

**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
May 24, 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, Mr. Limon, Mr. Martinez, Mr. Rathbun, Mr. Snyder, and Mayor Giordano.

Absent: Ms. Fantasia

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. Martinez reported we went through the police hiring process and interviewed two candidates which is on the agenda. Mr. Martinez thanked Ben Mueller for the cleanup of the pond area, he did a great job over by the benches. Mr. Martinez commented the container clean out has started.

Mr. Rathbun reminded everyone July 7 through July 10, is the Franklin Carnival, we are also going to merge it into a food truck show. As of right now we have seven food trucks, one of them being soda city. Recreation is selling presale ride tickets, \$20.00, the night of the Carnival they will start being \$25.00 for ride bracelets.

Mr. Limon reported this Saturday we had interviews for the officers, we had 35 [applicants] we had it down to the final two, it looks like there was unanimous support for them. Mr. Limon commented it is on the list for this evening.

Mr. Dabinett commented on the 19th of this month we had our public utility meeting, [attending was] himself and Mr. Rathbun, Mr. Snyder could not make it, Mayor Giordano sat in for Mr. Snyder. This particular meeting was to discuss our future plans for garbage in the Borough of Franklin, he believes the committee is ready to recommend to the Mayor and Council we rebid our current garbage contract in an effort to save money for the Borough. Mr. Dabinett commented he thinks the committee would like to recommend that we go back to two days that we had in the past, one being one section on Tuesday and one section on Wednesday; recyclables as usual. There would be two major changes in any contract that we propose at this point, one is the residents of Franklin Meadows have indicated that they do not want to partake or be a participant in our garbage collection any longer. The other item discussed was the bulk pick up here in Franklin, one of the things we would like to recommend is that each resident in town be given four stickers for bulk pick up. They can come to Borough Hall and sign a paper with their name and address and what item has to be picked up, they would be given a sticker. The other change we would do this pick up with our own in house people and that would give us far better control on what get picks up. Mr. Dabinett commented he believes the committee is about ready to make this proposal, in the near future.

Mr. Snyder reported the finance committee met with the CFO on May 16, also present was Joe [Martinez] and the Mayor stepped in shortly after. What we discussed was the capital requests for 2016 budget. There were several requests some from several different departments, we are still in the process of going over some of those requests with Brian at DPW. The ones we did want to go ahead with was the front steps and railing at Borough Hall. There was talk about getting carpets replaced, we are not going to replace carpet we are just going to clean the carpets where needed. We are also going to be replacing the thermostats that need to be taken care of in the building to make sure it's not over heated or under heated for the personnel.

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Mr. Snyder commented he wants to get clarification from the Attorney regarding the mandates we discussed at the last meeting. Some of the mandated things would be the generator. There is also something in this particular meeting that it is also a mandated project for the police department that needs to be discussed. Is that something that we will get reimbursed if it is mandated.

Mr. Prol, Esq. commented he will look into it.

Mayor Giordano commented Councilwoman Fantasia is not here, he will go over the EDC report, it is a lengthy report. The EDC met on May 12, with Jerry Marella, the owner of mugs media. Jerry has a proposal in front of the EDC and the Recreation Committee to do a show similar to positively Sparta. Basically it is a small 30 minute show that would be on cable TV; it would cost \$1,500 per episode and basically would be about Franklin and going over positive things about our town, history, what is going on in town and getting people involved. It is an interesting way to market our town, we are looking at this as an EDC project. EDC was given a copy of positively Sparta after the presentation, they are reviewing it. Alison has mentioned she has funds available in the administrative budget for it, she is in favor of this. In addition to that EDC has been researching in conjunction with some of the basic recommendations from the State the Zinc Mine Redevelopment area. We were going through reports that go back to 1977. We reviewed a lot of [information] that had been done there, contamination, remediation and final outcomes. We since had a meeting with the property owner about possible projects in that area which would be great. EDC has agreed to meet over the summer months; July and August which traditionally are months they don't meet. Mayor Giordano commented EDC is working hard and he is glad to see they are making progress.

