

**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 28, 2017**

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. Rathbun, Mr. Skellenger, 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 there was a Recreation meeting in February which was the initial meeting of the year; the reorg meeting. Jen Giordano was selected as the head of Recreation [Chairwoman] we are awaiting the bid specs for the Carnival. Mr. Limon commented the idea for the Carnival for this year is the end of September and explained why.

Mr. Limon reported April 22, is the Senior Spring Fling at the Franklin Fire House starting at noon. That is when we will be awarding the Senior of the Year.

Mr. Limon reported there is a Miss Franklin pageant scheduled for May 20, he will have information to follow on that. Mr. Limon commented on the line item of the budget for recreation, on what was accounted for; for example, how we moved the bleachers, picked up the garbage, fence repair, lighting, mulch etc. Mr. Limon commented historically labor was always through the road department and that was a hot issue at the recreation meeting. Mr. Limon commented most importantly the Franklin Carnival will not be around the 4<sup>th</sup> [of July] this year.

Mayor Giordano explain what Mr. Limon was talking about was individual transfers of the money based on labor for moving bleachers or doing mulch etc. What we need to do is have someone from Buildings and Grounds and someone from the budget committee meet with Recreation to work out some type of agreement and explained. Mayor Giordano commented with the Carnival being moved to September might not be a bad thing and explained some positive reasons for having a successful Carnival in September for this year.

There was a discussion on the Carnival and not billing recreation for work done in house with other Borough employees.

Mr. Limon reported on personnel committee, we met and went over a review process for non-contracted employees, we also discussed job duties, rolls and responsibilities and at this point he would like to hand off to Ms. Fantasia for more specific information on the responsibilities.

Ms. Fantasia commented in the personnel committee our goal is to create a fair and equitable and transparent process. As of now we do not have policy set in stone with time tables for reviews for employees that work here in the Administrative building. In contrast with that, we do have our Police contract, DPW contract in place; after 9 months, they go to their supervisor to request a step change that is recognized by the Governing Body but right now as far as non-contract employees there is no process in place. However, at times we have consolidated services under positions within the administrative building; with no process in place for adjustments. Ms. Fantasia commented she speaks for herself and a couple of other members here, as a member of the committee we never want to give the

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misperception to the public or to the departments that departments that are traditionally male are receiving any different treatment then departments that are predominantly female. We understand that there is a 2% cap and that is non-negotiable of any raises of any kind. However, if employees have additional titles, duties or job responsibilities assigned they may approach the Administrator regarding a salary adjustment to meet fair market value for what the job is that they are doing. At that point our process is to pull comps, from neighboring towns that somewhat meet to what we are; we are never going to find a perfect match but we check population, jobs duties, tenure year, years of experience, so on and so fourth and keep a median between the five. For example, if you have a job and the lowest paid individual is making \$30,000 in that position, the next one is \$33,000, the next one is \$35,000, the next one is \$48,000 and the next one is \$52,000; we don't average those numbers together because that is well beyond what is even possible in our budget.

Ms. Fantasia commented with that being said we know that moving forward for any type of salary adjustments we feel that it may require further discussion among the Council based upon that. In order for us to do that we have to send rice notices to the specific employees if we are going to discuss any specific employee. All this information was shared with all of you but she thinks based upon the circumstances where we have a tight budget year, we know this, Mr. Snyder is giving a finance committee report, we are working very hard to reduce items in the budget. This is Franklin Borough not Franklin Lakes, we have a senior citizen population that is on fixed incomes, we have single parents, we have people that work multiple jobs and we had to balance that between fair and market value for employees because we all know the cost of hiring a new employee to replace someone that has been with us 20 plus years to be cost prohibited with training and classes and things of that nature. So, upon legal advice of Mr. Prol she is going to ask when the items come up that we do table the last two items that are on the agenda tonight regarding salary adjustments, so we can serve rice notices to the two specific employees and they can then make the decision if they would like the conversation to be held in public forum or in executive session and then we can move forward at that point. Ms. Fantasia commented for something of this magnitude for policy, for protection of the employees but also for the protection of the tax payers in the Borough, she thinks that is the smartest way to go. As the personnel committee, we unanimously agreed to move forward with that.

