

**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 23, 2016**

Mayor Giordano 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. Dabinett, Ms. Fantasia, Mr. Limon, Mr. Martinez, Mr. Rathbun, Mr. Snyder, and Mayor Giordano.

Absent: None

Mayor Giordano led the assembly in the flag salute.

Mayor Giordano 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 we had a personnel meeting, we had a consensus to authorize the administrator to go ahead in hiring for Public Works working hand in hand with the superintendent. Mr. Limon commented we are looking to finalize a hire for an officer for the Police Department. Some situations arose, Mrs. McHose can explain it.

Mrs. McHose commented the Council had authorized two conditional hires last year; we are in the process and have been going through the process of doing background checks and second interviews. What occurred was we had problems with both of the people we made the conditional offers to, so we are to a point where we have to make a decision to advertise. Mrs. McHose commented she and Chief McInerney went back through the original list from last year and unfortunately there aren't that many people that are qualified or trained. The one officer there is a technicality with his certification that is very complicated and is not sure where we are going with that. Mrs. McHose asked Mayor Giordano if he wants to do anything further.

Mayor Giordano commented he would like to make an amendment to the agenda and include authorizing the Administrator to advertise for both positions if the council is agreeable to it.

Mr. Prol commented we will make that [item] 18.

Mayor Giordano commented yes. Then commented we will make that number 2 on the addendum.

Mr. Dabinett reported on Thursday February 18, the public utilities committee met, Mr. Rathbun, himself, Mr. Snyder had a previous appointment so the Mayor sat in on the meeting. We had nine people come in from Hardyston, their owners and attorney involved with the Park Ave Place Industrial Park. They came in and talked about some of the problems they are facing with their water in that area. We agreed to meet with them and show them the courtesy of listening to them, we asked them to come back with some sort of a proposal so we can really look at it in the future.

Mr. Dabinett reported the I & I study on Rte 23 south and Franklin Ave is complete as he previously reported, we are waiting on a final report. When this report is gathered we have other reports from previous years, we will take the reports and combine them on a map so everybody can see exactly where the problems are with our sewer systems. Then we will [see] which ones we can work on in house and which ones we have to go out and bid on. Mr. Dabinett reported yesterday we did a water flow test over by the Meenan property around 23 to try to relay fears on the propane tank that is going in. Although we don't have a final report yet, the report he understands came back that all of the hydrants in the area were able to supply a

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sufficient amount of water. When we get that report it will be made available to all of use.

Mr. Snyder reported the finance committee met, the CFO, Alison, Mr. Martinez, Mayor and himself, we went over the water and sewer part of the taxpayers side of the budget. We haven't finalized anything yet. The tax side of the regular budget we haven't met yet we are going to be meeting in the near future by the 22nd of next month. The Buildings and Grounds committee were able to meet and we are going to reschedule another meeting to go over the necessities we need to do in the town.

Mr. Rathbun reported the public safety committee met, himself, Mr. Dabinett, Chief McInerney and Fire Chief Babcock. Mr. Babcock was going to look into seeing if they need any additional equipment for ice rescue. Mr. Babcock made a recommendation for us to put in a 3 or 5 year plan to replace the rescue truck. Our Police Chief came back from last month when we met, we had him look into getting some plate readers. They came back more expensive then what we thought they were going to be.

Mr. Rathbun reported recreation met on February 11, the carnival committee is going to meet early next week to start planning for the public safety. We are looking for vendors and groups for gaming trailers. The awards committee should meet soon so we can pick Senior of the Year so we can order the plaque.

Mayor Giordano commented the board is going to be himself, Mr. Rathbun and Ms. Fantasia, we can meet after the meeting.

Mr. Rathbun reminded everyone the Spring Fling is April 9, at 12:00 noon at the Fire House.

Mr. Martinez reported we had a meeting yesterday for some budget items for the police and fire departments they are requesting. We are going over those to see what we can and cannot approve. Mr. Martinez commented he had attended a finance class, it was very good, and it gave you a lot of information on how to look at the Municipal Budget.

Ms. Fantasia commented on February 13, she went to a league of Municipalities orientation; it was for newly elected or re-elected officials. There was a portion on budgeting which came in handy for her meeting last night. Ms. Fantasia commented EDC met on Thursday, February 11, the citizens for better Franklin attended they are proposing a Farmers Market idea to revitalize Main Street and any proceeds from the Farmers Market start a small to do beautification projects along Main Street. They are looking to pair up with any nonprofit organizations in town.

