

**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  
March 22, 2016**

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, Mr. Martinez, Mr. Rathbun, Mr. Snyder, and Mayor Giordano.

Absent: Ms. Fantasia, Mr. Limon

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. Martinez reported the finance committee went over line by line the budget for this year, we did a great job and thanked Ms. Fantasia and Mr. Snyder for going through this with him. Recreation had a meeting, a Boy Scout Eagle Project by Ben Muller is going to be done down at the pond. It will be concentrating on redoing all the benches, picnic tables he will be refacing, which will cost about \$1,000, he is funding [the project] himself through donations.

Mr. Rathbun reminded everyone April 9, at 12:00noon at the Fire House, Recreation will be putting on the Spring Fling. Also, from July 7 through July 10 we will be having the Carnival, we are now selling pre sale ride tickets for \$20.00 each as soon as the Carnival starts it will be \$25.00, see a recreation member or come into Borough Hall.

Mr. Snyder reported we are introducing the budget this evening, many hours were spent to do this.

Mr. Dabinett reported we had our Public Utilities meeting this past Thursday [we discussed], the wall on Evans Street and Main Street, the engineer has the plans and specs drawn and would like to go out to bid sometime in April to get that project started. We discussed paving Main Street and Rutherford Ave. this coming year, everyone received a copy of a map with changes to parking on Main Street between Junction Street and Parker Street. We have obtained phase one and phase two reports of our sewer investigation, we will be going forward with a plan to address the problems that were discovered during those two investigations. There are several areas in town that have to be repaired.

Mrs. McHose reported we met today with the Department of Community Affairs to start the Main Street Planning Grant. We spent most of the day touring different buildings on Main Street and the Franklin Mineral Museum. Tonight we met with the Mayor and the committee the Mayor put together.

Mrs. McHose commented she attended many of the finance committee meetings and thanked the Council members for all their hard work. Mrs. McHose commented she spoke to the County regarding the Bridge E-04 repair schedule, it is going to be done after the Carnival. The County anticipated it opening at the end of September, The bridge will be closed the end of July, August and most of September. Mrs. McHose commented she discussed with the County the coordination of the replacement of guide rail along 631 and that will be coordinated with our paving of the path for the pond.

Mr. Bolcato, Esq. had nothing new to report this evening.

Mayor Giordano reported Ms. Fantasia is on her way, we will have a recess in the meeting if we get to the budget before she is here. We are hoping to have as many

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Council members here as we can. Mayor Giordano commented to his knowledge Councilman Limon is out of the Country.

Mayor Giordano reported his first budget as the Mayor, it is a very proud thing for him, he worked very hard to restructure some things in the town and our buzz word was control. Control is a very strong word but it is what really happened, we are trying to put different controls in financial areas and try to find new efficiencies. Being able to do this instead of having an increase of two percent we went one percent lower and keeping services as they are or actually in some cases increasing them. We are hiring a new police officer this year and a DPW worker. We are trying to address infrastructure problems that have not been addressed in the past. He commends all the people on this Council and all the employees in the Borough for all their cooperation with him. Mayor Giordano commented he is very happy with this.

**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. Martinez. All were in favor.

Keith Correal, 17 Hemlock Drive, Franklin, stepped forward. Mr. Correal commented he is with Wallkill Valley Travel Baseball Team, he is here to request the field at Franklin Pond on 11 dates he worked it out with Wallkill Valley Little League none of them conflict with their dates. The reason he is here and not at the Recreation meeting is because we were given our schedule last week and these dates are all before the next Recreation meeting. We took the necessary action, got the certificate of insurance to add Franklin as the additionally insured.

Mayor Giordano commented he doesn't have a problem with this all he asks is that you make sure Recreation is aware of your schedule. We try to avoid conflicts with scheduling the field. Mayor Giordano commented he would like to stress we may or may not have altered the procedures for the lights.

Mr. Correal commented we do not need the lights at all for this. Mr. Bolcato commented we can add this to the agenda at the end. Mayor Giordano commented we will add this to the addendum.

Jackie Espinoza, Jersey Central Power and Light, 56 Hampton House Road, stepped forward. Ms. Espinoza commented every month she sends out an invitation for the DCC tour, we added a safety component to the tour, we think maybe the Police Departments or the DPW would have a lot of interest in this and explained. Ms. Espinoza commented Sussex County Day will be May 1st, and hopes Franklin can participate, it will be a fun day.

