

**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  
June 14, 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."

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Summary or Synopsis of Audit Report

At this time Mr. Tom Ferry of Ferraioli, Wielkotz, Cerullo and Cuva Certified Public Accountants presented an overview of the 2015 Franklin Borough Audit Report. Monica Miebach CFO was also present for the discussion on the 2015 audit.

Mr. Ferry commented the current fund is doing very well, water/utilities doing very well, we kept a good fund balance. Mr. Ferry explained the current fund side, tax collection rate, delinquent taxes, debt percentage is at .497 for current fund, allowed to go to 3.50 percent we are almost at 1/2 percent, water and sewer is not included in that and net dept.

Mr. Ferry explained the water and sewer utility, refunding that was done last year, refunding bond sale and money saved.

Mr. Ferry commented on comments and recommendations we had two comments; one was we had requisition purchase orders that were issued prior to the encumbrance and explained. We had purchases before they were encumbered. The second comment is regarding one person having too much internal control which usually happens in small towns. Mr. Ferry explained the three levels of an audit.

Mr. Ferry commented internal control determines who does what and if somebody can circumvent the system, it is like check and balances. Compliance is basically the book is titled 40A which is like the rule book for governmental entities.

Mr. Ferry explained the comment and segregation of duties, within the tax collection and water utilities collector be maintained.

Mr. Ferry commented the segregation of duties is in about 75 to 80 percent of his municipalities in Sussex County because there isn't enough people.

Mayor Giordano commented he would refer to Monica to meet with the personnel committee to see if there is something we can do to see if some of that can be reallocated to other people so we can have some segregation and have the committee report back to us the next meeting if we can.

Ms. Fantasia commented the second recommendation on purchase orders, when looking at the corrective action plan that is coming up for discussion, when you are working with municipalities this is common, what are the actual steps going to be put into place to avoid the purchase orders going in late.

Mr. Ferry explained different situations with different departments and the process.

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Mr. Martinez explained a new purchasing policy that he had been working on.

The Council discussed the audit and recommendations, the concerns of the repeated recommendations.

Mayor Giordano commented he would like to go to new business [on the agenda] to number 2 [and three].

Resolution 2016-60 Certifying review of the 2015 Audit

Mr. Rathbun made a motion to adopt resolution 2016-60 certifying the Franklin Borough Governing Body has reviewed the 2015 Audit comments and recommendation as required by N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5. Seconded by Mr. Martinez.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

**At this time the Governing Body will sign the Certification of the Annual Audit Group Affidavit Form.**

Resolution 2016- 62 Corrective Action Plan

Mr. Rathbun made a motion to accept and approve for filing the corrective action plan for the Audit Report year 2015 prepared and filed by the Borough's Chief Financial Officer. (Corrective action plan attached.) Seconded by Mr. Dabinett.

Ms. Fantasia commented number three under finding 1 finance, and read "The Borough will consider strengthening internal control within reason of costs, benefits derived and budget constraints." Ms. Fantasia commented in a corrective action plan it usually has the steps it is not usually a blank statement we may consider doing this, the internal controls really are important for the protection of the Borough, Monica, and for everyone involved and for our taxpayers money. Ms. Fantasia commented she would feel more conformable with an action plan that is actionable and has steps.

Mr. Martinez commented on the discussion we just had stating we are going to review our current policy and procedures to see how we can address this issue and what we are going to do and how we're going to update our policy and procedures to take care of this item.

Mr. Dabinett commented he agrees.

Mr. Martinez commented we are talking about a personnel meeting to see how we can reallocate personnel to receive payments that should be our action plan what we are going to do to settle these problems.

Mayor Giordano commented do you want to table this until the next meeting.

Mr. Martinez commented correct.

Mr. Martinez commented don't we have to vote down this motion.

Mr. Prol commented once you make a motion and a second that becomes the property of the body and the way you deal with that if you want to postpone it temporarily you will do a motion to table. What you want to do is entertain a motion to table.

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Mr. Martinez made a motion to table this [resolution 2016-62] to the next meeting. Seconded by Ms. Fantasia.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Mayor Giordano thanked Mr. Ferry.

**PRESENTATION 2:**

Mayor Giordano commented next is a presentation by Marianne Smith, Hardyston Township Manager, we have some members of the Hardyston Council present to discuss a Regional First Aid Squad.

Mrs. McHose requested the Mayor and Council and attorney to sit in the first row for the presentation.