Mayor Giordano commented he was at the EDC meeting we discussed Main Street Rehabilitation and some other possible long term plans.

Mrs. McHose reported she has been doing more research on grants and grant writing. She is now exploring a possible shared service, have a meeting with the personnel committee to discuss this.

Mrs. McHose commented she has been active with the committee and budget meetings. Mrs. McHose praised the Mayor for the new committee structure, she thinks it is working well and is good for communication. Thursday there will be a meeting with the ambulance squad to go over their budget. Mrs. McHose explained a conversation she had with Marianne Smith, Hardyston Township Manager this week regarding coordinating the efforts for the regional volunteer squad. It looks like

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they are going to move forward with the attempt to revitalize a regional squad and they decided they would use the name Walkkill Valley Regional.

Mrs. McHose explained the Main Street Grant that is on the agenda. Mrs. McHose has been working on the grant through NJTPA she needs to set a date for the kick off program.

Tom Prol, Esq. commented he would report on items as the meeting moved along.

Mayor Giordano reported he is pleased the new committee structure is working out, his goal is to have the Council deeply involved with what was going on. We have been very successful, we really work well as a team. Mayor Giordano thanked the Council for doing this.

Mayor Giordano commented we are in the application process for trail grants, we did that immediately after we were told the grants were open. We would try to work the pond project into that because that is a trail project.

Mrs. McHose commented the grants are for the upcoming year.

Mayor Giordano commented he is excited about the street smart [grant] we should see signs in about a month. We already have a water sewer budget draft, we have some basic budget items done. The only thing he would like to ask again, is the personnel committee to meet with the Police Chief about a contract extension.

Mayor Giordano commented the Fire Hydrants were tested at the recommendations of concerned citizens, we take those type of concerns seriously, we did look into it, we wanted to make sure the project that was involving the area around where the facility is protected with fire equipment.

**OPEN PUBLIC SESSION**

Mr. Dabinett 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.

Joanne Tatka, 151 Maple Road, Franklin, stepped forward. Mrs. Tatka asked about the water for Park Place, they don't get Franklin Water.

Mayor Giordano commented no they don't and explained their water system.

Mrs. Tatka asked why are they asking Franklin.

Mayor Giordano commented Hardyston does not have a water system like Franklin does. There was a brief discussion on what was asked by Hardyston.

Mrs. Tatka commented we had so many shared services and we are almost down to nothing. Mrs. Tatka commented they replaced a SCMUA representative from Franklin with someone that was not from Franklin.

Mayor Giordano explained the makeup of the Board for SCMUA.

Mike Gunderman, 22 Jenkins Road, Franklin, stepped forward. Mr. Gunderman commented he came here tonight to give you some information. His wife asked a question at the last Council meeting as to the number of employees Franklin Borough has, it is 67, 33 full time and 34 part time. Mr. Gunderman continued to explain the number of full and part time employees for the Borough. Mr. Gunderman commented on salary and wages without medical for Borough employees. Mr. Gunderman commented in regards to the fire hydrants, he spoke to

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two other towns, they both have ordinances in place but was never enforced and explained.

Robert Allen, Jenkins Road, Franklin, stepped forward. Mr. Allen explained the history of this town since 1954. Mr. Allen commented on a conversation he had with Planning/Zoning Board members regarding the Zinc Mine property. Mr. Allen explained the Zinc Mine property.

Mayor Giordano commented we are working hard to revitalize Main Street, we worked hard on the Planning Grant. Every person here has a very vested interest in seeing that work out. Everybody here is from Franklin. We have to abide by how the process goes, whatever we can do we will do.

Susan Gunderman, 22 Jenkins Road, Franklin, stepped forward. Mrs. Gunderman commented great you applied for the application the other thing is there is a water way application which could be used for boats.

Mayor Giordano commented we did that already.

Mrs. Gunderman asked about the police officer new hires, are they for new recruits at entry level.

Mayor Giordano explained the structure of their [police] contract, how they are hired and the increase in the number of steps in their contract.