Mike Gunderman, 22 Jenkins Road, Franklin, stepped forward. Mr. Gunderman commented are you aware there is a lot of controversy about shoveling and plowing sidewalks on Buckwheat Road and other places around town. Mr. Gunderman commented most of the sidewalks do not sit on residential property and explained. Mr. Gunderman asked about the guard rail by the bridge on Maple Road. This is a County bridge. Mrs. McHose will check with the Borough engineer.

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. Martinez. 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.

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**CORRESPONDENCE** (ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING ONLY OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. Township of Hardyston Ordinance 2016-03 AMENDING CHAPTER 185, "ZONING" OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP CODE ADDING THE R-5 ATTACHED SINGLE FAMILY/MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONE DISTRICT USE AND BULK REGULATIONS.
2. Letter dated March 8, 2016, from Melissa Rockwell, Sussex County Tax Administrator to Municipal Clerks, Assessors, Tax Board Commissioners, Director, Division of Taxation, County Budget Director, County Treasurer, County Administrator Re: Preliminary Equalization Table
3. Letter dated March 10, 2016, from Joanne Bastante-Howard, Child Advocate, Founder, America's Special Kidz to Borough Administrator.

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

1. Construction report for February, 2016.
2. COH report for February, 2016.
3. Health Department report for February, 2016.
4. Website Statistics report for 2015.

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

1. None Filed

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

1. Payment of bills for the meeting of March 22, 2016.

Mr. Rathbun made a motion to approve the consent agenda of March 22, 2016.  
Seconded by Mr. Dabinett

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Snyder, Dabinett, Martinez, Rathbun,

Nays: None Absent: Fantasia, Limon Abstentions: None

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Dabinett commented Mr. Snyder and he met yesterday on Main Street where the church is located. The property is loaded with weeds, paper cups etc., the Borough owns that property, he would like with the Council's permission to have our Public Works go down there and clean that place up.

Mayor Giordano commented he spoke to someone about that property last night, if you would allow me a few days to see if he can take care of it and at the next meeting we can address it with the Borough Road Department.

Mr. Dabinett commented he was hoping to have this done by the end of the week, it will only take a couple of guys a few hours down there.

Mayor Giordano commented if that is the Council's pleasure.

Mr. Dabinett commented he thinks we should go down there and clean it up.

Mr. Martinez commented if Mayor Giordano is working on something, let him [have] the two weeks and get back on that, hopefully with something positive and it will be all taken care of.

Mr. Snyder commented we had spoke at the last meeting on the canisters down at the pond. We had gone down there as a committee and looked at those two canisters. We had spoken on the need to get those taken away from that area, but the problem being we don't have the equipment to do that. The location has been

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gone over with the Zoning Officer. We went down as a committee and were able to go into those two canisters to see if there was any damage inside.

Mayor Giordano commented he is in favor of moving them.

Mr. Dabinett commented after the last Council meeting he looked into moving them by Borough employees, but we don't have the equipment. Mr. Dabinett went to Jeff Fletcher property, there is an industrial trucking outfit in there, they have the equipment to lift those containers, load them on trailers and drive them around up Corkhill by the Borough Garage and bring them down and locate them on the other side of the Little League Field. The gentleman checked with the corporate office and they said they would be willing to do that at no charge to the Borough as a community service. They would need a two weeks notice.

Mayor Giordano asked Mr. Dabinett to work on scheduling that with DPW and explained.

There was a discussion on the electric hook up and being disconnected, getting rid of those containers completely, have them taken apart and hauled away, moving them to the other side of the field, mold in the container and not wanting the children being exposed to that,

Mayor Giordano commented we will put this on the next Council agenda to decide whether we are going to move them or remove them [the containers].

