitor permit for Emmanuel Ezeigbo, employed by Slomin's to solicit home security/home heating oil.
11. Application for Peddler/Solicitor permit for Angel Ramirez, employed by Slomin's to solicit home security/home heating oil.

**RESOLUTIONS** (APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. Payment of bills for the meeting of January 27, 2015.
2. Payment of bills for the meeting of February 10, 2015.

Mr. Limon made a motion to approve the consent agenda of February 10, 2015. Seconded by Mr. Babcock.

Mr. Giordano commented we need to take off the item for the payment to the public defender he has down Township of Franklin we need to have that changed.

Mr. Ursin commented that should be an administrative thing.

Mrs. McHose asked if we should remove it.

Mr. Ursin commented no, Mr. Giordano is correct it is clerical it has been pointed out I'm sure it will be fixed.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Limon, Martinez, Babcock, Dabinett, Giordano

Nays: None Absent: Snyder Abstentions: None

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business for tonight's portion of the meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Babcock made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes and executive session meeting minutes for January 13, 2015. (Absent: None) Seconded by Mr. Limon.

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Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Limon, Martinez, Babcock, Dabinett, Giordano

Nays: None Absent: Snyder Abstentions: None

Mr. Babcock made a motion to approve the special meeting minutes for January 30, 2015 (Absent: Limon) Seconded by Mr. Dabinett.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Martinez, Babcock, Dabinett, Giordano

Nays: None Absent: Snyder Abstentions: Limon

Mayor Crowley commented to do item number two and three together

Resolution 2015-14 State Tax Appeal (item number 2) and Resolution 2015-15 State Tax Appeal (item number 3)

Mr. Babcock made a motion to approve items number two and three. Mr. Babcock made a motion to adopt resolution 2015-14 authorizing the tax collector to refund Transbanc International Inv Corp. 12 Cork Hill Road, Block 2301 Lot 27 the amount of \$12,006.90 and credit the 1st and 2nd quarter of 2015 in the amount of \$12,006.90 due to State Appeal granted and to adopt resolution 2015-15 authorizing the tax collector to refund Transbanc International Inv Corp 24 Munsonhurst Road, Block 2401 Lot 21 the amount of \$47,774.14 and credit the 1st and 2nd quarter of 2015. Seconded by Mr. Giordano.

Mayor Crowley explained the two resolutions.

Mr. Limon commented how do we recoup this [the school money].

Mayor Crowley replied we [the Borough] end up giving all the money back including the school, including the money that goes to the regional high school, local elementary school and the County. That is the State law, unfair but the State law.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Martinez, Babcock, Dabinett, Giordano

Nays: Limon Absent: Snyder Abstentions: None

Resolution 2015-16 Authorizing Petty Cash Fund

Mr. Babcock made a motion to adopt resolution 2015-16 authorizing the petty cash fund for the calendar year 2015 in the amount of \$200.00. Seconded by Mr. Giordano.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Limon, Martinez, Babcock, Dabinett, Giordano

Nays: None Absent: Snyder Abstentions: None

Resolution 2015-17 Saint Patrick's Day Grand Marshals

Mr. Babcock made a motion to adopt resolution 2015-17 honoring and congratulating Dennis and Mary Harrington chosen as the Grand Marshals of the 2015 Sussex County Saint Patrick's Day Parade. Seconded by Mr. Limon.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Limon, Martinez, Babcock, Dabinett, Giordano

Nays: None Absent: Snyder Abstentions: None

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Resolution 2015-18 "No Passing Zoning" on Route 23

Mr. Babcock made a motion to adopt resolution 2015-18 supporting the use of a "No Passing Zone" on Route 23 in Franklin Borough as recommended by the NJDOT. Seconded by Mr. Limon.

Mayor Crowley explained the resolution.

Mr. Ursin commented it is part of a traffic study to be done by the DOT.

There was a discussion on the resolution.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Martinez, Babcock, Dabinett, Giordano

Nays: Limon Absent: Snyder Abstentions: None

Extension of Professional Services

Mr. Babcock made a motion to extend the professional services for Municipal Attorney, Borough Engineer, Bond Counsel, Public Defender, Municipal Auditor and Legal Services for Board of Public Works and Rent Leveling on a monthly basis until the request for qualifications process is complete. Seconded by Mr. Limon.