Marianne Smith, Hardyston Manager stepped forward. Also present Carl Miller, Hardyston Council and Andy Smetana, Hardyston, hired by Hardyston to help set up and manage volunteer first aid squads and several members of the Franklin First Aid squad and some of what used to be Hardyston First Aid Squad.

Mrs. Smith gave a recap of what happened to the Hardyston first aid squad, the temporary coverage with Sparta, hired a consultant to look at options and from that point a committee was formed to further expand on those comments and recommendations that the consultant had provided to their Council. In December that committee had provided a report to the Council that recommended looking at a regional volunteer services and hiring a part time person who had experience in developing that type of effort. Andy Smetana was hired at the beginning of this year. There were several meetings with Walkkill and there was support for further investigation of a potential merger between at least the two towns of Hardyston and Franklin and any other towns that may be interested in a regional squad. A survey was done on line to see interest from the Hardyston community; 38 responses were received, some interested, some were not sure.

Mrs. Smith continued the presentation explaining this being a conversation today to do a regionalization, start a whole new incorporated squad, the hope to be by the end of the year have a regional squad that would be regionalized incorporated legally all of our equipment would be transferred over into that corporation.

Andy Smetana continued the presentation. Mr. Smetana explained, operating expenses, two building two towns, similar amount of ambulances, yearly operating budget, what would be included, costs, projected donations, 2013 calls for each town, Franklin had more calls and gets busy, 2010 census information for towns, Hardyston has more population in summer, commercial in Franklin is much higher than Hardyston, population split is Hardyston 60 percent to Franklin.

Mrs. Smith commented today she wanted to get feedback on the general flavor of what you[Franklin] thinks, if you like this concept we can put together an actual proposal. Hardyston Council meets next Wednesday and we will be talking a little more in detail whatever Franklin's feelings are.

Carl Miller commented we talked about a budget of 120,000 dollars to get things rolling we need a lot less money than that and asked Mr. Smetana a dollar amount.

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Mr. Smetana commented we need probably \$15,000 [to get things going]. Right now you probably have a budget for your squad and Hardyston has put some money aside after theirs disbanded to try and help get restarted. The regional concept that we are talking about here is happening all over the State and explained.

There was a discussion regarding having a regional squad, Council members and members of the public asked questions and took part in the discussion. Most were in favor of the idea. Also mentioned was a LOSAP program.

Mayor Giordano suggested to meet with Mrs. Smith before their meeting at Hardyston so we can get this going it is worth pursuing for all of us and for the good and welfare of the Borough.

Mrs. Smith commented they already have their attorney working on incorporation papers hopefully everyone would be on board one way or another.

Mayor Giordano asked Mrs. Smith if Franklin public safety committee could meet with Hardyston next Wednesday. After a brief discussion the meeting will be at 6:00 before the Hardyston Council meeting next Wednesday.

Members of the public, Ambulance squad members present were asked their opinion.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Ms. Fantasia reported she is waiting for the EDC report, she is not sure of the update from the last meeting.

Mr. Martinez reported we had interviews done for the DPW position and we are coming to a conclusion on that one. Hopefully by the next meeting. Mr. Martinez reported Jake Hubbard, Boy Scout gave a presentation before recreation and is looking to do repairs on the gazebo. Today was a meeting on Bridge E-04 repair which is going to start July 13 to the end of September.

Mr. Rathbun commented last night was a carnival meeting, he thinks we are in good shape. The carnival is July 7 through July 10, fireworks on July 7 and July 10. On July 7 and 8th the carnival runs from 5:00 to 10:00. On July 9th and 10th the Carnival runs from 3:00 to 10:00. Mr. Rathbun reported on the public safety side on the agenda there is a resolution to purchase a police vehicle. That is going to be a patrol car if it gets approved and take the oldest charger to put in reserve if it is not that expensive to keep. Also in talking with the Chief he feels that the patrol car should be equipped with rifles with that they need to qualify for 50 yards and explained different options.

Mayor Giordano referred to the resolution regarding the police car. Mayor Giordano commented he and Tom had talked about having the police car on the agenda tonight; it did expose a flow in our process, what should have happened is it should have went to the public safety committee first.

Mr. Snyder reported Monica, CFO had asked the finance committee to get together with another meeting with regards to capital projects. We are going to sit down on June 20, at 7:00pm to go over those capital expenditures. Also with regards to the agenda items tonight, discussion of the storage at the pond. The committee had gotten together a couple of weeks ago we went through it; a lot of that work has been done down there, the trailers have been moved.

