

**MINUTES OF THE REORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN
HELD AT THE FRANKLIN MUNICIPAL BUILDING
46 MAIN STREET, FRANKLIN, NJ
JANUARY 5, 2010**

Mayor Crowley called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

Mayor Crowley led the assembly in the flag salute.

Mayor Crowley 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."

Roll Call of 2009 Borough Council Members

Mayor Crowley requested a roll call of the 2009 Governing Body:

Present: Mr. Limon, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Stoll, Mr. Zschack and Mayor Crowley
Absent: Mr. Barton and Ms. Miller

Presentation

Mayor Crowley thanked Mr. Barton for his time. He stated Mr. Barton brought a lot of experience and the Mayor and Council are going to miss him.

Oaths of Office

Mrs. Leasure read the "Statement of Determination" of the Board of County Canvassers.

Mrs. Leasure administered the Oath of Office to Councilman-elect Gilbert "Soko" Snyder for a three-year term as Councilman of the Borough of Franklin.

Mrs. Leasure administered the Oath of Office to Councilman-elect Louis "Thomas" Kulsar for a three-year term as Councilman of the Borough of Franklin.

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Present: Mr. Kulsar, Mr. Limon, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Stoll, Mr. Zschack and Mayor Crowley
Absent: Ms. Miller

Council Appointment: Council President

Mayor Crowley opened the floor for Council nominations to the position of Council President for 2010.

Mr. Snyder nominated Councilman Jack Stoll as 2010 Council President. Seconded by Mr. Limon. All were in favor.

Fire Department Chief and Line Officers

Mayor Crowley recognized the Chief of the Franklin Fire Department for 2010, James Carroll.

Mrs. Leasure administered the Oath of Office to the Chief of the Franklin Fire Department for 2010, James Carroll.

Mayor Crowley recognized Fire Chief James Carroll, who introduced the 2010 Line Officers of the Franklin Fire Department.

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Mrs. Leasure administered the Oath of Office to the Line Officers of the Franklin Fire Department for 2010.

1 st Assistant Chief	Fred Babcock Jr.	2 nd Assistant Chief	Jeffrey Snyder
Captain	James Raperto	2 nd Lieutenant	Steve Knebl III
Treasurer	Brian Doyle	Secretary	Martin Swiss
Engineer	Steve Knebl Jr.		

Walkkill Valley First Aid Squad President & Officers

Mayor Crowley recognized Walkkill Valley First Aid Squad President William Lanham who introduced the 2010 officers.

Captain	Ryan Sickles	Vice President	Breanne Sullivan,
1 st Lieutenant	Scott Cook Jr.	Treasurer	CindyLanham
2 nd Lieutenant	James Raperto Jr.	Secretary	Sarah Smith

Mrs. Leasure administered the Oath of Office to Walkkill Valley Rescue Squad President William Lanham.

Mrs. Leasure administered the Oath of Office to Walkkill Valley Rescue Squad Captain Ryan Sickles.

The Mayor thanked all for their service and help to the community.

The Mayor thanked Freeholders Sue Zellman and Phil Crabb for attending the 2010 Franklin Borough Reorganization Meeting.

Mayor's Appointments

Mayor Crowley presented his nominations for appointment to the various positions of Borough Government for the year 2010.

Administrator (1 yr.)	Richard R. Wolak
Prosecutor (1 yr.)	Anthony DenUyl
Public Defender (1 yr.)	Daniel A. Colfax, Esq.
Assessment Search Officer (1 yr.)	Patricia Leasure
Tax Search Officer (1 yr.)	Terry Beshada
Zoning Officer (1 yr.)	Patricia Fischer
Borough Physician (1 yr.)	Dennis Fielding
Animal Control Officer (1 yr.)	John Abate
School Crossing Head Guard (1 yr.)	Darlene Tremont
Municipal Housing Liaison (1yr.)	James Kilduff
Public Agency Compliance Officer (1yr)	Richard R. Wolak

Mr. Zschack motioned to confirm the Mayor's Appointments. Seconded by Mr. Snyder.