Mrs. Gunderman asked about the emails discussed at the last meeting, the rate quoted at the last meeting is not really cost effective to anybody in the town.

Mrs. McHose commented we have not finalized that yet. The Mayor created a subcommittee and we have to talk about that later.

Mayor Giordano commented the committee hasn't had time to meet before this meeting.

Mayor Giordano and Mrs. Gunderman discussed the emails and cost.

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

Mayor Giordano commented we are going to need a motion to amend the agenda to include the addendum.

Mr. Prol commented the first item [on the addendum] to include resolution 2016-33 to authorize the sale of surplus property, a Gun safe for the Borough of Franklin to govdeals.com and then also a discussion of hiring a police officer.

Mayor Giordano commented and DPW, authorizing the administrator to advertise.

Mr. Limon made the motion.

Mr. Prol commented this is just a vote on adding this to the agenda.  
Seconded by Mr. Dabinett.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Martinez, Rathbun, Snyder, Dabinett, Fantasia, Limon

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Giordano 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 February 4, 2016 from Ronald Dolfi, Vice President, Sussex Bank to Mayor and Council, Re: Ground Lease - Franklin Historical Society.
2. Letter dated February 11, 2016 from Catherine Williams, Clerk of the Board to Ms. Hough, Franklin Municipal Clerk Re: Authorization to close Sussex County Bridge E-04, carrying County Route 631 (Franklin Avenue) over Walkkill river in the Borough of Franklin, and to implement, maintain, and modify as necessary, an official detour of Sussex County Route 631, and provide for enforcement of the bridge closure and road detour.

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

1. Health Department report for January, 2016.

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

1. Vending Machine application for Coca Cola Refreshments USA, machines located at Wal-Mart 2090, 230 State Highway 23, Franklin.

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

1. Payment of bills for the meeting of February 23, 2016.

Mr. Limon made a motion to approve the consent agenda of February 23, 2016. Seconded by Mr. Rathbun.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Martinez, Rathbun, Snyder, Dabinett, Fantasia, Limon

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Snyder commented the first order of old business is the LOSAP program that he has been talking about the last several months. The information was given out at the last meeting, going forward with that he needs to know if this Council is looking to do something in regards to LOPSAP. There are some mandates that we need to do and agree on.

Ms. Fantasia commented she thinks it is an excellent program, it would do a lot for the moral of volunteers we have right now. She is for meeting together collectively and having more discussion about it, she would be in support of it from what she understands of it at this point.

Mr. Martinez commented he would support it as well, we need to get a subcommittee and start it.

Mr. Rathbun commented he was in favor of it before he received the information.

Mr. Dabinett commented he feels the same.

Mayor Giordano commented he thinks LOSAP is a program that other towns do and would be very valuable to Franklin especially with some of the volunteers we have. He can create a subcommittee. Ms. Fantasia be the chair of the subcommittee, Mr. Rathbun and Mr. Dabinett or [Joe].

Mr. Dabinett commented since Mr. Snyder is the one [interested in the program] why not have Mr. Snyder be on that committee.

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Mr. Snyder commented he would like to be on it [the committee] because he has been willing to do this for years. There are time restraints on this, it was to go to the tax payers to vote on it. Two thirds of the Council have to be in favor of it.

Mayor Giordano commented the committee will be Ms. Fantasia, Mr. Dabinett and Mr. Snyder.

Mr. Snyder commented Mrs. McHose has some information regarding some issues from the last few meetings. Mrs. McHose will meet with Mr. Snyder regarding the properties in town he had questions on.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Rathbun made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes and executive session meeting minutes for February 9, 2016. (Absent: None) Seconded by Mr. Snyder.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Martinez, Rathbun, Snyder, Dabinett, Fantasia, Limon

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Adoption of Ordinance 02-2016

Mr. Rathbun made a motion to adopt Ordinance 02-2016 "AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN CODE SECTION 56-1, TO PROVIDE A HIRING PREFERENCE TO VETERANS". Seconded by Mr. Dabinett.

**Prior to final roll call, Mayor Giordano opened the meeting to the public for any comments regarding ordinance 02-2016.**

No one from the public stepped forward.

