

Franklin Borough Planning Board
Meeting Minutes for
January 14, 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 (Present)
Mr. Stephen Skellenger, Councilman (Present)
Mr. Floy Estes (Present)
Mr. Jim Nidelko (Absent)
Mr. Jim Williams (Present)
Mr. John Friend (Present)
Mr. Richard Knop (Absent)
Mr. Ted Bayles, Alternate #1 (Present)
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, Board Planner
Mr. Tom Knutelsky, Board Engineer

Approval of Minutes:

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Motion made by **Mr. Friend**. Seconded by **Mr. Estes**.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES: **Friend, Nidelko, Williams, Estes, Christiano, Bayles, DeFinis, Schultz**

NAYS: None ABSTENTIONS: **Mr. Skellenger, Mr. Suckey, Mr. Raperto**

Approved

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Motion made by **Mr. Friend**. Seconded by **Mr. Estes**.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES: **Friend, Nidelko, Williams, Estes, Christiano, Bayles, DeFinis, Schultz**

NAYS: None ABSTENTIONS: **Mr. Skellenger, Mr. Suckey, Mr. Raperto**

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Approval of Resolutions:

Resolution of Franklin Borough Planning Board Regarding exploration of conformance with State Highlands Act Plan.

Mr. Christiano made a motion to adopt the resolution regarding the exploration of conformance with State Highlands Act Plan. Seconded By Mr. Friend.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Friend, Williams, Estes, Giordano, Skellenger, Christiano, Wes, Bayles

NAYS: None ABSTENTIONS:

Motion Approved

Resolution Recommending the Historic Main Street Redevelopment Plan for the Zinc Mine development area and the Main Street Rehabilitation area.

Mr. Christiano made a motion to adopt the resolution recommending the Historic Main Street Redevelopment. Seconded by Mr. Raperto.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Friend, Williams, Estes, Giordano, Skellenger, Christiano, Wes, Bayles

NAYS: None ABSTENTIONS:

Motion Approved

Mr. Giordano briefly addressed the board stating that Mr. Crabb has recently set up a Facebook page for Franklin Historic commission if you haven't had a chance to check it out please check it out. If any board members or members in the public have anything that can shared please feel free to do so. Mr. Crabb is in the beginning stages of gathering pictures and maps and anything else that he comes across. Mr. Giordano went on to say that this new page plays well with what the board just voted on.

Applications of Completeness:

There were no applications for completeness

ADJOURNED CASES:

There were no adjourned cases.

APPLICATIONS TO BE HEARD:

There were no applications to be heard.

OTHER BUSSINESS:

Mr. Christiano stated that he read in the New Jersey Herald that the Borough of Branchville's planning board recently chaired a meeting for their local business's to attend and comment on the overall business environment and what can be done to help the local businesses in their town. Mr. Christiano stated it sounded well attended and

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received positive feedback. Mr. Christiano went on to suggest that maybe this is something that our board could also do in the near future.

Mr. Suckey agreed and stated that maybe this would be a meeting that they could arrange in the near future. Mr. Suckey thanked Mr. Christiano for the suggestion.

Mr. Nelson stated that he briefly wanted to update the board members on what is happening as far as the Highlands. Mr. Nelson went on to state that he is sure that everyone is now aware that the council has gone ahead with deciding to enter into the plan conformcy process with the Highlands Council. Mr. Nelson went on to say that at some point this board will also get involved in the process, in the men time Mr. Nelson and Mr. Brady will be keeping the board members in the loop via emails, or reports so that the planning board is kept up to date on what is happening with the Highlands Council. Mr. Nelson stated that it would not be fair for the planning board not to be kept in the loop and he attends to make sure the board is frequently updated.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Franklin Borough Planning Board Escrow Report for December 17, 2018

Mr. Suckey asked for a motion to accept the December 17, 2018 Escrow Report. Motion made.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Friend, Nidelko, Williams, Estes, Christiano, Bayles, DeFinis, Schultz

NAYS: None ABSTENTIONS: Mr. Skellenger, Mr. Suckey, Mr. Raperto

Approved

DISCUSSION:

There are no discussions or presentations to be presented.

CORRESPONDENCE

Memo from Darlene Tremont, Municipal Clerk

In regards to Resolutions #2019-14 and 2019-15 both resolutions were passed at the meeting of the Governing Body on January 8, 2019.

Mr. Suckey asked if everyone had a chance to review the memo from the Municipal Clerk and if there were any questions or concerns. There were no questions or comments from the board members.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION:

Mr. Suckey made a motion to open the meeting to the public. Addressing the members of the public that they could now come forward and address the board for both agenda items and non-agenda items.

Dawn Rowe – 140 Munsonhurst

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Just wanted to express her appreciation to the board members. MS. Rowe sees how hard the members work and see how hard and diligently the members work to do what is best for the town. She is looking forward to see what 2019 has in store for our town.

Cheryl Krause – 160 Munsonhurst

Ms. Krause wished the members a happy new year and wanted to second what Ms. Rowe stated about thanking the board for working as hard as they do for the best interest of our town of Franklin. MS. Krause also stated that regarding the newspaper article about the town of Branchville and the meeting the planning board held with their local business owners. The EDC group has also thought about inviting business owners to their meeting and maybe that is something the EDC committee and planning board could do together on night.

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

Mr. Suckey stated that he wanted to go back to discussions for a minute. Mr. Suckey addressed the board stating that any new members on the board would have to take the mandatory NJ Planning Officials new members class. Please Contact Michelle so she can submit the paperwork.

Mr. Suckey stated the following.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – TO DISCUSS LITIGATION THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT ALLOWS THE PLANNING BOARD TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC FROM A PORTION OF A MEETING IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN, THAT THE PUBLIC SHALL BE EXCLUDED FROM DISCUSSION OF MATTERS ALLOWED BY NEW JERSEY LAW.

THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES WILL BE PLACED ON FILE IN THE PLANNING BOARD OFFICE, AND WILL BE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AS PROVIDED FOR BY NEW JERSEY LAW. MINUTES OF THE SAME MAY BECOME AVAILBLE AFTER THE NEED OR ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE NO LONGER EXSITS.

Be further advised this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mr. Suckey asked for a motion to go into executive session. **Mr. Skellenger made a motion to go into executive session at this time. Seconded by Mr. Friend.**

All were in favor.

Mr. Brady stated that let it be known that the planning board will adjourn from executive session. The board will not return back to public session.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Babcock

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Planning Board Secretary