

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
OCTOBER 27, 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 and executive session meeting minutes for October 13, 2020. (Absent: None)

2. **Mayoral Appointment**

Mayor Sowden will make the following appointments:

Board of Health Members – Effective immediately

Robin Bruscano	Unexpired term	Term expires: 12/31/2020
Marianne Dunnican	Unexpired term	Term expires: 12/31/2022

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3. Resolution #2020-76

A motion is in order to adopt resolution 2020-76 authorizing cancellation of taxes on property foreclosed in rem for the remainder of 2020 as follows:

359 Scott Rd, Block 102 Lot 2 in the amount of \$6,232.50
25-A Susquehanna St, Block 501 Lot 5 in the amount of \$1,805.35
19 Sterling St, Block 601 Lot 1 in the amount of \$2,395.36
429 Rt 29, Block 606 Lot 29 in the amount of \$2,613.49
Newton St Rear, Block 802 Lot 6 in the amount of \$151.66
25 Susquehanna St, Block 803 Lot 4 in the amount of \$1,585.13
Cork Hill Rd Rear, Block 2602 Lot 5 in the amount of \$702.19

4. Resolution #2020-77

A motion is in order to adopt resolution 2020-77 approving Franklin Borough to apply for a Local Government Emergency Fund Grant through an allocation of the State of New Jersey's CARES act Coronavirus Relief Fund.

5. Adoption of Ordinance #12-2020

A motion is in order to adopt ordinance 12-2020 entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING SECTION 161-24 REGARDING FENCES".

Prior to final roll call Mayor Sowden will open the meeting to the public for any comments regarding Ordinance 12-2020.

6. Introduction of Ordinance 14-2020

A motion is in order to introduce ordinance 14-2020 entitled "ORDINANCE PARTIALLY VACATING NESTOR STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY IN THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN, COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY".

Public Hearing will be held on November 10, 2020.

7. Discussion on Halloween Trick or Treating

At this time there will be a discussion on Halloween Trick or Treating.

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

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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.

BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN

RESOLUTION 2020-76

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF TAXES
ON PROPERTY FORECLOSED IN REM**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 54:5-104-29, et seq., as amended the Borough of Franklin foreclosed the properties listed below, in rem,

WHEREAS, the final judgment was entered December 19, 2019 and recorded in with the Sussex County Clerk’s Office on January 14, 2020 in Book 3545 Page 574,

WHEREAS, taxable property acquired by a municipality is exempt immediately upon acquisition as per N.J.S.A.54:4-3.3.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex, does hereby authorize the cancellation of taxes for the remainder of 2020 as follows:

- 359 Scott Rd, Block 102 Lot 2 in the amount of \$6,232.50
- 25-A Susquehanna St, Block 501 Lot 5 in the amount of \$1,805.35
- 19 Sterling St, Block 601 Lot 1 in the amount of \$2,395.36
- 429 Rt 29, Block 606 Lot 29 in the amount of \$2,613.49
- Newton St Rear, Block 802 Lot 6 in the amount of \$151.66
- 25 Susquehanna St, Block 803 Lot 4 in the amount of \$1,585.13
- Cork Hill Rd Rear, Block 2602 Lot 5 in the amount of \$702.19

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

CERTIFICATION: I, Darlene J. Tremont, hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Franklin at a meeting held in the Franklin Municipal Building at 46 Main Street at 7:00 PM on the date of October 27, 2020.

Darlene J. Tremont, Municipal Clerk

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTES				
COUNCIL MEMBER	AYES	NAYES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CONCETTO FORMICA				
JOSEPH LIMON				
JOHN POSTAS				
STEPHEN SKELLENGER				
GILBERT SNYDER				
STEPHAN ZYDON JR.				
MAYOR SOWDEN (Tie Only)				

**FRANKLIN BOROUGH
COUNTY OF SUSSEX
RESOLUTION #2020-77**

LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMERGENCY FUND (CRF) GRANT

WHEREAS, as the public health emergency associated with the COVID-19 pandemic continues, the most significant negative financial impacts faced by county and municipal governments throughout New Jersey result from extreme economic contraction, deficits in tax and fee revenues, and extraordinary increases in public safety and health and human services expenditures; and

WHEREAS, severe fiscal stress limits the ability of counties and municipalities to maintain essential services and take the steps necessary to fight COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, without substantial federal assistance, residential taxpayers would absorb the primary impact of meeting these extraordinary needs and closing any associated operating deficits; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Community Affairs (“DCA”), through the Division of Local Government Services (“DLGS” or “Division”), has been deemed the lead agency for the distribution of the Local Government Emergency Fund (the “LGEF” or “Program”), provided through an allocation of the State of New Jersey’s CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF Funds); and

WHEREAS, counties and municipalities excluded from the federal government’s direct CRF allocation plan, as well as those counties and municipalities that are currently the most impacted by COVID-19 in comparison to their available resources, are eligible for LGEF funds pursuant to a maximum distribution determined by formula; and

WHEREAS, a total of \$60 million is currently being made available under the Program, with a potential \$60 million more to be allocated; and

WHEREAS, LGEF Grants exist to support costs incurred as part of a local unit’s response to COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Franklin that the Borough of Franklin will apply for a LGEF Grant in the amount of \$_____.

CERTIFICATION

I, Darlene J. Tremont, Clerk of the Borough of Franklin in the County of Sussex, and the State of New Jersey do hereby Certify that the foregoing Resolution is a true copy of the Original Resolution duly passed and adopted by a majority of the full membership of the Borough of Franklin Governing Body at its meeting of October 27, 2020.

Darlene J. Tremont, Clerk