

Franklin Borough Planning Board
Reorganization Meeting Minutes for
January 21, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 PM by Board Attorney Mr. Dave Brady, Esq. Brady & Correale, LLP who then led the assembly in the flag salute.

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

Mr. Dave Brady administered the Oath of Allegiance to new appointments to the Planning Board.

Mr. John Sowden (Class I)
Mr. John Postas (Class III)
Mr. Jim Williams (Class II)
Mr. Michael Raperto (Alternate 1)
Mr. Steve DeFinis (Alternate 2)
Ms. Sharon Schultz (Alternate 3)

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Wes Suckey, Chairman (Present)
Mr. John Christiano, Vice – Chairman (Present)
Mr. John Sowden, Mayor (Present)
Mr. John Postas, Councilman (Present)
Mr. Floy Estes (Absent)
Mr. Jim Nidelko (Present)
Mr. Jim Williams (Present)
Mr. John Friend (Present)
Mr. Richard Knop (Present)
Mr. Michael Raperto, Alternate #1 (Present)
Mr. Stephen DeFinis, Alternate # 2 (Present)
MS. Sharon Schultz, Alternate #3 (Present)

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Dave Brady, Board Attorney
Mr. Tom Knutelsky, Board Engineer

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN:

Mr. Raperto nominated Mr. Wes Suckey. **Mr. Christiano** seconded the nomination.

Upon Roll Call Vote

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

NAYS: None ABSTENTIONS: None

(Motion Approved)

Mr. Suckey continued with the meeting and the meeting procedures.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN:

Mr. Williams nominated Mr. John Christiano. Seconded by **Mr. Friend**.

Upon Roll Call Vote for:

AYES: Friend, Nidelko, Williams, Sowden, Postas, Knop, Suckey, Bayles, Raperto, DeFinis, Schultz

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NAYS: None ABSTENTIONS: Christiano

(Motion Approved)

ELECTION OF SECRETARY:

Mr. Nidelko made a motion to elect Michelle Babcock as Secretary for the Franklin Borough Planning Board. Seconded by **Mr. Raperto**

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None ABSTENTIONS: None

(Motion Approved)

APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY:

Mr. Friend made a motion to appoint David B. Brady, Esq. as the Attorney for the Franklin Borough Planning Board. Seconded by **Mr. Nidelko**.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None ABSTENTIONS: None

(Motion Approved)

APPOINTMENT OF ENGINEER:

Mr. Williams made a motion to appoint Thomas G. Knutelsky, P.E. of Harold E. Pellow & Associates as the Engineer for the Franklin Borough Planning Board. Seconded by **Mr. Friend**.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None ABSTENTIONS: None

(Motion Approved)

APPOINTMENT OF PLANNER:

Mr. Christiano made a motion to appoint Ken Nelson of the Nelson Consulting Group as the Planner for the Franklin Borough Planning Board. Seconded by **Mr. Nidelko**.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Friend, Nidelko, Williams, Sowden, Postas, Knop, Christiano, Suckey, Raperto, DeFinis, Schultz

AYES: NAYS: None ABSTENTIONS: None

(Motion Approved)

DESIGNATION OF MEETING DATES AND TIMES:

A discussion took place regarding the meeting dates that are scheduled for the first Wednesday and the third Monday of every month. It was decided the regular meeting will be held on the third Monday of every month and the meeting on the first Wednesday of every month will be used as needed. Mr. Suckey stated that he wanted the board to note that the February 18th meeting will be on a Tuesday.

Ms. Schultz made a motion to accept the meeting dates as presented. Seconded by **Mr. Knop**.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None ABSTENTIONS: None

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DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER:

Mr. Christiano made a motion to designate The New Jersey Herald and The New Jersey Sunday Herald as the official newspaper of the Franklin Borough Planning Board. Seconded by Mr. Williams.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Friend, Nidelko, Williams, Sowden, Knop, Christiano, Suckey

NAYS: Postas, Raperto ABSTENTIONS: DeFinis, Schultz

(Motion Approved)

ADOPTION OF PROFESSIONAL RESOLUTION:

Mr. Christiano made a motion to approve and adopt the "Resolution of the Franklin Borough Planning Board Ratifying and Authorizing the Award of Contracts for Professional Services". Seconded by Mr. Williams.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Friend, Nidelko, Williams, Sowden, Postas, Christiano, Suckey, Schultz

NAYS: None ABSTENTIONS: DeFinis,

(Motion Approved)

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE ("TCC")

Mr. Suckey asked Mr. Brady to give a brief description of what the "TCC Committee consists of and explained who attends a TCC meeting. Mr. Suckey stated that he would like to assign two members of the planning Board on a rotation One Being Mr. John Christiano as co- chairman of the planning board and he would like to see who would be willing to be on a rotating schedule as far as attending these meetings. Mr. Suckey stated that these particular meetings typically take place an hour before our regular planned meetings.

Ms. Schultz, Mr. Friend, Mr. Williams, Mr. Knop and Mr. Raperto volunteered and were put on a rotating schedule.

RESOLUTION AND ANNUAL REPORT OF FRANKLIN PLANNING BOARD:

Mr. Nidelko made a motion to table this resolution until the next meeting depending on what Mr. Brady finds out while researching whether or not this resolution would apply to the planning board this year due to the applications presented to the Planning Board in 2019. Seconded by **Mr. Friend**.

All in Favor

(Motion Approved)

ADJOURNMENT: **Mr. Christiano** made a motion to adjourn the reorganization meeting at 7:35PM. Seconded by **Mr. Knop**

All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Babcock,
Board Secretary