Mr. Dabinett reported the committee [public utilities committee] met last Thursday, one of the things we discussed was the fact we need to hire a secretary, so we can

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have accurate minutes when we have candidates coming forth. Mr. Rathbun suggested since recreation needs a secretary also, that we combine the same party and have her or him fill both rolls.

Mayor Giordano commented on the meetings being the same night sometimes, maybe schedule [meetings] a different day.

Mr. Dabinett commented we had our Engineer Mike Vreeland send a letter to the owner of Sterling Plaza in regards to his sewer pumping station. We had a lengthy discussion in regards to garbage but since that is on the agenda he won't go into that at this point.

Mr. Dabinett commented in regards to road paving; he was speaking with Mr. Knutelsky he expects to received bid on July 7, for the Main Street paving and hopefully we can award the bids on July 12. Mr. Knutelsky expects to advertise for Rutherford Ave on either June 28, have the bids ready put it in the paper on June 30 and except bids on July 21.

At this time there was a discussion on a three or five year moratorium.

Mayor Giordano commented we should have this at the next meeting.

Mr. Limon reported we had several personnel meetings, this evening there is a resolution on the agenda we all supported, a salary adjustment for six non contracted employees. We are also looking at hiring a mechanic for DPW hopefully we will hear something for the next meeting. Mr. Limon commented he will set a meeting up with Ms. Fantasia and Mr. Martinez and set up to review the audit and that is what we will have finished before the next meeting.

Mrs. McHose had nothing to report she passed due to the long meeting.

Mr. Prol had nothing to report.

Mayor Giordano reported the Memorial Day Parade was successful, the fence and the gate at the pond looks a lot better. The containers were removed, one of the containers was scraped it was no good and scraped, we received \$375.00 for it. The other container is in the DPW yard and they will be using it. Mayor Giordano commented on storage at the pond which is on for discussion. Recreation storage will be at Borough Hall.

Mayor Giordano commented one new Police Officer has started, and sworn in Officer Flora. Officer MacQuesten was sworn in today and he will start Thursday night. We will have a formal swearing in for them at the next meeting.

Mayor Giordano commented the BPU came up with a policy which enables people to come in and talk to the Board for their first initial consultation without posting escrow and explained.

Mayor Giordano commented this is his sixth month as Mayor and would like the Council to email him things he can do better.

Mayor Giordano congratulated Mr. Limon, his son graduated High School, and getting a scholarship. Mayor Giordano congratulated Ms. Fantasia for her daughter graduating High School and her scholarship. Mayor Giordano said it was a pleasure seeing Mr. Rathbun and Mr. Martinez daughters grow up and was happy to see them graduating Franklin School. Mayor Giordano congratulated Logan McHose because he earned Eagle Scout which is fantastic and a great achievement.

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Mrs. McHose thanked Mayor Giordano. Mrs. McHose commented she got a notice today that Cub Pack 90 is postponing the Soap Box Derby to sometime into July. We don't have a new date yet. Mayor Giordano suggested to coordinate that when the new paving will be done.

**OPEN PUBLIC SESSION**

Mr. Snyder 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.

Sharon Schultz, 51 Main Street, Franklin, stepped forward. Ms. Schultz commented she is getting conflicting reports, 47 Main Street is becoming a half way house for men and the old Kovach building is becoming a half way house for the women.

Mayor Giordano commented they haven't approached the Borough for any Zoning or Planning approval. For the Kovach building they would have to go for zoning he spoke to Mrs. McHose and the Zoning Officer.

Ms. Schultz commented she spoke to Tom and they can get passed zoning if they want to.

Ms. Schultz commented on her concern and asked what the Borough will be doing.

Mayor Giordano commented if there is any type of application before the Zoning Board or Planning Board you would get notification.

Mr. Prol explained the application process for the Zoning Board.

There was a brief discussion on an application and zoning process

Brian Glynn, Fowler Street, Franklin, stepped forward commented to Mrs. Mchoso when you get the date set for the Soap Box Derby let him know so he can open the Museum so they can have a bathroom facility.

Joann Tatka, 151 Maple Road, Franklin, stepped forward. Mrs. Tatka commented on the Mics. Mrs. Tatka asked if the new police car is a sedan or an SUV. Mayor Giordano explained.

Mrs. Tatka asked how many employees take cars home at night. Mayor Giordano commented to his knowledge we don't do that. Mrs. Tatka asked if the detective or chief take cars home. Mayor Giordano commented the chief does. Mrs. Tatka asked about the detectives and the DPW.

