

**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  
FEBRUARY 23, 2021**

This meeting is being held through a virtual meeting platform called ZOOM. The public has been notified and instructed on how to join the meeting.

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

Absent: Mr. Snyder

Mayor Sowden led the assembly in the flag salute.

Mayor Sowden stated "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 6, 2021, and posted on the Borough website, which adequate notice has been certified by the Clerk."

**PRESENTATIONS**

Jim Williams, Emergency Management Coordinator discussed an alternate emergency route for Route 23 during a motor vehicle accident or other emergency. Mr. Williams commented that a group of firemen gathered to dig out and open up fire hydrants in town last weekend. Mr. Williams commented that he has been working with Brian Kemp on the pre-disaster mitigation plan and my section is almost done. Mr. Williams will reach out to Mr. Kemp to make additional updates to the pre-disaster mitigation plan.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Postas had nothing to report.

Mr. Formica reported that a couple more estimates will be coming in and then a meeting will be set up with buildings and grounds to go over the items that need attention and make a list to prioritize those items to see which ones we want to do first.

Mr. Limon reported that the ordinance meeting was postponed due to no power and a meeting with Brian from Public Works will be set up soon.

Mr. Skellenger had nothing to report.

My. Zydon reported that he met with the fire chief and discussed the possible purchase of a new chief's vehicle and showed the fire chief specifications. The fire chief mentioned during the meeting that they are having problems with the radios especially the portable radios. Mr. Zydon commented that he also spoke to EMS about the same issues.

Mayor Sowden commented that there was an issue with JCP&L, they were going to do a presentation tonight about the power outage however they did not have all the information from their engineers. JCP&L will be at the next meeting (March 9) to discuss the power outage.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

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

1. Introduction of Sparta Township ordinance 21-01 amending Chapter XVII entitled "Comprehensive Land Management code to update and amend section 18-4.29 entitled ED Economic Development District" and section 18-4.35 entitled "PDRM-1 Planned Development and Resource Management-1 District".

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2. Adoption of Township of Hardyston ordinance 2021-01 amending and modifying Chapter 185 “Zoning” article I “Title, Purpose, Definitions”, section 4 “Definitions”, and article XXV “Stormwater Management”, of the Township of Hardyston.
3. Adoption of Borough of Ogdensburg ordinance 02-2021 amending and supplementing Chapter 30 of the Borough Code entitled “Land Development” relating to the Borough’s BC Borough Center.

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

1. Registrar Report – October, 2020 - December, 2020
2. Construction Activity Report – January 2021
3. Construction Report – January 2021
4. COH Report – January 2021
5. Municipal Court Report – January 2021
6. Police Department Report – January 2021

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

1. None filed.

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

1. Payment of bills for the meeting of February 23, 2021.

Mr. Limon made a motion to approve the consent agenda of February 23, 2021 with the removal of PO #33255. Seconded by Mr. Postas.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Formica, Limon, Postas, Skellenger, Zydon

Nays: None Absent: Snyder Abstentions: None

Mr. Postas made a motion to approve PO#33255. Seconded by Mr. Limon.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Formica, Limon, Postas, Zydon

Nays: None Absent: Snyder Abstentions: Skellenger

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business for tonight’s portion of the meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Mr. Skellenger made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes for February 9, 2021. (Absent: None) Seconded by Mr. Postas.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Formica, Limon, Postas, Skellenger, Zydon

Nays: None Absent: Snyder Abstentions: None

Mr. Postas made a motion to approve the executive session meeting minutes and special meeting minutes for February 18, 2021. (Absent: None) Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Formica, Limon, Postas, Skellenger, Zydon

Nays: None Absent: Snyder Abstentions: None

Resolution #2021-20

Mr. Zydon made a motion to adopt resolution 2021-20 authorizing the professional services contract for special labor attorney, Matthew J. Giacobbe, of Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri, Jacobs, LLC. (proposal provided in Council packets) Seconded by Mr. Formica.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Formica, Limon, Postas, Skellenger, Zydon

Nays: None Absent: Snyder Abstentions: None

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### **Introduction of Ordinance #03-2021**

Mr. Postas made a motion to introduce ordinance 03-2021 entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY MODIFYING CHAPTER 10 CREATING A HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION." Seconded by Mr. Zydon.

Mr. Formica commented on the members of the commission and asked about the funding of the commission.

Mayor Sowden stated that they would need to have some kind of starting funds somewhere around \$3,000 as we will be applying for grants and would need to pay approximately 1/3 of the grants received.

Mr. Skellenger asked if the Mayor had people chosen to be on the commission and asked if the secretary would be volunteer or a paid position.

Mayor Sowden commented that the secretary would be a volunteer at this time.

### **Public Hearing will be held on March 9, 2021.**

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Formica, Limon, Postas, Skellenger, Zydon

Nays: None Absent: Snyder Abstentions: None

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no executive session.

### **OPEN PUBLIC SESSION**

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

Administrator Bonanno directed anyone who wished to address the governing body to raise their hand.

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

### **MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS**

Mr. Skellenger commented that on the County website the process was changed to register for the COVID vaccine by entering your email and the system will email you when there is an appointment available.

Mr. Zydon asked if the company that worked on McCann Street is coming back for their equipment.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further items for discussion by the Mayor and Council, Mr. Limon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:38p.m., seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

All were in favor.

John M. Sowden IV, Mayor

Darlene J. Tremont, Municipal Clerk