Mayor Crowley commented what you are doing is putting this [contracts for the professionals] off, he doesn't know where the Council stands on this, do you want to go to a vote on different professionals or what.

Mr. Dabinett commented he would like to see it put to a head.

Mayor Crowley commented right now we have this on the table, if it is not brought to a head tonight it will continue.

Mr. Giordano commented don't the contracts continue on automatically.

Mayor Crowley replied they can continue automatically but we should support continuing them on a month to month basis.

Mayor Crowley commented there is a motion and a second for the continuation on a month to month basis.

Mr. Giordano commented he thinks we should table this and let this just stay as is, because if there are any changes it would be easier without any month to month extension. We might benefit to have some time to go over them [RFQ] a little bit closer and table this to the next meeting.

Mayor Crowley commented this is just to continue until we [the Council] come to a decision.

Mr. Limon commented what you are saying if we leave as is we will be paying their services anyway and if we vote on this it's a month to month extension.

Mr. Ursin stated he is going to point out the wording of the motion that was made that is all he is going to do. The wording of the motion isn't month to month the wording is until the request for qualification process is complete.

Mayor Crowley commented they would remain in place until a decision is made on the RFQ's.

Mr. Dabinett asked if we are still looking for RFQ's.

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Mayor Crowley commented no.

Mr. Dabinett commented the request for qualification is complete.

Mr. Martinez asked if we don't go forward on this we should be voting on the specific jobs, correct?

Mayor Crowley commented that would be one way of solving the problem, yes. Right now we need to vote what is on the table up or down then if you want we can do this on each individual.

Mr. Dabinett commented we can vote this down then bring it up for a vote.

Mayor Crowley commented that is the way he sees it.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Limon, Giordano

Nays: Martinez, Babcock, Dabinett Absent: Snyder Abstentions: None

Did not pass.

Mr. Giordano made a motion that we leave the professionals in place without an extension until the next meeting and that the Council can be distributed the information from the Request for Qualification to thoroughly go over it or be able to discuss in executive session. Seconded by Mr. Limon.

Ms. Hough questioned the motion.

Mayor Crowley commented this motion is to keep everybody in place to the next meeting.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Limon, Giordano

Nays: Martinez, Babcock, Dabinett Absent: Snyder Abstentions: None

Did not pass.

Mr. Martinez made a motion we keep the professionals as is looking at the pricing that was submitted. Mr. Martinez stated his motion is to keep all the professionals as is.

Mayor Crowley commented to keep all the professionals that are in place will be extended for one year.

Mr. Martinez stated correct.

Mr. Babcock seconded the motion.

Mr. Giordano commented in reviewing some of the contracts there is possibly a \$25,000 change in one of the professional fees. That is a very valuable thing to look into, he feels strongly we should be discussing this in executive session. We need to look at this before we put all the professionals back in.

Mr. Dabinett commented it is \$27,500 dollars and we are referring to the attorney's. To make it clear to the public what we are talking about it is Mr. Ursin' fee and Laddey Clark and Ryan fee is a saving of \$27,500 to the taxpayers.

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Mayor Crowley commented it depends on how they bill. The history with Laddey/Clark is they charge more than Mr. Ursin did, going back to when they were the Town Attorney several years ago.

Mr. Dabinett commented we are here to see that they don't.

Mayor Crowley commented that maybe so, you should be worried about who the professionals are.

Mr. Giordano asked was the projected overage basically the same for Laddey/Clark and for Schenck/Price as far as the hours.

Mrs. McHose commented for an RFQ process you don't set the specifics as for an RFP. Those two firms were very close with what they presented in terms of coverage. Some of the other proposals from the Attorney's were not as fleshed out but Laddey/Clark and Schenck/Price were similar to what they pointed out they would cover. Mrs. McHose commented you can't always know what the billing is going to be but at the same time the proposal that was presented there was an hourly rate, there was an annual retainer and that is where Mr. Dabinett is referring to a particular savings. Mrs. McHose was rounding the figure she did not have them in front of her. Schenk/Price was around \$5,200 a month and Laddey/Clark was \$3,000 a month.