Mrs. Tatka asked why are you having a discussion on Franklin Meadows when they are suppose to be taken care of their own garbage. Mayor Giordano commented we will strike that [from the agenda] because we have to discuss that in executive session.

Mrs. Tatka commented if they are paying for their own garbage are you giving them a revaluation on their property because they are already paying for garbage in their taxes. Mayor Giordano commented on a Municipal Reimbursement Act and explained. Mr. Dabinett helped explained what will happen.

Mrs. Tatka commented she was here for the last two meetings and asked for the police budget and nobody could tell her what it was. But the next day the New Jersey Herald had the amount of the police budget. Mrs. McHose commented it is on line.

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Mrs. Tatka commented when there is an agenda item if you [Mayor] before you have a vote on it, can you explain the item. Mayor Giordano commented he will take that as good criticism.

Mrs. Tatka commented on the salary adjustment for six employees.

Mayor Giordano commented it is a salary correction based on looking at part and full time employees that are having salary adjustment which does not add up to a lot of money.

Mrs. Tatka questioned the dog census still going on and if the 100 hours have been met yet. Mayor Giordano commented it is limited to 100 hours that is what we are paying for.

Mrs. Tatka questioned hiring another mechanic. Mayor Giordano explained why the Borough was hiring another mechanic.

Rachel Heath, 7 Hemlock Drive, Franklin, stepped forward. Mrs. Heath congratulated Logan McHose parents and everyone with graduations. Mrs. Heath commented she is pleased to see the Borough move forward with the Habitat for Humanity.

Mrs. Heath commented on the resolution regarding the salaries, you have listed on the agenda Mr. Mayor for certain non contractual employees. Isn't the public entitled to see on the agenda whether it be the job title and the amount of money.

Mayor Giordano commented isn't there copies of the resolutions in the back. Mrs. Heath commented there are none in the back or on the website either.

Mayor Giordano commented that is a flaw in our system and we will change that, for the record he will read the resolution right now.

Mrs. Heath commented we want transparency, she is a non contractual employee but her name is not on the list. She really does believe you shouldn't have to explain something it should be self explanatory and explained.

Mrs. Heath commented the Senior Center is a mess in the main room the floors should be stripped and cleaned, that should be some of your priorities when you do the buildings and grounds.

Mrs. Heath commented when they designed this building the safe downstairs was the focal point of the whole things hence they put the windows in, they have it open because they could not remove the door of the safe. Now there is stuff put on so you can't see in, on the window.

Mrs. McHose commented she moved some furniture around and put a copier in that outer area and it doesn't look as nice as it used to, we also were reviewing security in the building so we frosted a lot of the glass. With all the concerns regarding shootings and things like that we are trying to protect the employees, that was part of our overall review.

Mrs. Heath commented the Borough received an award for the beautification of the building, there is no money in the safe the ladies are in their offices and she thinks it is an injustice to the building.

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Mayor Giordano commented he is going to ask the clerk to post resolutions going forward on the website with the agenda and also we will make copies of all resolutions available in the back of the room. It is an oversight.

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 Ms. Fantasia. 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 18, 2016, from Eileen DeFabiis, RMC/CMR Montague Township Clerk, to NJ Legislature District 24 Re: Request Support of Legislation.
2. Letter dated May 26, 2016 from Catherine Williams, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders to Beth Brothman, Andover Borough Clerk, CC 24 Municipalities in Sussex County Re: Supporting the County C.L.E.A.R. program Community Law Enforcement Addiction Recovery.
3. Township of Hardyston resolution 33-16 to support Sussex County C.L.E.A.R. Program Community Law Enforcement Addiction recovery.
4. Final Equalization Table for the County of Sussex for the year 2016.
5. Township of West Milford resolution 2016-184 seeking amendment to P.L. 2004 c. 120 Highlands water protection and Planning Act to allow exemptions for Municipal Governments.
6. Township of West Milford resolution 2016-183 supporting Senate Bill S688 and assembly Bill A292 which provided an exemption under the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act for artificial turf field construction by Local Government Units.
7. Township of West Milford resolution 2016-182 supporting Senate Bill S107 which provides for reduced sales tax imposition on certain sites in certain Highlands Region Preservation Area Municipalities.

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

1. Construction Permit Activity Report for May, 2016.
2. Construction report for May, 2016.
3. COH report for May, 2016.
4. Health Department report for April, 2016.
5. Zoning Officer report for May, 2016.
6. Tax Collector report for May, 2016.
7. Police Department report for May, 2016.