Mr. Martinez made a motion to close to the public. Seconded by Ms. Fantasia. All were in favor.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Martinez, Rathbun, Snyder, Dabinett, Fantasia, Limon

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Adoption of Ordinance 03-2016

Mr. Rathbun made a motion to adopt Ordinance 03-2016 "AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER IV "BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS," CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN 10-19 THROUGH AND INCLUDING 10-24." Seconded by Mr. Limon.

**Prior to final roll call, Mayor Giordano asked for a motion to open the meeting to the public for any comments regarding ordinance 03-2016.**

Mr. Rathbun made a motion to open to the public ordinance 03-2016. Seconded by Mr. Dabinett.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Martinez, Rathbun, Snyder, Dabinett, Fantasia, Limon

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

No one from the public stepped forward.

Mr. Martinez made a motion to close to the public ordinance 03-2016. Seconded by Mr. Snyder.

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Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Martinez, Rathbun, Snyder, Dabinett, Fantasia, Limon

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Mayor Giordano asked for a motion to approve or not approve.

Mr. Martinez made a motion to approve. Seconded by Mr. Dabinett.

Ms. Hough commented we already had a motion and a second. [From Mr. Rathbun and Mr. Limon.

Mayor Giordano commented this will be a roll call vote to approve ordinance 03-2016.

Upon roll call vote on **Ordinance 03-2016**:

Ayes: Martinez, Rathbun, Snyder, Dabinett, Fantasia, Limon

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Adoption of Ordinance 04-2016

Mr. Rathbun made a motion to adopt Ordinance 04-2016 "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN AND NORTHWEST NEW JERSEY COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM, INC. FOR A PORTION OF MUNICIPALLY OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT GEORGE LABANCE LANE." Seconded by Mr. Dabinett.

**Prior to final roll call, Mayor Giordano opened the meeting to the public for any comments regarding ordinance 04-2016.**

Mr. Rathbun made a motion to open to the public ordinance 04-2016. Seconded by Mr. Martinez. All were in favor.

No one from the public stepped forward.

Mr. Martinez made a motion to close to the public ordinance 04-2016. Seconded by Mr. Rathbun. All were in favor.

Upon roll call vote on **Ordinance 04-2016**:

Ayes: Martinez, Rathbun, Snyder, Dabinett, Fantasia, Limon

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Mayor Various Appointments

Mr. Rathbun made a motion to confirm the following Mayoral Appointments:  
Recreation

Alternate # 1 2 year term (expires 12/31/16) Cathy Martinez

Alternate # 2 2 year term (expires 12/31/17) Sarah Zydor

Seconded by Mr. Limon.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Rathbun, Snyder, Dabinett, Fantasia, Limon

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: Martinez

Resolution 2016-27 (tabled from February 9, 2016)

Mayor Giordano commented item number 6, he is going to ask for a motion to table the resolution. This is for the emails, the committee has not had time to meet, he

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would like to table it until the committee has time to meet and come back with their recommendations as to what we should do.

Mr. Dabinett made the motion to table resolution 2016-27. Seconded by Mr. Martinez.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Martinez, Rathbun, Snyder, Dabinett, Fantasia, Limon

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Resolution 2016-29

Mr. Dabinett made a motion to adopt resolution 2016-29 authorizing bidding to lease space at the Borough's Evans Street water tank for the installation of cellular communication equipment. (Bid Specs provided in Council packets) Seconded by Mr. Limon.

Mayor Giordano explained the resolution.

There was a discussion regarding the resolution, advertising for the bid and the possibility of adding the income to the budget.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Martinez, Rathbun, Snyder, Dabinett, Fantasia, Limon

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Resolution 2016-30

Mr. Dabinett made a motion to adopt resolution 2016-30 authorizing submission of a Strategic Plan for the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Grant for Fiscal Grant Cycle July 2014-June 2019. (included in packets Form 1 A, Form B and email dated January 20, 2016 from Hardyston twp.) Seconded by Mr. Limon. ***All were in favor.***

Discussion on donating/selling land to Habitat for Humanity

At this time there was a discussion regarding donating/selling land to Habitat for Humanity.

Mrs. McHose commented there are three lots that were give to the town several years ago pass the trailer park entrance, she had a meeting with Habitat for Humanity. The resident that suggested this thought this would be a good use for the land. Habitat has previously built a house in Town and we had a positive experience. The other benefit to the borough is once the homes are built on these properties they will be back on the tax rolls. The other issue of interest is these habitat homes could be used towards our COAH requirements. They're a great organization and looks forward to the Council support on this.

