

**AGENDA FOR THE ORGANIZATION MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN
HELD VIRTUALLY AT 12:00 NOON ON
JANUARY 1, 2021**

1. **Mayor Sowden** will call the meeting to order.
2. **Mayor Sowden** will state “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.”

3. **Flag Salute**

Mayor Sowden will invite all persons present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

4. **Roll Call of 2020 Borough Council Members**

Mayor Sowden shall request a roll call of the 2020 Governing Body:

Mr. Formica, Mr. Limon, Mr. Postas, Mr. Skellenger, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Zydon and Mayor Sowden.

5. **Oaths of Office**

- a. **Ms. Tremont** will read the “Statement of Determination” of the Board of County Canvassers.
- b. **Ms. Tremont** will administer the Oath of Office to Councilman-elect **Joe Limon** for a three-year term as Councilman of the Borough of Franklin.
- c. **Ms. Tremont** will administer the Oath of Office to Councilman-elect **John E. Postas** for a three-year term as Councilman of the Borough of Franklin.

6. **Roll Call of 2021 Borough Council Members**

Mayor Sowden will request a roll call of the **2021 Governing Body**.

Mr. Formica, Mr. Limon, Mr. Postas, Mr. Skellenger, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Zydon and Mayor Sowden.

7. **Council Appointment: Council President**

Mayor Sowden will open the floor for Council nominations to the position of **Council President** for 2021.

8. **Fire Department Chief and Line Officers**

- a. **Mayor Sowden** will recognize the Chief of the Franklin Fire Department for 2021, Chief Khyle Conklin.
- b. **Ms. Tremont** will administer the Oath of Office to the Chief of the Franklin Fire Department for 2021, Chief Khyle Conklin.
- c. **Ms. Tremont** will recognize Fire Chief Khyle Conklin who will introduce the 2021 Line Officers and Administrative Officers of the Franklin Fire Department.
- d. **Ms. Tremont** will administer the Oath of Office to the **Line Officers and Administrative Officers** of the Franklin Fire Department for 2021.

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9. Mayor's Appointments

At this time, **Mayor Sowden** will present his nominations for appointment to the various positions of Borough Government for the year 2021.

Prosecutor (1 yr.)	Anthony DenUyl
Public Defender (1 yr.)	James Opfer, Esq.
Municipal Housing Liaison (1 yr.)	Deborah Bonanno
Right to Know Coordinator	Brian VanDenBroek
Assessment Search Officer (1 yr.)	Darlene Tremont
Tax Search Officer (1 yr.)	Township of Wantage
Borough Physician (1 yr.)	Dr. Bollard, Premier Health
Animal Control Officer (1 yr.)	Vernon Township
School Crossing Head Guard (1 yr.)	Lynn Warr Prtorich
School Crossing Guards (1yr.)	Rebecca Babcock, Rose Breidenstein, Kathleen Clohessey, Lisa Conte, Ann Grabkowski
	April Kunz-Oleksy, Cathy Martinez, Mary Payton, Cara Ross, Amanda Tassillo, Rachel VanDyk, Margaret Wellenheider,
Judge (3 yr.) expires 12/31/23	Glenn T. Gavan

A motion is in order for the Council to confirm the Mayor's Appointments.

10. Appointments: Planning Board

At this time, the **Council** shall, by motion, select a representative to serve on the Planning Board as a Full Member Class III (1 yr.)

Member Class III	Councilmember
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Mayor Sowden shall make the following appointments to the Planning Board:

Mayor (Class I)	Mayor Sowden
Fire Safety (Class II) 1 yr. term (term expires 12/31/2021)	Jim Williams
Member (Class IV) 4 yr. term (term expires 12/31/2024)	Wes Suckey
Member (Class IV) 4 yr. term (term expires 12/31/2024)	Richard Knopf
Alternate #1 2 yr. term (term expires 12/31/2022)	Michael Raperto
Alternate #2 2 yr. term (term expires 12/31/2022)	Steve DeFinis
Alternate #3 2 yr. term (term expires 12/31/2021)	Sharon Schultz
Alternate #4 2 yr. term (term expires 12/31/2021)	Vacant

11. Appointments: Boards and Commissions

FRANKLIN/HARDYSTON JOINT RECREATION COMMITTEE

All current Board of Recreation Committee Members 1-year term

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Council Liaison	Stephen Skellenger
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BOARD OF HEALTH

Member	4-year term (term expires 12/31/2024)	Robin Bruscano
Member	4-year term (term expires 12/31/2024)	Connie Cholminski
Secretary	1-year term (term expires 12/31/2021)	Rachel Heath

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LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Mayor	1-year term	John M. Sowden
Deputy	1-year term	Gregory Cugliari
Member/OEM	1-year term	Jim Williams
Member/FFD	1-year term	Khyle Conklin
Member/WVFAS	1-year term	John Friend
Member	1-year term	Deborah Bonanno
Member	1-year term	Steve Sluka
Member	1-year term	Dayne Hill
Member	1-year term	James Nidelko
Member	1-year term	Brian VanDenBroek

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Member/Chair	1-year term	Patti Carnes
Member/Secretary	1-year term	Judy Williams
Member	1-year term	Keith Yodice
Member	1-year term	Dawne Rowe
Member	1-year term	Vacant
Member	1-year term	Vacant
Member	1-year term	Vacant
Member/Council	1-year term	Stephan Zydon
Alternate #1	1-year term	Vacant
Alternate #2	1-year term	Vacant

RENT LEVELING BOARD

Member	5-year term (term expires 12/31/2021)	Vacant
Member/Council	1-year term (term expires 12/31/2021)	Vacant
Member/Council	1-year term (term expires 12/31/2021)	Vacant
Alt# 1	1-year term (term expires 12/31/2021)	Vacant
Alt#2	1-year term (term expires 12/31/2021)	Vacant
Attorney	1-year term (term expires 12/31/2021)	Angelo Bolcato Laddey, Clark & Ryan

A motion is in order for the Council to confirm the Mayor's Appointments.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS:

Council Representatives to:

Recreation Committee, Economic Development, also serves as the "Awards Committee."

Member:	Stephan Zydon	Economic Development
Member:	Stephen Skellenger	Recreation Committee
Liaison:	Stephen Skellenger	Joint Recreation Commission

COUNCIL COMMITTEE DUTIES

12. Council Committee Duties – To Be Determined

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13. **Approval of Consent Agenda**

Mayor Sowden will request that all 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 be made at this time.

After all persons present 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.

14. **Mayor's Statement**

Mayor Sowden will address the Council and the public with remarks concerning the priorities and goals for the Borough of Franklin in 2021.

15. **Council Comments**

Mayor Sowden will invite each member of the Council to offer remarks concerning the 2021 Council's goals and priorities.

16. **Adjournment**

A motion is in order to adjourn the meeting.