Mayor Giordano reported presale tickets for the Carnival are on sale, available at Borough Hall, they will be available at Sussex County Day, which is June 5 and you can also get them from any recreation member. There is a \$5.00 savings to buy a wrist band.

Mayor Giordano reported the walking path is on the agenda, Tom Knutelsky is in house, we will be talking about that shortly. How we can go about reducing the outrageous bids we had and do it in house.

Mayor Giordano reported he will be creating a Pond Master Plan committee. He will let everyone know shortly who will be on that committee. Basically what we are looking into is the pond as a whole in addition to the walking paths that are proposed. To create a five year plan in place before we can effectively go for any grants.

Mayor Giordano commented he, Mrs. McHose and Mr. Dabinett met with the owners of the Zinc Property about some interesting site development, we have a little booklet to circulate around. It would be a very good tourist destination.

Mayor Giordano commented on tonight's agenda we have two police officers as Councilman Limon had talked about. The committees met, this is the first time in a long time the Council has interviewed the candidates. This is a process that really needs to be done because the Council is the Governing Body and make the appointments, they hire and fire. It is their responsibility they had the opportunity to speak to the candidates two different meetings, two different locations.

Mayor Giordano reminded everyone the Primary Election is on June 7, 2016. The Memorial Day parade starts at 10:30, and invited the Council to attend.

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Mayor Giordano commented in your packets this week you received a copy of the Borough Audit; he always felt we got the Audit with three days to read it, it is too much to read in three days so the Audit is on the next agenda. Take the time to go over the Audit to ask questions.

PRESENTATION

Mayor Giordano commented he would like to take the time to congratulate someone from our home town with this plaque honoring Tom Prol, Esq. for his installation as the New Jersey State Bar President. It is not often people of Franklin flies very high and Mr. Prol flies very high. Mayor Giordano commented he is very proud to be his friend and our attorney.

Mayor Giordano commented your co workers drafted this beautiful resolution we have all signed, Ms. Fantasia will sign it when she comes in. We will have it framed for you.

Mayor Giordano read the resolution to the public.

Mr. Prol thanked everyone, he is grateful for that.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

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

Emily Basilwitch, Mill Street, Franklin, stepped forward. Mrs. Basilwitch congratulated Mr. Prol. Mrs. Basilwitch commented she would like to apologize if you think we are being rude in the back of the room and we can't hear you. We ask you to speak into the mics, there is a lot going on in town that we would like to know about.

Mrs. Basilwitch commented on the walking path, and it is wonderful the employees will be doing this. Mrs. Basilwitch asked about using the milling from the roads when they do the walking path and doing the project piece mail. Mayor Giordano explained.

Mrs. Basilwitch commented it would be nice to put up signs prohibiting dogs from entering the Carnival grounds during Franklin Day. There is no reason to bring dogs to the Carnival.

Mrs. Basilwitch asked why Franklin wasn't on the list for spraying for the gypsy moths. Mayor Giordano commented that is a good question; he doesn't have the answer to that. There was a brief discussion.

Joann Tatka, 151 Maple, Franklin, stepped forward. Mrs. Tatka commented on the agenda being stapled with one page being upside down. Mrs. Tatka asked if bikes were going to allowed on the trails. Mayor Giordano commented we haven't decided that yet.

Mrs. Tatka commented this money was suppose to be for the recreation of the children of Franklin; if you are going to use her money you would think the children should be allowed to use their bikes on the trails.

Mrs. Tatka commented she had questioned the 14 police officer and now she sees you are hiring a 14th and 15th police officer. What is going on, where did you get all this money?

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Mayor Giordano commented we did a comprehensive review on how the salaries were and the overtime over the past three years. The Borough has been spending a lot of money in overtime in excess of \$250,000 in one year. Basically what we looked at is how can we reduce the overtime and still maintain the quality of staff that we have. One of the ideas was bringing younger guys in, their salary levels are lower, as a result their overtime rates will be lower, because there will be more people available to take the shifts. By the time their salary reached a point where they are making a higher scale of the police department, and explained they are planning ahead for retirements.

Mrs. Tatka commented she never received an answer on the police budget, someone was suppose to get back to her. Mrs. Tatka asked she would also like to know how that compares to last year if it is possible.