Mayor Giordano commented he would be in favor of Habitat for Humanity doing this project.

Ken Landrud, President of Board of Habitat of Humanity for Sussex County. Mr. Landrud explained they build houses for people that can't get into a house otherwise. They are charged the cost of the house, there is no charge for the labor and that is what we try to deliver for the people. We hold the loan and they get an interest free loan.

There was a discussion the Council asked Mr. Landrud question regarding this program. Items discussed was if there was a waiting list, the properties being a good location, advertising, plan, future home owner needs to help build the house,



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they won't start until they have someone signed up, grade of the property, the plan and building on one lot at a time.

Mr. Prol commented he would have to do some legal work, there is a New Jersey local building and lands law he has to look at. Before we take any formal action he is going to need to put some stuff together. Let me do that and come back at the next Council meeting.

Mayor Giordano asked is the consensus of the Council to move forward with the Habitat for Humanity.

Ms. Fantasia asked about the criteria for the families and Mr. Landrud explained. There was a discussion on the criteria.

Discussion on Dog Census

At this time there was a discussion regarding the dog census. (Included is an email from CFO sent February 6, 2016.)

Mayor Giordano explained the need for the dog census and fees, this pays for the dog catcher and rabies clinic. The CFO indicated we need to authorize the dog census. Mayor Giordano commented it makes sense to do this it provides a service, to date we haven't said yes or no. Mayor Giordano commented he would like for the Council to consider it.

Mr. Dabinett commented he thinks what the problem arose last year when this was brought up was last year they wanted to hire someone at about \$25.00 per hour. There is plenty of people out there we can hire at \$12 to \$13 dollars an hour.

Mrs. McHose commented for the record, the only reason the salary was perceived as high, we were reaching out to one of our current employees who happens to be a court attendant. That happens to be the salary he gets as a court attendant, he also has the ability to carry a fire arm, we discussed the safety issue and the fact there are [times] that they are put in a situation. This is also about the welfare of the animals and explained a complaint she had received today.

Mr. Martinez asked are we still looking at the same salary.

Mrs. McHose commented there is no decision on that. There was some discussion regarding using crossing guards but there is a safety issue and would we want to send two people.

Mr. Martinez commented if you send two crossing guards you are talking about \$26 dollars.

Mrs. McHose commented that would be more than the court attendant.

There was a discussion on safety, a way to cap out the amount from a previous census and the amount used at the last census.

Mayor Giordano commented since we are spending money we would not be able to authorize this tonight, we would have to do this on the next agenda. Mayor Giordano commented on getting a consensus so Mrs. McHose can have something for the next meeting.

Mr. Martinez commented he would like to move forward with a court officer with a cap.

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Mr. Dabinett commented we can't tell an individual to stop when we get to a certain amount and explained.

Ms. Fantasia commented why can't we have an amount for the complete job and explained.

Ms. Fantasia commented she agrees with Mr. Martinez on having someone going out that is trained, you are going up on private property and knocking on doors. It is not without risk. She would be willing to error on the side of caution.

Mr. Snyder commented it is a budgeted line item so we have to make a discussion on it.

Mayor Giordano commented the consensus is in favor to move forward, we will have Mrs. McHose draw up a plan of action with a cap on it.

Mr. Martinez commented [for the cap] use what we had used previously as a guideline.

Resolution 2016-32

Mr. Dabinett made a motion to adopt resolution 2016-32 authorizing sale of surplus property owned by the Borough of Franklin through Govdeal.com pursuant to State approved contract. Seconded by Mr. Limon.

Mayor Giordano commented we can amend this to include the item on the addendum, which is to also include resolution 2016-33 and the item on this would be an old fire arms safe we would like to put that up as a surplus item at the same time.

Mr. Limon commented he would authorize the second if Mr. Dabinett authorized the first.

Mayor Giordano commented we are going to add the safe to section three, make it item number two.

Mr. Dabinett made that motion [for] 2016-32 and 2016-33.

Mr. Prol commented the pending motion on resolution 2016-32 there is a motion on the table to amend it to add under item 3 which would be the safe referenced on resolution 2016-33.