Mayor Giordano commented basically what you want to do is create a metric to evaluate the employees to a specific set of standards, you are making policy changes in the handbook.

Ms. Fantasia commented correct.

Mayor Giordano commented he thinks they are long overdue, and anyone that is on the Council knows he is a big advocate, we should have policies and procedures. Mayor Giordano commented, thank you very much, I really do thank you very much because we do need to look at policies and procedures and metrics for this type of stuff. Mayor Giordano commented he has always said since he was on the Council, for the future of our town it is more professional and has no political bias, it is to be fair and honest and he appreciates you discussing that. The personnel manual we really do need to look at that and create a metric for evaluations.

Ms. Fantasia commented there is a document and actually we did review it. Mrs. McHose did forward the document to them. It is a solid document, and again she wants you to be aware that is slightly different than anything we require with salary adjustments. A salary adjustment isn't a raise it is because additional duties, titles, consolidated a position things of that nature. As far as raises, a 2% is not given, that

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is the language that is usually given, we are looking carefully at the budget and Councilman Snyder is going to talk about that. In the absence of having a solid performance review on the employee's we feel like for the tax payers we need to justify if we choose to have a 2% raise, there has to be something measurable a metric behind it.

Mr. Prol explained a rice notice to the public.

Mr. Dabinett asked about having a workshop or a special meeting regarding this matter.

Mayor Giordano commented we can't make any decisions at a workshop so it would be at the next meeting. Mayor Giordano commented it isn't imperative that we call a special meeting but we will put them as agenda items 1 and 2. He would like to do all of that properly so when we get to those items we will table those items if the Council wants to and we will move on properly to notify the employees. So, they are fully aware of this.

Ms. Fantasia commented something that we can do is again; the finance committee is meeting and we will have some more information for you about that and then you will be presented with all the information, you have all the figures if you would like to contact Mr. Limon as chair of the personnel committee, forward questions, comments things like that to him and then we can discuss it because as you know we can never have a quorum without having a public meeting and we can move forward that way.

Mr. Dabinett reported we had our public utility meeting this past Thursday, Main Street paving, is going to set up a preconstruction meeting sometime in the month of March, we would like to get started on the sidewalks and curbs sometime in April, so we can hopefully be paving by the beginning of June. The repair on Wildcat Road, the S curve will start again in April. Mr. Dabinett commented we have done several I & I Studies over the years, which has been reported to you before, what our engineer is doing is taking all of the information from all these I & I Studies and putting them on a large map of our sewer system in Franklin. Locating all the manholes and all the leaks and so forth. What we would like to do at the Mayor and Council's pleasure is we would like to come in one evening at a meeting and open the map up so the public can see where we are spending our money and what we are concentrating on, at the same time we can show a video and explained the sewer lines and cleaning these lines.

Mayor Giordano commented this map is critical for our future and explained. There was a brief discussion on the map.

Mr. Dabinett commented the new trailer we purchased for the road department finally arrived. Last year we had a water sewer user that was really [behind in payments] the individual was sent a notice. That same individual just received another notice and explained.

Mr. Snyder reported the building and grounds committee met last Thursday night, we discussed some of the things he has been talking about the last couple of months with regards to the air conditioning units on top of the roof of this building two of them need to be replaced so we are going to be pursuing that. We are still talking about possibility replacing two more and explained. Also, we talked about the radio system that needs to be replaced, the utility issue with regards to cameras in the building, the Borough garage and the old water building which is also part of DPW. We talked about the Fire Department downstairs near all the equipment, Fire Trucks and the uniforms etc. We will pursue that to see what we can come up with.

