

Franklin Borough Planning Board Reorganization Meeting Minutes for February 7, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM by Mr. Correale, Mr. Correale led the assembly in the flag salute. Mr. Correale read the Statement of Compliance pursuant to the "Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, PL 1975."

Mr. Correale administered the Oath of Allegiance to new appointments to the Planning Board.

Mr. Estes
Mr. Formica – Councilman
Mr. Sowden – Mayor
Mr. Williams

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Wes Suckey, Chairman (Present)
Mr. John Christiano, Vice – Chairman (Present)
Mr. John Sowden, Mayor (Present)
Mr. Concetto Formica Councilman (Present)
Mr. James Nidelko (Absent) arrived @ 7:21
Mr. Floy Estes (Present)
Mr. Jim Williams (Present)
Mr. John Friend (Present)
Mr. Michael Raperto, (Present)
Ms. Sharon Schultz, Alternate #1(Present)
Mr. James Affinto, Alternate #2 (Present)

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Robert Correale, Board Attorney
Mr. Tom Knutelsky, Board Engineer

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN:

Mr. Formica nominated Mr. Floy Estes. **Mr. Sowden seconded** the nomination.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES: **Formica, Estes, Sowden,**
NAYS: Christiano. Friend, Raperto, Williams, Suckey, Shultz
ABSTENTIONS: NONE

Mr. Williams nominated Mr. Christiano for Chairman. Seconded by Mr. Friend.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES: **Christiano, Friend, Williams, Suckey, Raperto, Shultz**
NAYS : **Estes, Formica, Sowden**
ABSTENTIONS : NONE
(Motion Approved)

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN:

Mr. Formica nominated Mr. Floy Estes. **Mr. Sowden seconded** the nomination.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES: **Formica, Estes, Sowden,**
NAYS: **Christiano. Friend, Raperto, Williams, Suckey, Shultz**
ABSTENTIONS: **NONE**

Mr. Williams nominated **Mr. Friend**. Seconded by **Mr. Suckey**

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES: **Christiano, Friend, Williams, Suckey, Raperto, Shultz**
NAYS : **Estes, Formica, Sowden**
ABSTENTIONS : **NONE**
(Motion Approved)

ELECTION OF SECRETARY:

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Mr. Williams made a motion to elect Michelle Babcock as Secretary for the Franklin Borough Planning Board. Seconded by **Mr. Raperto**

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES: **Christiano, Formica, Friend, Estes, Sowden, Raperto, Williams, Suckey, Schultz**

NAYS: **None**

ABSTENTIONS: **None**

(Motion Approved)

Mrs. Babcock thanked the board.

APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY:

Mr. Williams made a motion to appoint David B. Brady, Esq. as the Attorney for the Franklin Borough Planning Board.

Mr. Suckey asked if the board should be appointing the firm of Dave Brady so that covers all of the partners.

Mr. Correale stated that is what is typically done.

Mr. Suckey thanked Mr. Correale. Mr. Raperto seconded the motion to make Brady and Correale ESQ the board's attorneys

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES **Christiano, Friend, Estes, Sowden, Raperto, Williams, Suckey, Schultz**

NAYS: **Formica**

ABSTENTIONS: **None**

(Motion Approved)

APPOINTMENT OF ENGINEER:

Mr. Raperto made a motion to appoint Thomas G. Knutelsky, P.E. of Harold E. Pellow & Associates as the Engineer for the Franklin Borough Planning Board. Seconded by **Mr. Friend**

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES: **Christiano, Formica, Friend, Estes, Sowden, Raperto, Williams, Suckey, Schultz**

NAYS: **None**

ABSTENTIONS: **None**

(Motion Approved)

APPOINTMENT OF PLANNER:

Mr. Friend made a motion to appoint Jessica Caldwell & Associates as the Planner for the Franklin Borough Planning Board. Seconded by **Mr. Sowden**

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES: **Christiano, Estes, Friend, Raperto, Sowden, Schultz**

NAYS: **Formica, Suckey, Williams**

ABSTENTIONS: NONE

(Motion Carries)

DESIGNATION OF MEETING DATES AND TIMES:

Mr. Suckey made a motion to accept the meeting dates as presented. Seconded by **Mr. Friend.**

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES: **Christiano, Formica, Friend, Estes, Sowden, Raperto, Williams, Suckey, Nidelko**

NAYS: **None**

ABSTENTIONS: **None**

(Motion Approved)

Please note Mr. Nidelko walked in at 7:21 right before this vote took place.

DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER:

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES: **Christiano, Estes, Nidelko, Williams, Suckey,**

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NAYS: **Formica, Friend, Raperto, Sowden**
ABSTENTIONS: **None**
(Motion Approved)

ADOPTION OF PROFESSIONAL RESOLUTION:

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES: **Christiano, Friend, Estes, Nidelko, Raperto, Sowden, Williams, Suckey,**
NAYS: **Formica**
ABSTENTIONS: **None**
(Motion Approved)

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE (“TCC”)

Mr. Christiano would like to appoint **Mr. Suckey & Mr. Estes** to the TCC Committee. Mr. Christiano reminded the board these meetings take place at 4:30 on Thursdays. Not every Thursday but when needed.

RESOLUTION AND ANNUAL REPORT OF FRANKLIN PLANNING BOARD:

Mr. Christiano asked if everyone had a chance to read it. If there are no questions or corrections to be made. Mr. Christiano stated that he would ask for a motion to approve the resolution as printed.

Mr. Raperto made the motion. Seconded by **Mr. Friend**

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES: **Christiano, Friend, Estes, Formica, Nidelko, Raperto, Sowden, Williams, Suckey,**
NAYS: **None**
ABSTENTIONS: **None**
(Motion Approved)

ADJOURNMENT: **Mr. Christiano** asked for a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Suckey made the motion and asked for a five-minute recess before starting the regular meeting. Seconded by **Mr. Nidelko**

All were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:38

Respectfully Submitted,
Michelle Babcock
Planning Board Secretary