Mayor Giordano commented we need a vote on the amendment resolution to include the two items together.

Mr. Prol commented this is a motion to amend the resolution to add [the item],

Roll call vote to amend resolution 2016-32 to add both items.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Martinez, Rathbun, Snyder, Dabinett, Fantasia, Limon

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Mr. Dabinett made a motion to approve the adjusted resolution. Seconded by Mr. Limon. ***All were in favor.***

Agreement for Service Exchange (tabled on February 9, 2016)

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Mr. Prol commented item number 12 regarding the service agreement and explained his conversation with Mr. Dayne Hill. Mr. Prol recommended the agreement be tabled.

There was a discussion on the agreement, if it included retired officers and insurance needed for retired officers. Mr. Prol explained the insurance and what would be needed to include the retired officers.

Mr. Dabinett made a motion to table the Agreement for Service Exchange. Seconded by Mr. Martinez.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Martinez, Rathbun, Snyder, Dabinett, Fantasia, Limon

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Referral form for processing an application for Land Use Development

Mayor Giordano explained the form and reason why he added this to the agenda.

Mayor Giordano commented we can change the form at anytime.

Mr. Martinez commented he was happy to see that form in the packet.

Mayor Giordano commented he would like to give this to Dave Brady, Planning and Zoning Board attorney and have him [put this] into their process. This form would be on file with any resolution and plan.

Resolution 2016-31

Mr. Snyder made a motion to adopt resolution 2016-31 to retain Planning Services from the Department of Community Affairs Local Planning Services. (with the scope of services attached) Seconded by Mr. Dabinett. ***All were in favor.***

Mayor Giordano commented for the record the scope of this starts at the Easter Seal building and ends at the theater.

Mayor Giordano commented for the benefit of Mr. and Mrs. Allen, we used your 2006 report which people thought was put up, we dusted it off, we are not going to do another plan when we have one in place and thanked Mr. and Mrs. Allen.

Introduction to Ordinance 05-2016

Mr. Snyder made a motion to introduce ordinance 05-2016 entitled "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE VIII OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN CREATING THE "BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE". Seconded by Mr. Dabinett.

Mayor Giordano explained the ordinance.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Martinez, Rathbun, Snyder, Dabinett, Fantasia, Limon

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

**Public hearing will be held on March 8, 2016.**

Introduction to Ordinance 06-2016

Mr. Snyder made a motion to introduce ordinance 06-2016 entitled "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE IX OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN CREATING THE "PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE". Seconded by Mr. Dabinett.

Upon roll call vote:

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Ayes: Martinez, Rathbun, Snyder, Dabinett, Fantasia, Limon

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

**Public hearing will be held on March 8, 2016**

Child Abuse Prevention Proclamation

Mr. Snyder made a motion to adopt the Child Abuse Prevention Proclamation, the Borough of Franklin proclaims April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Seconded by Mr. Rathbun. All were in favor.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no executive session.

Mr. Martinez commented we have another additional item [on the addendum]

Mr. Limon made a motion to authorize the Administrator to advertise for a public works employee and police officer. Seconded by Mr. Martinez.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Martinez, Rathbun, Snyder, Dabinett, Fantasia, Limon

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

**OPEN PUBLIC SESSION**

Mr. Dabinett 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.

Dick Durina, 23 Lozar Road, Franklin, stepped forward. Mr. Durina commented Bob Allen 88 years young and has been volunteering in Franklin probably over 70 years. Mr. Durina commented it is budget time and campaign promises are due, we are looking forward to a three percent reduction in the 2016 budget. He expects that to happen they were campaign promises. Mr. Durina thanked the Council, keep up the good work and he supports opening up the meeting for the second [time]. The Habitat for Humanity is a good organization and asked about an income requirement and if Franklin residents could be the first choice.

Betty Allen, Jenkins Road, Franklin, stepped forward. Mrs. Allen spoke about the Zinc Mine and the History of the mine. Mrs. Allen commented she is happy to see some new faces, a very positive attitude and you couldn't have pleased her more with the comment regarding Main Street and she would love to be involved and help.

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

**MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS**

Mayor Giordano informed everyone that Jason Doyle will be our SWAC representative.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Nicholas Giordano, Mayor

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Robin Hough, Borough Clerk