Upon Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Limon, Snyder, Stoll, Zschack
Nays: None Absent: Miller Abstentions: Kulsar

Appointments: Planning Board

Mr. Snyder motioned to appoint Councilman Mark Zschack as representative to serve on the Planning Board as a Full Member Class III. Seconded by Mr. Stoll. All were in favor.

Mayor Crowley made the following appointments to the Planning Board:

Member Class IV (4 yr. term)	John Christiano
Member Class IV (4 yr. term)	Kevin Lermond
Fire Safety Class II (1 yr. term)	Wes Suckey
Alternate #2 (2 yr. term)	Vacant

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Mr. Stoll motioned to approve the Planning Board appointments. Seconded by Mr. Limon.

Upon Roll Call Vote: Kulsar, Limon, Snyder, Stoll, Zschack
Nays: None Absent: Miller. Abstentions: None

Appointments: Boards and Commissions

Mayor Crowley made the following appointments for the various Boards and Commissions of the Borough of Franklin for 2010.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Member	4 year term	Richard Gardell
Member	4 year term	Martin Swiss
Alternate #1	4 year term	Ethel Alexander

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Member	3 year term	Glen Soules
Alternate #1	3 year term	Steve Sluka

FRANKLIN/HARDYSTON JOINT RECREATION COMMITTEE

All current Board of Recreation Commissioners 1 year term

RECREATION COMMISSION

Alternate #2	4 year term	Vacant
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BOARD OF HEALTH

Member	4 year term	Carolyn Ryder
Member	4 year term	Amiee Zschack

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COUNCIL

Mayor	1 year term	Paul Crowley
Deputy	1 year term	Joseph A. Kistle
Member	1 year term	Mike Gunderman

Member	1 year term	James Carroll
Member	1 year term	Donald Stoll
Member	1 year term	Scott Rogoff
Member	1 year term	Grant Rome
Member	1 year term	Richard Wolak
Member	1 year term	Steve Sluka
Member	1 year term	Dayne Hill
Member	1 year term	Richard L. Border

RENT LEVELING BOARD

Alternate #1	1 year term	Bonnie Holland
Alternate #2	1 year term	Glen Soules

Mr. Stoll motioned to confirm the Mayor's Appointments. Seconded by Mr. Snyder.

Upon Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Kulsar, Limon, Snyder, Stoll
Nays: None Absent: Miller Abstentions: Zschack.

Council Committee Duties

Mayor Crowley announced Council Committee duties for the year 2010 with the Mayor named as Ex-Officio Member of each Committee.

2010 COUNCIL COMMITTEE DUTIES

ADMINISTRATIVE: Ordinance

Chairman: Thomas Kulsar
Member: Gilbert Snyder
Member: Mark Zschack
Alternate: Donna Miller

ADMINISTRATIVE: Finance, Budget & Insurance

Chairman: Mark Zschack
Member: Jack Stoll
Member: Gilbert Snyder
Alternate: Paul Crowley

PUBLIC UTILITIES: Council Liaison to the Board of Public Works

Liaison: Jack Stoll
Alternate: Donna Miller

PERSONNEL & NEGOTIATIONS:

Chairman: Gilbert Snyder
Member: Thomas Kulsar
Member: Joe Limon
Alternate: Donna Miller

PUBLIC SAFETY: Police & Fire

Chairman: Mark Zschack
Member: Donna Miller
Member: Paul Crowley
Alternate: Thomas Kulsar

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Council Representatives to:

Recreation Commission, Economic Development, also serves as the “**Awards Committee.**”

Member: Donna Miller Economic Development
Liaison: Joe Limon Recreation
Member: Thomas Kulsar Recreation
Liaison: Joe Limon Joint Recreation Commission

Members: Shared Services Committee

Mark Zschack
Jack Stoll
Paul Crowley

Members: Rent Leveling Board

Joe Limon
Donna Miller

Approval of Consent Agenda

Mayor Crowley requested that all persons present review the consent agenda and offer any comments they may have at this time regarding the consent agenda.