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Approval of the Minutes**

Mr. Dabinett made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes for March 8, 2016. (Absent: None) Seconded by Mr. Snyder.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Snyder, Dabinett, Martinez, Rathbun,

Nays: None Absent: Fantasia, Limon Abstentions: None

Mr. Dabinett made a motion to approve the workshop meeting minutes for March 16, 2016. (Absent: None) Seconded by Mr. Snyder.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Snyder, Dabinett, Martinez, Rathbun,

Nays: None Absent: Fantasia, Limon Abstentions: None

**Memorial Day Parade**

Mr. Dabinett made a motion to accept the request from the American Legion Post 132 to hold a parade on Memorial Day, May 30, 2016; parade line up at the Legion Post at 10:00AM and starts at 10:30AM. Seconded by Mr. Rathbun.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Snyder, Dabinett, Martinez, Rathbun,

Nays: None Absent: Fantasia, Limon Abstentions: None

**Resolution 2016-38**

Mr. Dabinett made a motion to adopt resolution 2016-38 authorizing bidding for the installation of proposed walking paths at Franklin Pond. (Tabled from March 8, 2016. Bid Specs, Engineer cost estimate and 5 pages of proposed plans provided to Council in their March 8 packets. Revised cover page included) Seconded by Mr. Martinez.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Snyder, Dabinett, Martinez, Rathbun,

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Nays: None Absent: Fantasia, Limon Abstentions: None

Resolution 2016-39

Mr. Dabinett made a motion to adopt resolution 2016-39 authorizing the tax collector to refund to Bruce J. Stavitsky, Esq. for the benefit of McDonald Corp. Block 1101 Lot 1.01, 260 Rte 23, in the amount of \$12,963.28 due to a State appeal being granted for the tax year 2013. Seconded by Mr. Martinez.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Snyder, Dabinett, Martinez, Rathbun,

Nays: None Absent: Fantasia, Limon Abstentions: None

Resolution 2016-42

Mr. Rathbun made a motion to adopt resolution 2016-42 accepting the bid by Cellco Partnership, d/b/a Verizon Wireless for the lease of space on the Evans Street Water Tank, 19 Evans Street, for the installation of cellar communication equipment. (Bid and letter dated March 10, 2016 from Angelo Bolcato, Esq. provided in the Council Packets). Seconded by Mr. Dabinett.

Mr. Bolcato explained the resolution and letter to the Council.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Snyder, Dabinett, Martinez, Rathbun,

Nays: None Absent: Fantasia, Limon Abstentions: None

Resolution 2016-43

Mr. Rathbun made a motion to adopt resolution 2016-43 acknowledging the Franklin Fire Department's Grant approval from the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and directing that the grant proceeds be paid to the Borough of Franklin. (Copy of the Grant provided in the Council Packets). Seconded by Mr. Martinez.

Mr. Rathbun commented they have the wrong name as Fire Chief, they refer to Frank Babcock. Mrs. McHose commented we can adjust that when we send it down.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Dabinett, Martinez, Rathbun,

Nays: None Absent: Fantasia, Limon Abstentions: Snyder

Discussion on the Littell Community Center Shared Service Agreement

At this time there was a discussion regarding the Littell Community Center Shared Service Agreement. (Agreement provided in the Council Packets).

Mayor Giordano commented he has not always been an advocate for the Littell Center, he thinks we need to look at this closely as a Council and see if this works with our plans for what are looking at in terms of our recreation facilities and what our goals are as far as recreation and meeting space. Rather than put this on the agenda for the Council to say yes or no, he would like to take the opportunity to have the Council read it and whether you would like to go this way or another way. Mayor Giordano commented he doesn't see a lot of value in this for us, he is not a voting member of the Board the Council might see value in this that he doesn't see.

Mr. Dabinett commented he would like to see more information.

Mr. Martinez commented from a recreation point we are talking about a lot of money per year, that can go back to the pond area, to keep maintained going in the pond

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area or looking to build a meeting area at the pond area. Mr. Martinez commented he doesn't see the usage there as much for that price.

Mr. Rathbun commented he doesn't think we are getting our money's worth out of that and explained a situation when recreation tried to use it several years ago. Mr. Rathbun asked why are we paying a third when we don't get a say in it, with a contract that says basically they are in full control. Why isn't there a joint committee?

Mr. Snyder commented back several years ago communication with the Littell Center broke down and there wasn't a lot of input from our recreation program. People are getting use out of it in certain ways, we need to have something still but maybe there is a different way we can go.

Mayor Giordano commented we all have different views maybe we should contemplate it and discuss this at the next meeting.