Mr. Giordano commented if the town doesn't require the amount of services that the retainer would supply on a monthly basis does that roll over into the next month as a savings or is that a flat fee you pay.

Mayor Crowley commented that is a flat fee. Mayor Crowley commented what he found with professional services there is no way to qualify how fast and efficient the different professionals are. Mayor Crowley gave an example.

Mayor Crowley commented the only thing he can [do is] go on his past record. The last time Laddey/Clark worked for us they charged us over \$100,000 in 2007 and in 2006 they charged us \$115,000 and in 2005 \$91,000. It was also on the front page of the Star Leger with a deal by their partner that got himself into the pension system through Franklin and we are still paying for that. For those reasons when he became Mayor he did not bring Laddey/Clark back. That was why he went with Mr. Ursin. His fees have been much less than Laddey/Clark over the past several years.

Mr. Limon commented we should support the Mayor on who he selects this year and move forward.

Mr. Dabinett commented he has a problem and it is an ethics problem, Mr. Mayor in 2011 you took 500 dollars of campaign donation from Skylands Victory Pac. This Skyland Victory Pac is headed by Mr. Ursin.

Mr. Ursin stated that is absolutely false. You can check the documents that is not true.

Mayor Crowley stated getting money from a PAC is also not illegal or unethical.

Mr. Dabinett commented that is correct it is not illegal.

Mayor Crowley commented or unethical.



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Mrs. McHose commented she is new to this job, however she has been involved with this RFQ process, she reviewed the documents herself and feels very strongly that a change would be healthy for the Borough. She has known Mr. Ursin for a long time and has a good working relationship with him but she feels that Tom Prol's proposal and what he brings to the table is very valuable, he is a Borough resident, born and raised here. He is a high profile Vice President of the NJ Bar Association. Mrs. McHose commented she thinks he would bring a lot to the table. The direction of the Borough is going in a positive way with new faces, she thinks you have expressed confidence in me as the Administrator and it is her recommendation that we make a change for Counsel. The rest of the professionals she feels could maintain, she has met with several of them and reviewed their policies.

Mr. Limon commented he knows Tom Prol and he lives in Franklin, out of respect for the Mayor, the Mayor's choice for the remainder of his time, he thinks this is something we should honor is his working relationship with the Mayor with the firm we have now. Finish all the litigation we have, who knows what will happen at the end of the year when the Mayor's term is up. Maybe Tom Prol has a future here but as of now he feels we should support the Mayor's recommendation.

Mr. Babcock commented he agrees with Mr. Limon, we have a lot going on now.

Mayor Crowley asked for a roll call vote to reappoint all of the professionals for the remained of this year.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Limon, Martinez, Babcock

Nays: Dabinett, Giordano Absent: Snyder Abstentions: None

Passed

Application for Social Affair Permit

Mr. Babcock made a motion to approve the application for a social affair permit for Hardyston Township Policemen's Benevolent Association, premises for the social affair is Franklin Borough Firehouse on April 4, 2015. Seconded by Mr. Martinez.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Limon, Martinez, Babcock, Dabinett, Giordano

Nays: None Absent: Snyder Abstentions: None

Application for Senior Center

Mr. Babcock made a motion to approve the application for use of the Senior Center by the Franklin Historical Society and to waive the fees. Second by Mr. Giordano.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Limon, Martinez, Babcock, Dabinett, Giordano

Nays: None Absent: Snyder Abstentions: None

Discussion on changes to the Towing Ordinance

At this time there was a discussion regarding changes to the towing ordinance.

Mr. Dabinett commented the towing ordinance hasn't been revised since 2005. He was approached by the Chief of Police and Wendy the Secretary, apparently the towing operators in the Borough are losing money because of the way our ordinance is worded and the fee schedule.

Mr. Dabinett explained he had invited Mr. Martinez and Mr. Limon by telephone but neither one of you were able to attend. The Chief attended and we had four towing

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contractors come in and speak to us to make recommendations. That is what is included in the packets. He believes it is fair and something we won't have to address for 10 years.

Mr. Babcock commented with all due respect he wishes he was invited to this. He is on the ordinance committee.