Mrs. Tatka asked if the police matters on personnel have been settled.

Mayor Giordano commented he cannot discuss personnel matters.

Mrs. Tatka asked about a public hearing. Mayor Giordano explained.

Mrs. Tatka commented on the geese down at the pond being a big problem and asked what the Council was doing about it. Mrs. Tatka commented you are worried about the dogs making a mess but the geese are making a bigger mess than the dogs are.

Mrs. Tatka questioned how are you going to save money with two garbage pickups. Mayor Giordano commented we haven't made 100 percent firm decisions on this. Mr. Dabinett explained the possible changes to the garbage pickup that was discussed. Mrs. Tatka asked about the generators and Mr. Dabinett explained.

Mr. Limon made a motion to close to the public.

Bob Tabaka, 7 Paddock Road, Franklin, stepped forward. Mr. Tabaka commented you are putting on two more police officers, there is only about five thousand people in this town, where are you getting this money from. You have been spending money like it is going out of style and comments on the for sale signs going up.

Mayor Giordano commented we have reduced the tax levy in the town by 1.37 percent this year.

Mr. Tabaka commented instead of replacing police officers as they retire you are bringing them on way ahead of time, that means they will hit their peak way ahead of time.

Mayor Giordano commented the math that was worked out in the plan argues differently with what you are saying. We spent \$250,000 in overtime because we have 13 officers and we are constantly having overtime because of Statutory overtime things where we have to cover vacation and sick days. If we have officers that work at a lower rate and their total expenditure is less than the \$250,000 by a lot than it would make sense that the total overtime burden will go down.

Mr. Tabaka commented it doesn't come out he knows mathematics. Mr. Tabaka commented on the trucks going too fast on North Church Road and police officer's driving too fast going to an accident. Mayor Giordano commented he would speak to the chief.

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Mr. Tabaka questioned the police salaries. Mayor Giordano gave Mr. Tabaka his copy of the police salary guide.

Mr. Tabaka commented he would like to see the budget.

Mayor Giordano commented the budget is available downstairs, speak to any of the girls down there and they will give you all the information you would like.

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

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 May 5, 2016, from Thomas F. Collins, Jr. Esq. to Council Members Re: HC-2 Zoning Ordinance Amendment introduced by the Borough Council - Request for modification by Mr. Thomas Cseh to add adjacent Block 702, Lot 8 to the new HC-2 Zone.
2. Memo dated May 17, 2016, from Karen Osellame/Planning Board Secretary to Robin Hough, Borough Clerk, Re: Ordinance 09-2016 and Ordinance 11-2016.
3. Letter dated May 17, 2016, from Margaret Nordstrom, Executive Director, NJ Highlands Council to Robin Hough, Municipal Clerk Re: Highlands Open Space Partnership Program.

REPORTS (ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. Municipal Court report for April, 2016.
2. Littell Center monthly program report for April, 2016.
3. Wantage Township Shelter/Pound annual Report for, 2016.
4. Police Department report for April, 2016.

APPLICATIONS (APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. None Filed

RESOLUTIONS (APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. Payment of bills for the meeting of May 24, 2016.

Mr. Limon made a motion to approve the consent agenda of May 24, 2016. Seconded by Mr. Dabinett.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Martinez, Rathbun, Snyder, Dabinett, Limon

Nays: None Absent: Fantasia Abstentions: None

OLD BUSINESS

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

Mayor Giordano commented in his Mayor's report he didn't thank Mr. Mueller for his work at the pond. Mayor Giordano thanked Mr. Mueller.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion on the Walking Path Bids

At this time there was a discussion regarding the Walking Path bids.

Mr. Thomas Knutelsky, Borough Engineer, stepped forward for the discussion. Mr. Knutelsky commented in the beginning of May we took bids on the walking paths

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down at the pond, the first phase we call it the pond loop. Two bids were received both of those bids were grossly over our estimated budget, we felt both of those bids were higher than the cost should be so we recommended to the Council to reject those two bids at the last meeting. At the last meeting there was a discussion regarding the DPW do some of the work, that was brought up in public session.