Mrs. McHose commented we have to consider the first payment is due March 31, for the contract, there is a termination clause of a six month notice, this was a new addition to the agenda so she didn't have a chance to research how this will impact the recreation teams that are signed up already to play there, what this will do, it is very complicated, we have to look into it more. Mrs. McHose commented her concern is the first payment being March 31.

Mrs. Miebach, CFO commented usually it is in the budget and approved, we have never had this situation before. It does say six months notice for termination. She thinks legally Mr. Bolcato would be able to interpret where we should stand on this.

Mr. Bolcato commented he assumes there is another agreement in place. Mrs. McHose commented we are on a continuation, we hadn't put it up for a vote yet. Mr. Bolcato asked if the original agreement was the same as the one for 2016. Mrs. McHose commented they just submitted this to us [the Borough].

Mayor Giordano commented he believes it was a continuation and then it was a six month out.

Mr. Bolcato commented he would need to see the original agreement, the only one he has is the one in the packet not signed by the Borough.

There was a discussion on the agreement and notice for termination of the agreement.

Discussion on fees relating to termination of water.

At this time there was a discussion regarding fees relating to termination of water.

Mr. Dabinett commented right now our water fees according to chapter 260.2 our turn off fees if someone is delinquent in the water bills it's \$20.00 to turn the water off and it is \$20.00 to turn the water back on again. Mr. Dabinett commented he doesn't think that \$20.00 even covers the cost of our man power to go out and turn the water on and off. Mr. Dabinett commented he thinks that fee should be increased.

Mayor Giordano commented we have some substantial accounts that are delinquent and looking at the budget this year we have even discussed a rate increase but fortunately as a result of some delinquencies we couldn't do it. We discussed how to address this and we came up with several ideas, we could increase fees on terminations or we could also change the procedure in which we would terminate accounts. It is something we are going to invest in, in the future because we need to

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be more proactive in that situation. If certain places don't pay their water bill it becomes a burden to the people who do.

Mrs. McHose commented we have to consider the 60 days delinquent subject to termination we might want to consider lower that to maybe 45 days. Mrs. McHose asked the water and sewer collector to print out a report and as of today we are owed \$187,697.57.

Mr. Martinez commented he agrees with increasing the rate, do we have an idea what other towns are charging to turn off their water.

Mr. Dabinett commented he doesn't know but he suggests to make it \$100.00, by the time you take two men out it takes them an hour to an hour and a half you are eating up that \$100.00.

There was a discussion on some of the major delinquent accounts with some of the businesses and increasing the fees.

Discussion on Foreclosure/Liens on properties

At this time there was a discussion regarding Foreclosure/Liens on properties with Borough owned liens.

Mayor Giordano commented every year there are a list of properties in the rears on their taxes, we have a tax sale in September, in some cases the taxes are not purchased by anybody. They are just left to the Borough so to speak we are holding paper on a lot of things. Mayor Giordano commented the Borough holds paper on a lot of properties in town and we should be looking into foreclosure. We have to account for a tax formulated percentage of our taxes, reserve for uncollected taxes, which is the biggest thing we have to worry about and explained.

Mr. Bolcato commented one of the most familiar is when the Municipality goes out and sells it, private sell is usually when you are selling before you can get the tax sale certificate you are selling the uncollected debt portion of it. Mr. Bolcato commented he will take a look at the Statute to see what options are available to the Borough.

Mrs. McHose commented the tax collector sent a list of those properties over to the attorney this week. There is some vacant land also.

Introduction to Ordinance 07-2016

Mr. Martinez made a motion to introduce ordinance 07-2016 entitled "CALENDAR YEAR 2016, ORDINANCE 07-2016 TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14) Seconded by Mr. Rathbun.

**Public hearing will be held April 12, 2016**

Ms. Fantasia arrived 7:55.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Snyder, Dabinett, Martinez, Rathbun,

Nays: None Absent: Limon Abstentions: Fantasia

Resolution 2016-40

Mr. Martinez made a motion to adopt resolution 2016-40 authorizing participation in self-examination program of the Municipal Budget for the 2016 Budget year. Seconded by Mr. Rathbun.

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Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Snyder, Dabinett, Fantasia, Martinez, Rathbun,

Nays: None Absent: Limon Abstentions: None

**Resolution 2016-41**

Mr. Martinez made a motion to adopt resolution 2016-41 to introduce the 2016 calendar year budget. Seconded by Mr. Rathbun.