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There was a question with regards to the Borough garage we are going to be getting that repaired and asked Mrs. McHose to update the Council.

Mrs. McHose commented the structural engineer was here on February 16, and he said we can expect to have his report by this Friday, [March] 3<sup>rd</sup>, he gave no indication on the phone what he was going to write in the report but he did a thorough examine of not only the corner but some of the walls where there was some shelving. That report will be passed back to the insurance company.

Mr. Snyder commented all this is capital expenditures we have to decide how much we are going to put in capital to do some of these. Also, the telephone system.

Mrs. McHose commented that is being budgeted for, she met with Monica regarding the Administrators budget so we do have some money set aside for that and explained the need for the new phones.

Mr. Snyder reported on finance, we met as a committee three times already, we are going to meet again this Thursday. We have gone over line items with the current fund, we did go over the water and sewer budget, we have an assessment value at this point going into last night's meeting. The home assessment is \$174,734.00 which would be an increase of \$6.10 to the home owner at this time. We are working on that, we actually did cut \$44,000 more thousand out of the budget last night and we do have some things with regards to the final amount that we need to do. We want to try to introduce the budget on the 14<sup>th</sup> of March if in fact we are able to have this meeting on Thursday and go any further with what we have done. Mr. Snyder commented he doesn't know how the rest of the Council would feel if need to have a workshop meeting to get you updated with that. We don't really want you to go over the line items; that is a waste, the committee itself is doing a great job with the finance budget; if there is a question regarding it [the budget] we [would] have to go to a workshop on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March and that would delay us with introducing it to the 28<sup>th</sup> of March.

There was a discussion on having a workshop, when to introduce the budget, leave it up to the finance committee they are doing a great job, this being the year we get reviewed by the State and maybe have a workshop before the next meeting.

Mayor Giordano commented if we need to do a workshop meeting before the meeting we can do that, if not at this point we will work on the guide of having to introduce the budget on the 14<sup>th</sup> of March.

Mr. Rathbun reported the discussion continued with the gun club thanks to Councilman Dabinett. Mr. Rathbun thanked him for the hard work he put into this. Also, the Police Sergeant promotion process has started.

Mrs. McHose commented they are about to start [the interviews] the guidelines and the requirements have been distributed to all seven candidates and the Board that is going to be interviewing the first round is ready to go. We wanted to make sure they were covered under our umbrella of liability insurance because they are not charging us for the service so she took care of that with the risk management company. It is just a matter of picking a date and we are going forward.

Mr. Skellenger commented all of his committees have already been reported on. Mr. Skellenger asked would it be possible just to make a motion to have our DPW guys help out recreation when they need it. He is not seeing the point, we are all like one big family, he is not seeing why we all can't just help each other.

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Mayor Giordano commented absolutely, there is no problem with that at all. You can do that now if you want.

Mr. Skellenger made a motion to have our DPW help out recreation and not charge them. Seconded by Mr. Rathbun

Mayor Giordano commented so he is clear, basically what your motion and second is for, you would like to authorize the Department of Public Works to help recreation as required without them incurring any interdepartmental or company charge.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Mr. Skellenger commented the Mayor, Councilman Dabinett, Mrs. McHose and I [Mr. Skellenger] attended a meeting with Millennium Grant Writing Strategies they will be giving us a proposal later this week.

Ms. Fantasia reported on EDC, our February meeting was snowed out; we will meet next Thursday night. Prior to that we will establish what our projected budget will be. Ms. Fantasia commented this is kind off tied to the finance committee, as you know today Governor Christie gave his budget address and not in her role as Councilwoman but in her other life she was able to testify a few times regarding fiscal [fair school] funding both in front of the Assembly and the Senate Special Committee on fiscal [fair school] funding and she was also in Trenton yesterday. Ms. Fantasia wanted to report back to the Council she was very proud that Senator Oroho who is actually on the special committee for fiscal [fair school] funding did stand up for Sussex County; it was refreshing to see we have representation.