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

1. Application to operate a Tattoo parlor from Joseph Moon, Moonlight Tattoo LLC., 418 Rte 23 North, Franklin.

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

1. Payment of bills for the meeting of June 14, 2016.

Mr. Limon made a motion to approve the consent agenda of June 14, 2016. Seconded by Mr. Dabinett.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

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**OLD BUSINESS**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Approval of the Minutes**

Mr. Rathbun made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes for May 24, 2016. (Absent: Fantasia) Seconded by Mr. Martinez.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Rathbun, Snyder, Dabinett, Limon, Martinez

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: Fantasia

**Resolution 2016-61**

Mr. Rathbun made a motion to adopt resolution 2016-61 to support Sussex County C.L.E.A.R. Programs Community Law Enforcement Addiction Recovery. Seconded by Mr. Martinez.

There was a brief discussion on the resolution.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

**Resolution 2016-59**

Mr. Rathbun made a motion to adopt resolution 2016-59 authorizing the Borough clerk to renew the following liquor licenses for the 2016-2017 licensing term.

**Plenary Retail Consumption**

1906-32-013-007 Franklin 897 LLC. T/A Shop Rite Wines and Spirits

1906-33-008-006 Assembly Corporation T/A Black Bear Golf Course

1906-33-010-006 Wok N Sushi Inc.

1906-33-014-006 Six Gee Corp. T/A Irish Cottage Inn

**Plenary Retail Distribution**

1906-44-007-006 WC Franklin LLC T/A Wine Country Franklin

1906-44-006-005 MINDIP LLC

**Club License**

1906-31-017-001 Wallkill Golf Club

1906-31-015-001 Sgt. Francis M. Glynn Post 132 American Legion

1906-31-016-001 Franklin Fire Department, Inc.

Seconded by Mr. Martinez.

There was a brief discussion on the liquor license renewals.

Mr. Snyder commented he has to abstain for one but ok with the rest.

Mayor Giordano commented to let the record show Mr. Snyder abstains on the Fire Department portion.

Mr. Prol commented you will have to abstain for the whole resolution.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Rathbun, Dabinett, Fantasia, Martinez

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: Snyder, Limon

**Resolution 2016-63**

Mr. Rathbun made a motion to adopt resolution 2016-63 authorization to provide for the purchase of a police vehicle, 2016 Ford Interceptor Sedan, all wheel drive in the

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amount of \$30,235.75. (Quote provided in the Council packets.) Seconded by Martinez.

Mrs. McHose commented on the limited time for a quote.

Mayor Giordano commented this should have gone through public safety first that is on him, it will be addressed in the future.

There was a brief discussion on the police car and resolution.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Rathbun, Limon, Martinez

Nays: Dabinett Absent: None Abstentions: Snyder, Fantasia

Note: Mr. Dabinett explained when voting had he known prior he would have been for this.

Discussion on Franklin Meadows

Mr. Martinez made a motion to table this discussion. Seconded by Mr. Dabinett.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Discussion on Storage at the Pond

At this time there was a discussion regarding storage at the pond and removal of containers.

Mayor Giordano commented in the process of moving the containers we uncovered a number of issues where various groups have had storage long term there, Councilman Martinez and building and grounds have come to a conclusion as to what they were going to do. There was a lot of miscommunication going on with this, there was some concerns with the recreation committee that they will not have any storage down at the pond and storage on behalf of baseball with the pitching machine.

Mrs. McHose commented this move was done today, she met and spoke with the supervisor of DPW and they came to the conclusion we have the ability to store the pitching machine which is long in length and difficult to store. We would store it during the off season for the baseball group and they have been informed. There is also a large net that is going to be stored. The plan is to take the equipment that is recreation out of the guard shack and anything that was DPW related in there is going to be moved to the container that is behind the fencing at the DPW garage. We are moving recreation to the basement of the Municipal Building and Sussex County lock has been contacted to have the lock downstairs for the basement area rekeyed so recreation can have access to it.

Mr. Snyder asked where is baseball [equipment] going to be at now.

Mrs. McHose commented they will be in the guard shack closest to 631.

Mr. Snyder asked about the storage for the Girl Scouts.

Mrs. McHose commented it is her understanding the event that is called building bridges which is between the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts at the pond. There was not a troop in succession of age following this group to continue that event and explained. This needs to be confirmed officially.

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There was a discussion continued on storage and if baseball was notified.