Mrs. Miebach, CFO explained the budget. The levy has gone down a full one percent the average assessed home which is \$174,704. for their Municipal portion only will go down approximately \$64.00. We do not control the other three pieces of the pie, the Local Board of Ed, the Regional High School and the County. Therefore she encourages everybody to please go to their Board of Education meetings. We have worked very hard to come in where we are for this year's taxes.

Mrs. Mchese thanked everyone for their hard work, Mrs. Miebach in particular who spent many hours here on the budget. Now that this is her second budget to participate in she feels we work really hard to cut costs in the budget and control spending and commended everyone for their work.

Mr. Dabinett thanked the committee and Mrs. McHose and Mrs. Miebach.

Mr. Rathbun thanked the finance committee Mrs. McHose and Mrs. Miebach for their hard work.

Mayor Giordano commented we through Ms. Fantasia into one of the hardest committee, and thanked Mr. Martinez.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Snyder, Dabinett, Fantasia, Martinez, Rathbun,

Nays: None Absent: Limon Abstentions: None

[Public Hearing for the budget will be held on April 26, 2016.]

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no executive session.

**ADDENDUM**

**Resolution 2016-45**

Mr. Martinez made a motion to adopt resolution 2015-45 authorizing the award of a employment agreement for professional services to C. William Bowkley, Esq. 711 Route 10, Suite 201, Randolph, NJ to act as a hearing officer regarding a personnel matter at the rate of \$150.00 per hour at a total contract value not to exceed \$17,500. (Employment agreement for professional services of Hearing Officer was provided to the Council with the addendum.)

Mayor Giordano commented before we have a second he wanted to let everyone know Councilman Snyder is stepping down from the dais for this item.

Mr. Snyder left the dais and the meeting room.

Seconded by Mr. Rathbun.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Dabinett, Fantasia, Martinez, Rathbun,

Nays: None Absent: Limon Abstentions: None



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Mr. Snyder returned to the meeting room and the dais.

Mr. Martinez made a motion to approve the Field Use for Baseball [Presented by Keith Correal in open public session]. Seconded by Mr. Rathbun.

Mayor Giordano commented we have a motion and a second to allow travel baseball field approval.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Snyder, Dabinett, Fantasia, Martinez, Rathbun,

Nays: None Absent: Limon Abstentions: None

**OPEN PUBLIC SESSION**

Mr. Martinez made a motion to open the meeting to the public for anyone wishing to address the Governing Body. Seconded by Mr. Snyder. All were in favor.

Susan Gunderman, 22 Jenkins Road, Franklin, stepped forward. Mrs. Gunderman questioned the Littell Center, your suppose to have a liaison and be attending meetings.

Mayor Giordano commented they have not had any meetings or notified us of any meetings, he believes the committee was dissolved last year. Last year all recreation would attend meetings.

Mr. Rathbun commented we were never notified of any meetings.

Mrs. Gunderman commented this building is in Franklin, it is named after [Mr. Littell], she thinks this is something that should stay here and we should have more control over it.

There was a discussion on meetings, we have asked for dates and told those dates were already booked.

Mayor Giordano commented we are looking at a return in our investment now and explained.

Mrs. Gunderman commented she still thinks this is something that belongs in Franklin and maybe bring this back to the table to see what can be done and explained.

Mayor Giordano commented we are looking into using that money for a facility in Franklin, we want a facility, the problem is we have no control or no say in that facility.

Mrs. Gunderman commented how did this get to this point.

The discussion went back and forth regarding the Littell Center and money spent.

Mr. Snyder commented why don't we contact Marianne Smith to see where we are as far as communications go, getting any reports possible which we haven't seen in a while. Find out why reports haven't been submitted and we can decide to proceed or not proceed.

Mr. Martinez explained three years ago he met with Marianne Smith, we use to get reports to show the usage and we don't know where the money goes so that is the big problem.

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Mr. Rathbun commented he does know the five or ten dollars they charge the kids to go to the dances he believes goes to the Littell Center, the organizations that sponsor it [the event], they collect and keep all the money from refreshments and explained a situation from three years ago.

We do need to have more control if the Borough is going to stay in it. Maybe some kind of committee.