Mayor Giordano explained we had a meeting with the County Board of Health, during that meeting they distributed some flyers to us, some of the statistics they gave us were shocking.

Mr. Snyder commented last night we spoke about being reimbursed for OPRA.

Ms. Fantasia commented for OPRA requests as of right now there is the basic per page fee, which is a very small fee, there are some new cases and case law where if an OPRA request is deemed to be demanding a significant amount or unusual amount of Borough Employees time you can actually request a special charge be assigned and explained the special charge and gave an example.

Mayor Giordano commented we have had a substantial amount of time of employees utilized by those means [redacting] and OPRA is very easily abused.

Ms. Fantasia explained OPRA to the public.

Ms. Hough explained one OPRA request took eight hours to redact all the information, there were over 100 sheets with redaction, employee social security numbers, pension numbers and when you redact you have to do that several times before you can't see thorough it. Ms. Hough commented there was another OPRA request that she worked on with the Police Department and that took hours. A lot of the requests have to go to the attorney, then I work with the attorney. So, with all the other duties I have to do, the OPRA comes first when they come in because I only have seven business days, you can request an extension but it is taking so much of my time now.

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There was a discussion on OPRA, special service charge, Mr. Prol explained a special service charge is on a case by case basis and how much time the attorney works with the Clerk regarding OPRA.

Mrs. McHose reported she is pleased tonight to announce the Mayor and Council have gone paperless, we have distributed iPads that Councilman Skellenger kindly got donated to the Borough, so we are high tech in Franklin Borough tonight. Mrs. McHose thanked everyone for their cooperation with this.

Mrs. McHose commented her administrator's report has been sent to the Council, since we are going long tonight she wants to say one major thing. She did have a conversation with the Mayor of Ogdensburg as a follow up to the memo she sent on the Governing Body's behalf, the Borough of Ogdensburg is still interested in pursuing a shared service. What they would like to have now is a little more detail on options, so with your permission she will put that together with the CFO and the Court Administrator. This is in no way negotiation, they [Ogdensburg] would like to have an idea what they are looking at. Mrs. McHose commented she was told Ogdensburg would have a decision in about a month. Mayor Giordano asked the Council if they were good with that. Mrs. McHose commented she attended the Franklin/Hardyston/Ogdensburg/Hamburg Chamber of commerce meeting today and she is very proud to say that there were representatives there from other towns but we by far are the most active in terms of commerce.

Mrs. McHose commented she has been approached by a potential developer of the property on 517 behind the Sterling Plaza, they have set up a meeting with DEP and she may be attending with them just to show the process of moving forward. They have applied for Phase I and Phase II with DEP and the next step would be to file a Planning Board application and come before the Board and explained the purpose of the meeting.

Mrs. McHose commented she will be attending a meeting on March 7<sup>th</sup>, with the DOT office at Mt. Arlington regarding the Federal Safe Routes to School project. Mrs. McHose commented she had a meeting with Verizon Wireless who is installing some equipment on the base of the Evans Street water tank; she also sent them a letter concerning the contract and the start date and explained they will be sending the Borough some revenue on that. Mrs. McHose commented she had two students in the past week, they completed 5 hours of community service and helped organize and clean the archive area in the attic. Mrs. McHose commented the ad was placed in the NJ Herald for the part time meter reader. Mrs. McHose also reached out to Superintendent of Franklin School to invite the children that participated in the Rutgers program and try to arrange a time for them to come to a Council meeting. Mrs. McHose commented the bids for the Carnival were due today; no one applied. What that means is now we have the ability to contact vendors directly and the was all done in conjunction with Angelo Bolcato, Esq. Mrs. McHose reported they met with two grant writing firms and we are anticipating a third.

Mr. Prol had nothing additional to report.

Mayor Giordano reported he attended the Vernon Office Opening of your new Congressman Josh Gottheimer, with the Mayor of Hardyston. In speaking with the Congressman his office will have a full-time grant writer in it, they are interested in helping us with our TAP grant. If we can forward the TAP grant information to his chief of staff he assured him it will be put in his grant writer's hands to see what push they can put on it.