Mr. Knutelsky commented he spoke to Brian VanDenBroek, Superintendent and he does feel, the DPW does a great job in town and they do so much for the Borough, this particular type of path can be done by the department of public works. We have reached out to equipment rental places around the Tri-State area, we can rent a path paving box it goes from four feet wide to seven feet wide. The cost to rent a path paving box is \$2,500.00 for a week. That would be more than enough time for our DPW to actually pave that path, that is based on an \$80.00 rental fee and they only charge for three days the other four days are for free. Mr. Knutelsky commented they would ship it up to 75 Corkhill right to our site and we can take it from there.

Mr. Knutelsky commented in speaking with Brian VanDenBroek, we talked about the preparation of the path, it's not just paving it's boxing out, removing that material and there is guide rail work that the DPW would not be able to do. Mr. VanDenBroek had brought up the idea that maybe it might be beneficial for the DPW to cut out the path put in the stone, compact it and then maybe have a paving company come in use that rented paver box five feet wide and pave it. Mr. Knutelsky commented he did speak to a couple paving companies, one which has done work in the Borough, C & P Paving and they mentioned they would be willing to do that type of work as long as it was prepared for them to do.

Mr. Knutelsky commented he thinks whether DPW does the whole thing or whether they do a great amount of it and then leave that finished work to a paving company both of which will match and actually be substantially under the two bids we received and recommended for rejection. With that said, he thinks it is something the DPW force would be ready to do. Mr. Knutelsky commented he did want to bring up one of the concerns that Brian had, with the number of employees they have, they are really going to town getting the drainage structures fixed along our paving projects. Before we can mill and pave Main Street, they have to go out and fix all the fractured concrete. Their schedule right now is so tight in this beginning of summer so that we can get going end of July to get our paving work done. They don't believe they will get to this until late summer.

Mayor Giordano commented this would potentially coincide with the bridge work. The big thing was moving the guide rail out.

Mr. Knutelsky commented while Franklin Ave. was closed, there would be less traffic and it will all coincide together. DPW can leave the Franklin Ave portion until last and start the other section by the softball fields. Mr. Knutelsky commented this is something Brian [VanDenBroek] definitely said he would be able to do just later on.

Mayor Giordano commented if the Council is agreeable to this maybe we can authorize Brian to give us a time table and see what we can do. Mayor Giordano asked the Council which option do they feel is better having a paving company do the paving.

Mr. Limon asked who is than responsible for the guide rail.

Mayor Giordano commented the County is going to do the guide rail, they have agreed to move the guide rail up because they need to replace it anyway.

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Mr. Knutelsky commented right now we are in discussions with the County so that goes off without a hitch. The fact that we rejected the bids and we weren't going to meet that initial time frame before the carnival that gives us a little more time to work with the County and get all the documents prepared for that work to take place.

Mr. Martinez commented you say the cost will be substantially less or equal to, are you taking into account the cost of our labor from the town to do this correct.

Mr. Knutelsky commented in terms of a salary, he didn't look at how many days it was going to take our DPW at their salary rate. What he did was he looked at material costs, the paver cost and the rental equipment and it was substantially less than the number he had originally talked about. If we add in the salary costs he thinks we would be right at the number he originally talked about.

Mr. Martinez commented you are saying we would be equal to, right. Mr. Knutelsky commented yes.

Mr. Dabinett commented when a contractor comes in to pave a road and eight foot box or twelve foot box, they come in with tandem 16 or 18 tons of blacktop, they back up to the spreader raises the body and the spreader pushes it down the road until the back is empty. Mr. Dabinett commented what kind of truck would bring in [black top] for a five foot spreader.

Mr. Knutelsky commented you can't and explained what would need to be done.

Mr. Dabinett commented he would like to see us go with a professional paver, let Brian and his crew do the box out, the manual part of it and let a professional paver come in and do that.

Mr. Rathbun asked if we go that route will the professional paving company come in and inspect the base, he asked that because what happens after one winter and there is a crack do we say the paving company did a bad job or are they going to say we did a bad base.