Mrs. Gunderman commented there is a sign on the door at the Senior Center that children using the playground can't use that bathroom during the time that is open. Mrs. Gunderman questioned if that was something they can really do.

Mayor Giordano commented he doesn't believe so. We will look into this.

Joann Tatka, 151 Maple, Franklin, stepped forward. Mrs. Tatka commented she remembers there used to be a representative from Franklin and Hardyston and they used to have monthly meetings. Mrs. Tatka asked the cost of the Borough's share of the Littell Center.

Mr. Martinez commented \$24,000 just the fees, doesn't include maintenance.

Mrs. McHose commented Hardyston takes care of the interior of the building and we take care of the exterior.

Mrs. Tatka asked how much was the Fire Department Grant and if it goes back to the Fire Department.

Mayor Giordano commented \$3,500 and it goes back to the Fire Department and explained.

Mrs. Tatka asked if there were other places to use if we don't have the Littell Center. Mrs. Tatka asked if there was ever anyone that had their water turned off and explained a business in Sussex that had their water turned off.

Mrs. Tatka asked about the one percent saved in the budget. Mayor Giordano explained. Mrs. Tatka asked what was the total amount on the budget. Mrs. Miebach commented the total \$48,189. Reduction in the tax levy.

Emily Basilwitch, Mill Street, Franklin, stepped forward. Mrs. Basilwitch commented on the Littell Center, this is our legacy, the Historical Society and Train club have their one event of the year there we have vendors and we attract about 400 people, where else would we have that if we didn't have the Littell Center. We have to have a committee to go there and state what we want and explained. Mrs. Basilwitch questioned when we will be paving Main Street.

Mr. Dabinett commented we would like to do this in July. Mr. Dabinett commented aside from Main Street we would also like to address Rutherford Ave. this year as far as paving is concerned.

Mrs. Basilwitch commented on abandoned houses and the fire department using them for practice.

Jennifer Giordano, 42 Mabie Street, Franklin, stepped forward. Mrs. Giordano commented she wanted to say a few things about the Littell Center because she has talked to the Littell Director herself under Joe Martinez being chairman and Mike Rathbun and also did it on her own. We did want to try and work with the Littell

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Center, we have called many times and we don't ever get the communication going. The last time she spoke with them she was informed they no longer did the joint recreation committee meetings, they were doing away with it because they were looking into getting their own recreation commission going. It is not like we don't want to be part of the Littell Center it is more like we are being shut out, they are taking our money and they are shutting us out, not giving our recreation anything in return. We asked about using the facility to do some inside recreation events and were told we would either be charged or we could sponsor a dance in order to have the fee waived for us even though the Borough pays so much for it. Then we were told all the dances were sponsored, in fact we would have to pay to use the Littell Center which we were already paying \$24,000 for.

Betty Allen, 24 Jenkins road, Franklin, stepped forward. Mrs. Allen commented on the Morley Shirt Building, that building is so big and has a lot of room in it. Mrs. Allen commented she is sure Dr. Bonnet would be willing to work with you [the Borough] if we wanted to use the building for anything. That is something you might want to form a committee for.

Mayor Giordano commented it is very easy to spend other people's money, but to do it responsibly is something we take very seriously. We will look for possibilities of what we could do and we will act according to what we think is the best thing for the Borough. Mrs. McHose will get the reports and speak to the people over there [Hardyston] to see if it is just a communication break down and move from there.

Sharon Schultz, 7 Main Street, Franklin, stepped forward. Ms. Schultz commented she is curious on what is going on with the building next to me, she is hearing a lot of rumors and is getting nervous. It is the old Sunrise House.

Mayor Giordano commented we are not 100 percent up to speed as to what is going in there and explained.

Mrs. McHose commented she spoke to a realtor today and explained. As soon as she knows something she will report it at the next meeting.

Ms. Schultz commented on the rumors and her safety.

Mayor Giordano commented if it is a permitted use, if it was a change in zone or use they would have to notify you as to when that would go before the Board, you could go to that meeting and voice your opinion.

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

**MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further items for discussion by the Mayor and Council, Mr. Rathbun made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35p.m., seconded by Mr. Martinez. All were in favor.

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Nicholas Giordano, Mayor

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Robin Hough, Borough Clerk