Mayor Giordano commented the changes that we did from Planning and Zoning Board into a Land Use Board has begun to pay off for us, we only had a couple of

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meetings but there is a tremendous amount of development that is potentially going on this year.

**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. Skellenger. All were in favor.

Sarah Zydon, 346 Rutherford Ave, Franklin, stepped forward. Mrs. Zydon commented she is here to speak about what is on the agenda; [recreation] field use fees. Mrs. Zydon explained the increase in fees that recreation is requesting and possible changes to the form. There was a discussion back and forth on the fees and electric used at the field. Mrs. Zydon thanked the Council for having DPW helping out recreation.

Sean Kidd, 3 Evans Street, Franklin, stepped forward. Mr. Kidd referred to when the Council is looking to replace the units on the roof and commented the NJ Board of Public Utilities Smart Buildings program has prescriptive rebate for replacing those units and explained the rebate. Mr. Kidd also explained an energy audit the Board of Public Utilities will do to audit all of our facilities for energy and the cost of that fee is 100 percent reimbursable. Mayor Giordano asked Mr. Kidd to email him the information.

Jacky Espinoza, JCP & L, stepped forward. Ms. Espinoza commented make sure with the rebate you apply ahead of time before doing the work. Ms. Espinoza explained a new set of tree trimmers that will be coming into the Borough. Ms. Espinoza commented Mr. VanDenBroek was fabulous to work with during the last storm.

Joann Tatka, 151 Maple Road, Franklin, stepped forward. Mrs. Tatka commented with the ongoing problems with the Local FOP versus Hamburg, maybe one should think about merging the three towns involved with one Chief and maybe problems could be resolved financially and otherwise. Mrs. Tatka commented being budget time there should be fair pay of our employees but she would also like to live in an affordable town and explained there was no cost of living this year and she is retired working part time to pay her taxes; she doesn't want to have to work a full-time job.

Rachel Heath, 7 Hemlock Drive, Franklin, stepped forward. Mrs. Heath commented she had company for the Super bowl and she had to call the ambulance; they were there in ten minutes. Mrs. Heath commented she has to give credit where credit was due. Mrs. Heath asked Mayor Giordano how many Borough employees do we have total with the police, road department, office everything. Mayor Giordano commented he doesn't keep track of the total he thinks around 45. Mrs. Heath commented on January 1<sup>st</sup>, there was a revision made to the handbook, how many employees lost the holiday. Mayor Giordano commented the people that lost the holiday were the non-contract employees and explained. Mrs. Heath commented she is asking how many people. Mayor Giordano commented about 9. Mrs. Heath commented it was less, her question is; have you negotiated the 2017 contract with the contractual people; are you asking them to also give up the holiday. Mrs. Heath explained years back there was a contract for the bargaining unit in the office and they were talked out of it and told they would use the handbook. Mrs. Heath asked does your Borough Clerk have a contract. Mayor Giordano commented no. Mrs. Heath asked isn't that odd that the Borough Clerk doesn't have a contract. Mayor Giordano commented the Clerk is a tenure employee, why would she need a contract. Mrs. Heath commented because she lost the holiday. Mrs. Heath asked did the CFO and Tax Collector lose it. Mrs. McHose commented the CFO lost it, the tax collector still falls under an old contract she was under. Mayor Giordano commented he wasn't aware she had a contract. Mrs. Heath commented she is a

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taxpayer too, but how much did we save by having these people come into the office.

Mr. Prol commented that was the day there was a divine intervention and the power went out.

Mrs. Heath commented we are talking about being fair and unfair, she thinks you could have based it on the contractual employees giving up the holiday and explained. Mrs. Heath asked about the DPW helping out, working overtime and the Ms. Franklin pageant. Mayor Giordano explained.

