

REGULAR AGENDA
FOR THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN,
HELD AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 46 MAIN STREET
FRANKLIN, NEW JERSEY AT 7:00 P.M. ON
SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

- A. **Mayor Sowden** will call the meeting to order; Clerk will call the roll.
- B. **Mayor Sowden** will invite all present to salute the flag.
- C. **Mayor Sowden** will state that "This meeting is being held in compliance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et sequentes. It has been properly advertised by posting in Borough Hall, and printed in the New Jersey Herald/Sunday New Jersey Herald on January 5, 2020, and posted on the Borough website, which adequate notice has been certified by the Clerk."
- D. **PRESENTATIONS**
There are no presentations this evening.
- E. **COMMITTEE REPORTS: Mayor Sowden** will allow each member of the Council, Borough Administrator, Borough Clerk, and Borough Attorney to present their respective committee report.

Mayor Sowden will offer the Mayor's Report.

- F. **OPEN PUBLIC SESSION: Mayor Sowden** will request a motion to open the meeting to the public, for any questions or comments concerning the good and welfare of the Borough. **All comments should be directed to the Mayor and kept to a 3-minute maximum per person.**

After giving all persons present an opportunity to address the Governing Body, **Mayor Sowden** will request a motion to close the meeting to the public and return to the regular order of business.

- G. **CONSENT AGENDA: Mayor Sowden** will request that all persons present review the consent agenda. If any member of the Council or public wishes an item on the consent agenda to be discussed and considered separately, a motion to this effect shall so be made, at this time.

After all persons have had an opportunity to review the consent agenda and offer requests for changes, Mayor Sowden will request a motion to approve the consent agenda.

- H. **OLD BUSINESS:**

- I. **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Approval of the Minutes**

A motion is in order to approve the regular meeting minutes for August 18, 2020. (Absent: Limon)

2. **Zoning Officer request**

A motion is in order to authorize the Zoning Officer to exempt/waive the sign fee for the town wide garage sale sponsored by the Girl Scouts.

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3. Adoption of Ordinance #08-2020

A motion is in order to adopt ordinance 08-2020 entitled “A CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE FRANKLIN BOROUGH FIRE DEPARTMENT FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,500”.

Prior to final roll call Mayor Sowden will open the meeting to the public for any comments regarding Ordinance 08-2020.

4. Adoption of Ordinance #09-2020

A motion is in order to adopt ordinance 09-2020 entitled “A CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AUTHORIZE THE APPROPRIATION OF CAPITAL FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE MCCANN STREET SEWER LINE”.

Prior to final roll call Mayor Sowden will open the meeting to the public for any comments regarding Ordinance 09-2020.

5. Introduction of Ordinance #10-2020

A motion is in order to introduce ordinance 10-2020 entitled “AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 25 SUSQUEHANNA STREET, BLOCK 803, LOT 4 TO SUSSEX COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING AFFORDABLE HOUSING PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A: 12-21(L)”.

Public Hearing will be held on September 22, 2020.

6. Introduction of Ordinance #11-2020

A motion is in order to introduce ordinance 11-2020 entitled “AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING SECTION 161-32 REGARDING RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT STORAGE”.

Public Hearing will be held on September 22, 2020.

7. Resolution #2020-66

A motion is in order to adopt resolution 2020-66 awarding contract for proposed rehabilitation of the McCann Street sewer line to Messercola Excavating, 549 East 3rd Street, Plainfield, NJ 07060 in the amount of \$49,770.00 (Thomas Knutelsky letter of recommendation dated August 13, 2020, included in the Council packets.)

8. Resolution #2020-67

A motion is in order to adopt resolution 2020-67 authorizing a refund in the amount of \$38,047.23 to Century Link/United Tel of NJ due to a reduction in assessed value.

9. Resolution #2020-68

A motion is in order to adopt resolution 2020-68 requesting approval of item of revenue and appropriation NJSA 40A:4-87 for a grant award for Mitchell Avenue repaving from the New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Program in the amount of \$148,500.

10. Resolution #2020-70

A motion is in order to adopt resolution 2020-70 regarding outdoor polling places for the November 2020 election.

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J. EXECUTIVE SESSION – IF REQUESTED

Mayor Sowden will request a motion to adopt a resolution to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss certain items excluded from the public.

THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT ALLOWS THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC FROM A PORTION OF A MEETING IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL 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 BOROUGH CLERK'S OFFICE, AND WILL BE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AS PROVIDED FOR BY NEW JERSEY LAW.

Be further advised this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

K. OPEN PUBLIC SESSION II: **Mayor Sowden** will request a motion to open the meeting to the public, for any questions or comments concerning the good and welfare of the Borough. **All comments should be directed to the Mayor and kept to a 3-minute maximum per person.**

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L. MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS: **Mayor Sowden** will allow each member of the Governing Body to offer any miscellaneous comments which they may have at this time.

M. ADJOURNMENT: **Mayor Sowden** will request a motion to adjourn the meeting.