Mr. Knutelsky commented that is a very good point, when we venture into these types of companies we want to use types of companies that we are used to dealing with than companies that are going to leave us in that lurch. The company he contacted today is one of those companies they normally do a pre-pave inspection. We as the Borough in our workforce know what we put down so we [know] the thickness of the stone, what was rolled and what that material is. We usually end up with a good result, it is just two inches of paving also because it in a non motorized type of path. His answer would be to inspect right before they pave.

Mr. Knutelsky commented there was a comment regarding the millings in public comment, millings are great when you can pull them off the road, typically when people put millings down they don't put them down correctly because millings have to be capped and explained the use of millings.

Mayor Giordano commented if the Council is agreeable which way would you like to go.

Mr. Martinez commented to go with a professional paver and have the pre work done by the DPW.

Mr. Dabinett commented we can ask Brian for an estimate on time etc.

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Mayor Giordano commented he will ask Brian for a plan for DPW to construct a path base and get an estimate for professional paving.

Mr. Snyder asked about the use of bicycles on the path.

Mr. Knutelsky commented in terms of bicycle use on the path, he didn't know bicycles are actually prohibited from the path. If that's something we don't want that can be simple signage however a bike path has to be a minimum of four feet wide with five feet clearance and explained.

There was a discussion on bikes or skateboards on the paths.

Discussion on removal of fencing at the pond

At this time there was a discussion regarding the removal of fencing at the pond.

Mayor Giordano commented recreation had wanted to remove the fencing that goes from the containers, loops all the way around the back side of the football area and in front of the pavilion all the way over to the gate. This would allow better use for the Carnival, also the fence is old and doesn't look that great. Recreation has talked about removing it. Mayor Giordano commented he would like to see that fence removed.

Mr. Rathbun commented there is more than one reason to move the fence but one reason is the upcoming Carnival by removing that fence you can get an additional four rides in there. It would look a lot cleaner down there.

There was a discussion on the fence removal and if the fence would be replaced.

Mr. Martinez made a motion to remove the fence. Seconded by Mr. Rathbun.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Martinez, Rathbun, Snyder, Dabinett, Limon

Nays: None Absent: Fantasia Abstentions: None

Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Rathbun made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes and executive session meeting minutes for May 10, 2016. (Absent: None) Seconded by Mr. Limon.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Martinez, Rathbun, Snyder, Dabinett, Limon

Nays: None Absent: Fantasia Abstentions: None

Mayor Giordano commented item number 4 is an ordinance for amending Land Development he is going to step down and leave the room due to a conflict.

At this time Council President Snyder took over the meeting.

Adoption of Ordinance 09-2016

Mr. Snyder read "A motion is in order to adopt Ordinance 09-2016 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 161 "LAND DEVELOPMENT" AND CHAPTER 218 "SIGNS"."

Mr. Snyder commented at this time he will turn the meeting over to our attorney.

Mr. Prol, Esq. commented with respect to ordinance 09-2016 a motion is in order for the Council to table this, with no further notice required until the June 28, Mayor and Council meeting, as we wait comments and response from the Borough's Planning

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Board to continue the matter on their June 20, 2016 meeting and report back to this Mayor and Council.

Mr. Snyder commented with the Attorney recommendation to table it [Ordinance 9-2016] to the June 28, 2016, meeting, and asked for a motion to table the ordinance.

Mr. Dabinett made a motion to table ordinance 9-2016 to the June 28, 2016 meeting. Seconded by Mr. Martinez.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Martinez, Rathbun, Snyder, Dabinett, Limon

Nays: None Absent: Fantasia Abstentions: None

Mr. Prol commented for the members of the public this matter will be on June 28 agenda, if you would like a copy of this it is available during regular business hours downstairs at the main window. We are waiting comments from the Planning Board on the proposed ordinance and we expect they will consider it at their regular Planning Board meeting and will be publically noticed for June 20. There are also copies in the back of the room. Mr. Prol read the title of the ordinance.

Adoption of Ordinance 11-2016

Council President Snyder read "A motion is in order to adopt Ordinance 11-2016 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 161, " LAND DEVELOPMENT"

Mr. Rathbun commented the recommendation said to let the Planning Board make the final decision on this. Seconded by Mr. Limon.

Mr. Prol commented Mr. Rathbun made the motion, the motion is to table ordinance 11-2016, which is an ordinance amending chapter 161 Land Development.