There being no one else present who wished to address the Governing Body, Mr. Snyder made a motion to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Mr. Skellenger. 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 February 17, 2017, from Melissa Rockwell, Sussex County Tax Administrator, Re: Preliminary Equalization Table.
2. Email dated February 23, 2017, from Aimee Maul, County of Sussex, Office of Public Health Nursing, to the Mayor and Board of Health Secretary, Re: Monthly Individual Municipality Reports Sussex County – Franklin.

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

1. Municipal Court Report for January, 2017.
2. Finance Report activity to 12/31/2016.

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

1. Application for use of the Senior Center from the Walkkill Valley Girl Scouts, for April 22, 2017 from 9:00 to 5:00PM for Earth Day Event. They requested the fees to be waived.

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

1. Payment of bills for the meeting of February 28, 2017.

Mr. Limon made a motion to approve the consent agenda of February 28, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Dabinett commented he has a couple of amendments for our fee schedule and he would like to introduce it at the next meeting. Mayor Giordano commented if you send it over to him he will make sure they are on there.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Approval of the Minutes**

Mr. Rathbun made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes and executive session meeting minutes for February 14, 2017. (Absent: Mr. Limon, Mr. Rathbun, Mayor Giordano) Seconded by Mr. Dabinett. Mayor Giordano commented to Mr. Rathbun you can't make the motion. Mr. Skellenger commented I'll make the motion. Seconded again by Mr. Dabinett.

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Mayor Giordano commented Mr. Prol had an issue with the minutes. Mr. Prol commented on the bottom of page five and read "he is not the Mayor he is the Borough Council President. If the Mayor is sick, he will be running the meeting, he doesn't step in or is he acting Mayor in any way." Now it says "in no way".

Mayor Giordano asked if Mr. Skellenger and Mr. Dabinett were ok with the change.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Skellenger, Snyder, Dabinett, Fantasia, Limon

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: Rathbun

Mr. Limon then realized he should have abstained so he then abstained.

Agreement for Certified Recycling Professional

Mr. Rathbun made a motion to approve the agreement between SCMUA and the Borough of Franklin to retain the services of SCMUA for a certified Recycling Professional that will be responsible for executing the mandatory annual municipal recycling tonnage report in the amount of \$250.00, annually. Seconded by Mr. Dabinett.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Resolution 2017-25

Mr. Rathbun made a motion to adopt resolution 2017-25 authorizing the Borough's Certified Recycling Professional to submit the 2016 recycling tonnage grant application to NJ Department of Environmental Protection. Seconded by Mr. Limon.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Mrs. McHose commented for the record she would like to commend Darlene Tremont for the work she does. For the public, we are required by State Law to collect recycling information from all commercial accounts in the Borough; Darlene has to follow up if they don't send it automatically she has to call and contact them. Darlene then compiles all the information and sends it over to SCMUA. There are licenses required and that is why we use SCMUA. Mrs. McHose commented Darlene does a great job for what she does for that.

Resolution 2017- 26

Mr. Dabinett made a motion to adopt resolution 2017-26 authorizing the Municipal Court to cancel outstanding check balances in the General Account totaling \$132.00 and the Bail Account totaling \$32.00. Seconded by Mr. Limon. [Please note: typing error on the agenda the resolution total for the general account was \$116.65]

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Mayor Giordano asked to reverse items 5 and 6 on the agenda.

Police Department Vehicle and DPW Vehicle

Mr. Dabinett made a motion to discuss and take action regarding the insurance payouts for a Police Department Vehicle and DPW Vehicle. Seconded by Ms. Fantasia.

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Mayor Giordano commented the Council tabled this at the last meeting, he, Mrs. McHose and Darlene has worked hard with the insurance company to get a good value off of our vehicles. For the publics knowledge, we investigated whether or not we wanted to recoup the dump body off of the truck and remount it on a new truck. The Council wanted to go with something new. Mr. Dabinett commented that was the recommendation of the department of public works.