Mr. Limon made a motion to approve the consent agenda of January 5, 2010. Seconded by Mr. Snyder.

Mr. Zschack noted that the spelling of Pellow and Associates needed correction on the professional appointment resolution.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Kulsar, Limon, Snyder (*with abstention to ratification of 2010 Line Officers for the Franklin Fire Department*) Stoll, Zschack

Nays: None Absent: Ms. Miller Abstentions: None

Mayor's Statement

Mayor Crowley stated that this will be a challenging year. The financial burden is awesome and there will be a lot of hard decisions. We will try to keep everything running smoothly but we will attack the problems head on and do the best we can. We will wait to see if we can do better in Trenton and will be working with the Freeholders and local agencies to keep costs down. Unfortunately there will probably be an increase in the tax rate but we will try to keep it to a minimum. We will work to look over every dollar spent to make sure we can do as good a job as we can.

Council Comments

Mayor Crowley invited each member of the Council to offer remarks concerning the 2010 Council's goals and priorities.

Mr. Stoll welcomed Mr. Snyder back and welcomed Mr. Kulsar. He wants to maintain services and keep employees by working hard. We will never get away without an increase in taxes. We just hope we can hold the line to a certain amount because it is going to be rough not only for us but for all the municipalities and the county. With the new Governor hopefully the State will help.

Mr. Limon welcomed Mr. Kulsar and looks forward to working with him. This is his third year on the Council and believes the economic outlook of the world looks worse year after year. However, he is upbeat and feels we can work through this. He is disappointed in SCUMA because everything we saved administratively last year was wiped out when SCUMA increased their rates. We have to find ways to save even little things like eliminating the calendar now that everyone is on the internet. Maybe we have to eliminate staff and employees. It has to end somewhere. He is here to work hard.

Mr. Snyder wished all a Happy New Year. He thanked all the volunteers and employees for their dedicated service for last year and the upcoming year. He welcomed Mr. Kulsar to the Council and looked forward to working with him. He thanked the voters who elected him to his third term as Councilman. This year presents a challenge. Our town faces the same as every other town, a combination of budget problems including a decrease in local tax revenues and a strong possibility of no state aid. With increases in health care premiums and pension costs we already have a deficit in the thousands. We will look into cutting more than last year without reducing personnel and service. He would like the Administrator and Department Heads to seek alternatives in fund sources. Being born and raised in Franklin a lot has happened over the years, I still have vision looking forward to what can be done to improve our town. I see many people devoting many hours of their time to doing just that; I thank them for their services. He will aspire to see Franklin move forward in the future. He thanked our Legislators and Freeholders.

Mr. Zschack also welcomed Mr. Kulsar to the Council and looking forward to serving all the residents of Franklin in his second year and will try to make the best decisions he can to help the taxpayers of Franklin.

Mr. Kulsar thanked all the voters who elected him and gave him the opportunity to serve the town. He will do his best not to let anyone down. He is looking forward to serving the residents. He will work with the Council to get through all the troubles.

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Mayor Crowley congratulated Socko Snyder for being re-elected for a third term and welcomed and congratulated Tom Kulsar on his election to the council and stated that Mr. Kulsar can bring a lot to the council. He stated that this would be a tough year and that Mr. Kulsar will be right in the middle of it. The Mayor also recognized Ms. Fugate, Reporter from the New Jersey Herald who has been here for many of our meetings. Ms. Fugate will be leaving the Herald and New Jersey in a week and wished her good luck on her new endeavors and thanked her for her coverage.

Mr. Stoll thanked everyone for electing him to Council President and hopes that the Mayor stays healthy.

Adjournment

Mr. Stoll motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 PM. Mr. Snyder seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Paul B. Crowley, Mayor

Patricia Leasure, R.M.C.