Mr. Martinez commented he has an issue if baseball was not notified, he wants to make sure they will have access to something and their equipment. Mr. Martinez commented he would like to open this discussion up to baseball.

Mr. Martinez made a motion to open to the public the discussion on baseball. Second by Mr. Rathbun. All were in favor.

Crystal Alexander, secretary of the Wallkill Valley Little League, stepped forward. Also stepping forward was John Lorenzo-Jaqueth, President of Wallkill Valley Little League and John Zemiepra, chief information officer and equipment manager for Wallkill Valley Little League.

Ms. Alexander commented our concerns are now that their regular season has ended as of yesterday and we have used those storage containers for so many years, we now have 20 coaches returning all their equipment to us at a picnic on Saturday. They don't want the equipment in their houses for the summer, she understands the importance of the Carnival but what are they supposed to do with the equipment and explained their concerns regarding the storage.

The discussion continued on the storage including the Wallkill Valley Little League representatives.

Ms. Fantasia made a motion to close to the public the discussion on baseball. Seconded by Mr. Rathbun. All were in favor.

Discussion on Garbage Rebid

Mr. Prol commented discussions we don't need to table them.

Resolution 2016-64

Mr. Rathbun made a motion to adopt resolution 2016-64 supporting Veterans Treatment Courts. Seconded by Mr. Martinez.

There was a discussion on the resolution.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Resolution 2016-65

Mr. Rathbun made a motion to adopt resolution 2016-65 awarding salary adjustments for certain non-contracted employees as recommended by the Personnel Committee. Seconded by Mr. Limon.

Mrs. McHose commented the personnel committee had asked to provided [a list of job comparisons]. Mrs. McHose handed out the comparison list to the Council.

Mayor Giordano read resolution 2016-65 to the public. Mayor Giordano commented for the record that is \$1.50 per hour for full time employees and \$1.00 an hour for part time.

Mayor Giordano asked for a motion to amend the resolution [retro from June 1].

Mr. Martinez made a motion we change the verbiage on the resolution this shall be retroactive to June 1 rather than January 1, 2016. Seconded by Mr. Limon.

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Upon roll call vote to amend the resolution:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Mayor Giordano commented now we have the amended resolution which should be effective June 1, 2016.

Mayor Giordano commented for the public we did a comparison in other towns so we do have supporting documentation. Mayor Giordano read the list of job comparisons with other towns. [This list will be on file in the Clerk's office.]

Rachel Heath commented from the public, she was not disputing the raises. The raises or job description should be on the agenda.

Ms. Fantasia commented when personnel had met, we requested Mrs. McHose put this together a comparable list and please don't include towns as Vernon unless it was comparable to us.

Mayor Giordano commented we have a motion and a second on the amended resolution.

Upon roll call vote on the amended resolution:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

**Resolution 2016-66**

Mr. Rathbun made a motion to adopt resolution 2016-66 approving the contract with NJ Valley Amusements, Inc. for the amusement rides and related services at the Franklin Carnival. (Included in the Council packet letter dated May 25, 2016, from Angelo Bolcato, Esq., contract signed by NJ Valley Amusements and an addendum to the contract.) Seconded by Mr. Snyder.

Mayor Giordano explained the contract.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

**Resolution 2016-67**

Mr. Rathbun made a motion to adopt resolutions 2016-67 authorizing the Tax Collector to refund Johnny and Ashley Swords, 13 McCann Street, Block 605 Lot 31 the amount of \$1,242.17 due to a duplicate tax payment for the 2nd quarter. Seconded by Mr. Dabinett.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no executive session due to the length of the meeting. The garbage discussion will be tabled to the next meeting.

**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.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
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Rachel Heath, 7 Hemlock Drive, Franklin, stepped forward. Mrs. Heath commented she wants it on the public record saying that she did not have any problem with employees getting an increase, it was the resolution on the agenda.

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**

Ms. Fantasia commented on the police vehicle; being on the budget committee the vehicle funds were appropriated for that, she would like it to go on the record saying she really supports the purchase of the vehicle but she does also appreciate the process of going through the proper committees, her intention was not to say the car should not be purchased just that the best deal be located.

Mr. Dabinett commended Mrs. McHose for her work with the Regional Walkkill Valley First Aid Squad.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further items for discussion by the Mayor and Council, Mr. Martinez made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45p.m., seconded by Mr. Rathbun. All were in favor.

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Nicholas Giordano, Mayor

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Robin Hough, Borough Clerk