Mr. Skellenger commented he wanted to also thank Mr. VanDenBroek and Mr. Rome, for all their help.

There was a discussion on the vehicles and the payouts from the insurance company.

Mayor Giordano commented he would like to get a roll call vote to accept the payouts, authorize Mrs. McHose to move forward with them.

Ms. Hough asked about the first and second motions. Ms. Hough commented Mr. Dabinett made the motion. Mayor Giordano commented Ms. Fantasia seconded the motion.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Mr. Dabinett commented to take that one step further, we have a quote for a new vehicle a Ford F550 with a western plow, radio units in the amount of \$76,742.80, the purchase of the new vehicle. When we deduct the \$36,900, we get from the insurance the total cost of the new vehicle that we would like to purchase would be \$39,821.80. At what point can we proceed with the purchase.

Mr. Dabinett commented he knows we can't make any purchases now with the budget; if the Council is in agreement to adopt this tonight we could set this in motion so that once the money becomes available we could just go ahead and purchase that vehicle.

Mayor Giordano commented we can do it that way or we can also agree to the purchase of that vehicle to be on the agenda with the budget.

Ms. Fantasia asked Mr. Prol if the CFO would have to certify the funds for something like that. Mr. Prol commented yes, he thinks so. Mrs. McHose commented she thinks you can approve the purchase; pending funds available.

Mayor Giordano commented do you want to make a motion to purchase the vehicle contingent upon the funds being available, certification by the CFO.

Mr. Dabinett commented absolutely. Seconded by Mr. Rathbun.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Discussion on Grant Writers

At this time, there was a discussion on grant writer services for the Borough. Mayor Giordano commented we do have some school board members here, the Chairman of the School Board and we also have the Superintendent of the School Board. If they would like to participate feel free to do so. Mayor Giordano commented the Borough has interviewed two grant writers, we do have a third. Mayor Giordano

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commented he and Alison had talked with Bruno Associates. We also spoke to Millennium and explained both.

There was a discussion on the both grant writers, what grants the Borough might be eligible for, getting quotes from them, not enough in the budget at this point for a grant writer, have a single grant writer or a firm, getting the history of the possible grant writers, getting three quotes, having the grant writer speak to the Council, writing smaller grants are simple but the larger grants are more difficult with costs to them and include the School Board in the process.

Mr. Skellenger asked if need to make a motion to table items 7[resolution 2017-27] and item 8 [resolution 2017-28].

Mr. Prol commented there wasn't a motion made so you don't have to table it; it would just hang on until the next agenda.

**ADDENDUM**

Discussion on Franklin Pond Recreation Field Use Fees

At this time, there was a discussion regarding increasing the Franklin Pond Recreation Field Use Fees.

Mayor Giordano commented we went over this before and asked if anyone had any other discussion on the recreation use field fees.

Mr. Limon commented he was at the recreation meeting he voiced this then and will voice it here; he is not for 100 percent increase. He knows they haven't been raised in years but he thinks that is hard to swallow and he wouldn't want to pass that on to anybody. Mr. Limon commented he is not supporting that.

Mayor Giordano asked if we have a motion to accept the fees as listed on the letter from recreation.

Mr. Rathbun made a motion to accept the recommendation from Recreation. Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Skellenger, Snyder, Dabinett, Fantasia, Rathbun

Nays: Limon Absent: None Abstentions: None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no executive session.

**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. Skellenger. All were in favor.

Sean Kidd, 3 Evans Street, Franklin, stepped forward. Mr. Kidd commented by what matrix will you measure the success of the grant writer. Mayor Giordano explained that was a top at length and explained. There was a discussion back and forth regarding different grants and grant writers.

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

**MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS**

There were no miscellaneous comments.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further items for discussion by the Mayor and Council, Mr. Skellenger made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45p.m., seconded by Mr. Limon. All were in favor.

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Nicholas Giordano, Mayor

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Robin Hough, Borough Clerk