

Franklin Borough Planning Board

Meeting Minutes for

August 19, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by the Chairman, Mr. Wes Suckey, who then led the assembly in the flag salute.

Mr. Suckey read the Statement of Compliance pursuant to the "Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, PL 1975."

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS: Mr. Wes Suckey, Chairman (Present)
Mr. John Christiano, Vice Chairman (Present)
Mr. Nick Giordano, Mayor (Absent)
Mr. Stephen Skellenger, Councilman (Present)
arrived at 7:37
Mr. Floy Estes (Absent)
Mr. Jim Nidelko (Present)
Mr. Jim Williams (Present)
Mr. John Friend (Present)
Mr. Richard Knop (Present)
Mr. Ted Bayles, Alternate #1 (Absent)
Mr. Michael Raperto, Alternate #2 (Present)
Mr. Stephen DeFinis, Alternate # 3 (Present)
Ms. Sharon Schultz, Alternate #4 (Present)

ALSO, PRESENT: Mr. Dave Brady, Board Attorney
Mr. Ken Nelson, Planner

Approval of Minutes:

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Motion made by **Mr. Friend**. Seconded by **Mr. Richard Knop**

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES: **Friend, Williams, Knop, Christiano, Suckey, Raperto, DeFinis, Schultz**

NAYS: None ABSTENTIONS: **Nidelko**

Approved

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made by **Mr. Williams** Seconded by **Mr. Raperto**

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES: **Friend, Williams, Knop, Christiano, Suckey, Raperto, DeFinis, Schultz**

NAYS: None ABSTENTIONS: **Nidelko**

Approved

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Mr. Christiano made a motion to approve the escrow report for August 19, 2019.

Seconded by **Mr. Williams**

All were in favor. ABSTENTIONS

Approved.

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APPLICATIONS OF COMPLETENESS:

There were no applications for completeness

APPLICATIONS TO BE HEARD:

There were no applications to be heard.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS:

There were no resolutions

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business addressed.

OLD BUSINESS:

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Suckey stated that there was a correspondence from the clerk referencing Ordinance #13-2019.

Mr. Suckey asked if there were questions or concerns in regards to the clerk's memo. There were no questions or concerns from any of the board members.

Mr. Suckey moved on to the next correspondence listed. The plan conformance, Borough of Franklin approval of phase II scope of work.

Mr. Suckey explained this was in regards to Franklin Borough implementation plan & the scheduled, updated housing element and fair share plan, highlands master plan conformance amended grant agreement #09-033-011-1906.

Mr. Christiano asked Mr. Nelson what exactly phase I consisted of. Mr. Nelson gave Mr. Christiano a brief summary of phase I. Mr. Nelson also gave a summary on what the planning board can expect from phase II as well.

Mr. Nelson stated at this point he and Ms. Caldwell are at a standstill and does not have an update at this time. Mr. Nelson stated that he thinks there will be a better update come September or October. Mr. Nelson also suggested that when that time comes for Ms. Caldwell and himself to give an update to the board, it may be in the best interest of the board to dedicate a whole meeting to the Highlands update.

Mr. Suckey also went on to state that the last correspondence was from the Township of Hardyston in regards to their master plan.

Mr. Raperto asked if this was in relation to the Park Dr area.

Mr. Suckey stated that it does not state the specifics. Mr. Suckey commented it just states that Hardyston is looking to have a zone change on their master plan.

Mr. Friend stated that he read it as more of the North Church area. Mr. Friend stated that they have very specific rules on what hours the big trucks can be on the road.

Mr. Suckey stated that he would like the record to show that Mr. Skellenger joined the meeting at 7:34PM.

Mr. Suckey stated if there are no further questions at this time, he would like to open the meeting up to the public.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION:

Mr. Suckey opened the meeting to the public.

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Mr. Suckey stated not seeing anyone coming forward at this time.
Mr. Suckey closed the meeting to the public.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Suckey asked for a motion to adjourn to the conference room to hold an executive session.

Mr. Friend made the motion. Seconded by **Mr. Skellenger**

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Friend, Nidelko, Williams, Skellenger, Knop, Christiano, Suckey, Raperto, DeFinis, Schultz

NAYS: None ABSTENTIONS: None

Approved

Mr. Suckey stated that the planning board members would return back to the meeting after the executive session.

The planning board members resided to the first-floor conference room at 7:39PM

The planning board returned to the meeting at 8:20PM.

Mr. Suckey brought the meeting back to order asking for a motion to authorize the Chairman to execute the settlement agreement regarding JCM litigation, substantially in the form discussed in the executive meeting session.

Mr. Skellenger made the motion. Seconded by **Mr. Nidelko**.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Friend, Nidelko, Williams, Skellenger, Knop, Christiano, Suckey, Raperto, DeFinis, Schultz

NAYS: None ABSTENTIONS: None

Approved

Mr. Suckey stated that at this time he would open the meeting to the public.

Dick Durina – 23 Lozaw Road.

Mr. Durina asked if he could have the schedule of what will be happening next as far as a time line of events.

Mr. Brady stated that as far as the schedule goes and what will happen next lies within in the council meeting tomorrow night.

Mr. Durina thanked Mr. Brady and returned to his seat.

Mr. Suckey stated not seeing anyone else coming forward. Mr. Suckey closed the meeting to the public.

Mr. Christiano stated that people who are not living in town and just pass through it are constantly asking me again and again what is happening with the old Franklin Diner. Will it ever sell? Will it ever be cleaned up?

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Mr. Suckey stated the owners are up to date on their taxes and there is currently nothing that can be done at this time.

Mr. Suckey stated that he suggests that Mr. Christiano tell the residents that are expressing their concern should go to a council meeting and express their concerns at a council meeting.

Mr. Skellenger stated that Mrs. McHose is supposed to be meeting with the property owners shortly to discuss up keep and property maintenance.

Mr. Suckey stated that there is a new zoning officer now who has started and I'm sure when she gets settled in the diner will be addressed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Suckey asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Christiano made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

All were in Favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:26

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Babcock
Planning Board Secretary