Mayor Crowley commented this towing ordinance does not affect our budget directly, this is the fees the towers would be passing on to the individual that is being towed. We did discuss this a few months ago, at that point the Council had decided not to do anything about it, then the new Council came in.

Mr. Dabinett explained the changes that were presented and what was decided at the meeting with the Chief and towing companies.

There was a discussion regarding the changes to the towing ordinance.

Mayor Crowley commented we don't have a consensus tonight, it should go back to the Ordinance Committee.

Discussion on the Board of Public Works

At this time there was a discussion regarding the Board of Public Works.

Mayor Crowley commented right now the discussion is to go forward make it stronger, make it weaker, get rid of it or keep it the way it is. Mayor Crowley commented years ago when he talked to the people that were on the Council or on the Board of Public Works [say] Franklin always had a very strong Board of Public Works. They met monthly they ran the day to day operations of the Public Works Department. They also were in charge of the financial end of public works, set the rates the money that was set aside was kept by the Board of Public works. A number of years ago the Mayor and Council at that time, by ordinance took over all the authority of the Board of Public Works to the Council and took the money and financial responsibility. There was a Board of Public Works but they had no power, little by little the Board of Public Works did less and less. When they did meet they really couldn't do anything because whatever decision they came to it had to go back to the Mayor and Council to be recertified.

Mayor Crowley commented when he became Mayor he went on the Board of Public Works as Mayor, at that time the Borough of Public Works was just meeting quarterly. Sometimes their meetings was called off for lack of quorum. Every now and then someone would come in with an application or change of EDU, they did have a hearing, a conclusion was made, which was then passed onto the Mayor and Council who then had to have another hearing. Mayor Crowley explained the attorney costs that would be involved. When he became Mayor the administrator Rich Wolack recommended to him that the Borough get rid of the Board of Public Works. He didn't want to at that time, he said keep it for now. At this point the Board of Public Works is being run by the other departments. The chain of command is for the workers to report to their supervisor in the Board of Public works which is the Road Supervisor and Brian Vandebroek is the overall DPW supervisor who reports to the Administrator, then himself [Mayor] then to the Council.

Mayor Crowley commented Mr. Dabinett has brought up to have a stronger Board of Public Works to meet monthly. Keep in mind if we do that you are going to generate more bills for engineer, lawyer and the administrator would still be doing the work. Mayor Crowley commented to keep it the way it is on an ad-hoc basis or get rid of it completely.

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Mr. Dabinett commented he felt the Board of Public works could free up a lot of time for the Administrator. The infrastructure work could all be handled by the Board of Public works then brought to the administrator when all of the leg work is done. He would like to see the board back in function again.

There was a discussion regarding the Board of Public works. The Council discussed taking baby steps with bringing the board back, attorney costs, four meetings for free with attorney costs, EDU structure and formula, this being another layer of government, have to hire a secretary for the Board, I & I projects, pump house issues, work has been getting done the way it is, in the past few years the Borough has put in camera's to look for I & I leaks, we did the pump stations, did a lot of work at the wells, we dug a back up well, a lot of work has been done without a BPW, road projects and maybe having meetings quarterly to see how it works.

Mayor Crowley commented he would talk to Mrs. McHose to try and come up with a firmer plan setting it up on a quarterly basis. Then we can meet more often if need be. Set up the Board on a quarterly basis and see how it works out and go from there.

Mayor Crowley commented we have to look at to what the existing ordinance says, in the future if the Board becomes stronger then we would need to change the ordinance.

Mayor Crowley commented we will get back to you, it probably won't be ready for the next meeting probably the meeting after that.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Crowley asked Mr. Ursin if the executive session will hold to next time.

Mr. Ursin commented that will work.

There was no executive session.

**MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS**

Mr. Babcock asked Mayor Crowley to consider having a second open public session during the meeting.

Mayor Crowley commented he would take it into consideration.

Mr. Limon commented if that happens it should happen now not after executive session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further items for discussion by the Mayor and Council, Mr. Babcock made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25p.m., seconded by Mr. Dabinett. All were in favor.

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Paul B. Crowley, Mayor

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Robin Hough, Borough Clerk