Mr. Rathbun commented my recommendation is a motion, is to [let] the professionals, they know what they are trying to do with the Planning, let them have the final say.

Mr. Prol referred to a memo dated May 17, 2016, to Robin Hough, Clerk, cc Alison McHose, Administrator that the Planning Board has reviewed and passed the subject ordinance 11-2016 with no further changes so therefore this ordinance is on for this Mayor and Council meeting today.

Mr. Prol commented what is on the floor right now is a motion to table [ordinance 11-2016] which would effectively push this off without further discussing. Based on what he has seen now from the Planning Board, they review and considered this and recommended back. With that he recommends that the Council not adopt the motion to table.

Upon roll call vote to table the ordinance:

Ayes: Martinez, Rathbun,

Nays: Snyder, Dabinett, Limon Absent: Fantasia Abstentions: None

Motion to table did not pass.

Mr. Snyder made a motion to adopt ordinance 11-2016 "An ordinance amending chapter 161 Land Development". Seconded by Mr. Limon.

Council President Snyder opened the meeting to the public for any comments regarding ordinance 11-2016.

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Mr. Prol commented for the public a copy of this has been [place in the back of the room] by the Clerk's office and it has been reviewed by the Planning Board as well, this is ordinance 11-2016, second reading. Mr. Prol read ordinance 11-2016 to the public.

Mr. Dabinett asked was this passed by the Planning Board.

Mr. Prol commented according to the memo received yes it has been passed by the Planning Board.

Council President Snyder asked if anyone from the public would like to step forward.

Mike Raperto 13 South Street, Franklin, stepped forward. Mr. Raperto commented is this for the LED signs most likely for the 23 corridor.

Mr. Snyder commented he believes it is.

Mr. Prol commented it does extend beyond rte 23 and explained.

No one else stepped forward from the public.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Martinez, Snyder, Dabinett, Limon

Nays: None Absent: Fantasia Abstentions: Rathbun

Mayor Giordano returned to the meeting room and the dais.

Adoption of Ordinance 12-2016

Mr. Snyder made a motion to adopt Ordinance 12-2016 "AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$20,000.00 FROM RESERVE FOR AMBULANCE EQUIPMENT BY THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY. Seconded by Mr. Limon.

Mayor Giordano explained the ordinance

Mr. Martinez made a motion to open to the public ordinance 12-2016. Seconded by Mr. Rathbun. All were in favor.

Mike Raperto, 13 South Street, Franklin, stepped forward. Mr. Raperto commented with the condition of the First Aid Squad and discussion and previous times subcontracting out other services will they have access or limited access

Mayor Giordano commented the power stretcher would actually be Borough property, subcontractors don't use the Borough's ambulance so it would just be the Walkkill Valley First Aid Squad.

Mr. Martinez made a motion to close to the public ordinance 12-2016. Seconded by Rathbun. All were in favor.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Martinez, Rathbun, Snyder, Dabinett, Limon

Nays: None Absent: Fantasia Abstentions: None

Introduction Ordinance 13-2016

Mr. Snyder made a motion to introduce an ordinance 13-2016 entitled "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF

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PUBLIC WORKS GARAGE IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY, AND APPROPRIATING \$39,986.36 THEREFORE FROM FUNDS AVAILABLE UNDER AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH HERETOFORE ADOPTED". (Quote for repairs provided in Council packets.) Seconded by Mr. Martinez.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Martinez, Rathbun, Snyder, Dabinett, Limon

Nays: None Absent: Fantasia Abstentions: None

Public hearing will be held June 28, 2016.

Resolution 2016-54

Mr. Dabinett made a motion to adopt resolution 2016-54 regarding temporary closure of Franklin Avenue, County Road 631 during the fireworks displays on July 7, 2016 and July 10, 2016. Seconded by Mr. Snyder.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Martinez, Rathbun, Snyder, Dabinett, Limon

Nays: None Absent: Fantasia Abstentions: None

Resolution 2016-56

Mr. Dabinett made a motion to adopt resolution 2016-56 authorizing that the tax sale certificate as shown on the attached tax foreclosure list now held by the Borough of Franklin be foreclosed by the summary proceedings IN REM. Seconded by Mr. Martinez.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Martinez, Rathbun, Snyder, Dabinett, Limon

Nays: None Absent: Fantasia Abstentions: None

Resolution 2016-57

Mr. Dabinett made a motion to adopt resolution 2016-57 authorizing the tax collector to refund a tax overpayment for Block 905 Lot 6, 81-83 Main Street, to Corelogic in the amount of \$3,690.47 due to payment was meant for a property in Franklin Township, Somerset County, NJ. Seconded by Mr. Martinez.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Martinez, Rathbun, Snyder, Dabinett, Limon

Nays: None Absent: Fantasia Abstentions: None

Mayor Giordano commented for the record a few years ago Franklin Township in Somerset County was kind enough to forward our FEMA reimbursement.

Resolution 2016-58

Mr. Dabinett made a motion to adopt resolution 2016-58 authorizing bidding for the proposed improvements to Main Street. (Bid specs and plans are provided in the Council Packets) Seconded by Mr. Martinez.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Martinez, Rathbun, Snyder, Dabinett, Limon

Nays: None Absent: Fantasia Abstentions: None

Discussion on Mugs Media

At this time there was a discussion on Mugs Media covering the Carnival.

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Mayor Giordano commented he touched on this in his Mayor's report, basically what we are hoping to do is start a pilot Franklin show to cover the Franklin Carnival. The cost of the show would be about \$1,500.00. Mayor Giordano commented Mrs. McHose has indicated we have the money in the administrators budget. Mayor Giordano commented he would like the Council to consider allowing Mrs. McHose to authorize this show through her administrators budget.

Mr. Limon made that motion. Seconded by Mr. Rathbun.

There was a discussion regarding the show, length of the program and maybe use this as a pilot program for EDC to use to bring businesses to Franklin,

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Martinez, Rathbun, Dabinett, Limon

Nays: Snyder Absent: Fantasia Abstentions: None

ADDENDUM

Appointment of Police Officers

Mr. Limon made a motion to appoint Daniel Flora, start date June 1, 2016, and David McQuesten, start date June 16, 2016, to the Franklin Borough Police Department at the starting step of \$43,839 per police contract. Seconded by Mr. Martinez.

Mr. Martinez commented with the flow this past Saturday, it was excellent we actually met with them [the candidates] to discuss our concerns, it was great for the hires.

Mayor Giordano commented the process was very good this time, as Council members you have the final say.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Martinez, Rathbun, Dabinett, Limon

Nays: None Absent: Fantasia Abstentions: Snyder

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. Martinez 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.

No one from the public stepped forward.

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.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS

Mr. Limon commented on the geese down at the pond; something has to happen soon, they are out of hand down there.

Mr. Limon commented on Franklin Day [Carnival], he was thinking of having a sausage booth but you are saying there will be food trucks. Are the food trucks going to have sausage?

Mr. Rathbun commented he isn't sure if one of the trucks will be selling sausage.

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There was a brief discussion regarding the food trucks at the Carnival.

Mr. Prol commented the contractor has the rights within the scope of the event; they would have the exclusive rights to sell the following items which will be, candy apples, cotton candy, popcorn, snow cones, ice cream, glow items and face painting. Mr. Prol commented no other vendor can sell these items that is the deal we have.

Mr. Martinez thanked Mike Raperto for bringing up the discussion on doing the walking path in house.

Mr. Snyder commented his concerns with the park; a lot of TLC needs to be done down there, the gazebo needs to be redone, the benches down there need to be taken care off.

Mr. Rathbun commented on June 2, 6:30 at the Farmstead, the Sussex County Republicans are putting on a meet the candidate nights sponsored by Senator Oroho and explained.

Mr. Prol commented on his installation, the Lt. Governor was so great with the Girl Scouts from Franklin, the program was on girl power, she stood with them for about 10 or 15 minutes, talked with them one on one, they got to ask her questions and they had some up-close and personal time with the Lt. Governor of the State of New Jersey. That is a moment those girls will never forget.

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.

Nicholas Giordano, Mayor

Robin Hough, Borough Clerk