

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
MARCH 12, 2024

- 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 7, 2024, 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** for the regular meeting minutes for February 27, 2024. (Absent: None)
2. **Resolution #2024-27** authorization to provide pond weed management.
3. **Resolution #2024-28** appointing the Law Firm of Morris Downing & Sherred, LLP as Prosecutor for the Borough of Franklin Municipal Court.
4. **Resolution #2024-29** authorizing participation in the Federal 1033 program effective January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.
5. **Resolution #2024-30** authorizing compliance with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's enforcement guidance

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on the consideration of arrest and conviction records in employment decisions under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

6. Resolution #2024-31 authorizing a salary adjustment for the water/sewer and tax collection clerk in the amount of \$6,500 effective January 1, 2024.
7. Resolution #2024-32 amending the responsibilities and compensation of Michelle Babcock in the amount of \$9,100 effective January 1, 2024.
8. Resolution #2024-33 establishing salaries for certain employees of Franklin Borough for the year 2024.
9. Resolution #2024-34 authorizing French and Parrello Associates to submit a grant application on behalf of the Borough of Franklin with the New Jersey Highlands Council for Stormwater Management.
10. Adoption of Ordinance 03-2024 entitled “Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex, and State of New Jersey modifying the Historic Preservation Commission.”

Prior to final roll call Mayor Sowden will request a motion to open the meeting to public for Ordinance 03-2024.

11. Introduction of Ordinance 04-2023 entitled “AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN, COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 259, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC”

Public hearing will be held March 26, 2024.

12. Introduction of Ordinance 05-2023 entitled “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 161 “LAND DEVELOPMENT” ARTICLE IX STORMWATER AND FLOODING CONTROLS OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN CODE”

Public hearing will be held April 9, 2024.

13. Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation to adopt the Proclamation proclaiming April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.
14. Discharge of Mortgage to confirm the Discharge of Mortgage dated March 11, 2004, for Dale Card, 30 John Wilton Street., Franklin, in the amount of \$9,950.00.
15. Mayoral Appointment
Mayor Sowden will make the following appointment.

Crossing Guard Hire

Emelita Naklicki as substitute crossing guard at the rate of \$15.71/hr. effective March 13, 2024, contingent upon successful physical and background check, as recommended by Rebecca Babcock, Crossing Guard Captain.

16. Rules of the Mayor and Council to adopt the Rules and Regulations of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Franklin for the calendar year 2024.
17. Discussion on Various Paving and Engineering Projects

J. **EXECUTIVE SESSION – IF REQUESTED**

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

**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 27, 2024**

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, Mrs. Heath, Mr. Limon, Mr. Postas, Mr. Skellenger, Mr. Snyder and Mayor Sowden.

Absent: None

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, 2023, and posted on the Borough website, which adequate notice has been certified by the Clerk."

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations for tonight's meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Heath commented that she attended the Franklin Hardyston Chamber meeting today at Borough Hall, it was very informative. The Recreation Spring Fling event and Easter Egg hunt on March 30th.

Mr. Skellenger had nothing to report.

Mr. Formica commented that there was a public safety meeting held on Friday. In attendance was our OEM Coordinator, a Councilwoman and OEM Coordinator from Pompton Lakes to discuss the CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) program. Mr. Formica briefly explained the CERT Program.

Mr. Limon commented that there was a public utilities and buildings and grounds meeting. Discussed at the meeting was reviewing extra costs to finish McCann Street and also talked about the paving and review of sidewalks and curbs on the roads that will be paved this year. Maintenance items for the Borough Hall was also discussed.

Mr. Postas commented that the Finance Committee met and discussed the budget.

Mr. Snyder had nothing to report.

Mrs. Tremont commented that the cell tower issues by Evans Street have been corrected. DPW interviews are ongoing. The 4-way stop at Main and Junction is progressing. JCP&L was here with their Engineer to discuss the upgrades to the Munsonhurst Station. A Finance meeting is preferred for the 2024 budget.

Mr. McBriar had nothing to report.

Mayor Sowden commented that we received the reports back on the well on Sterling Street and there are some issues. Mayor Sowden created a subcommittee for water/well constituting of Mr. Formica, Mr. Limon and Mrs. Heath as an alternate.

Mr. Skellenger commented that the DMV mobile unit will be coming to the pond, he is waiting to hear from DMV on the date.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. Formica 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.

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Mr. Phil Crabb stepped forward. Mr. Crabb addressed the council regarding an Ordinance on the agenda to change the Historical Preservation Commission to a Committee. Mr. Crabb asked why the organization wasn't notified of the change. Mayor Sowden explained the process and the time to speak at public hearing.

Mr. David Driefus of the Wallkill Valley Band Boosters stepped forward. Mr. Driefus explained the request of the Wallkill Valley Band Boosters to have the raffle license fee for the town be waived.

Mr. Justin Bellow of Wallkill Valley Little League stepped forward. Mr. Bellow questioned if there is a chance to replace the field. Mr. Bellow is looking to do some work at the field such as the grass area would need a load of topsoil; mound needs replacing. Mr. Bellow asked if there are any grants for funding available. Opening day is April 20th, grass cutting for the fields to be better this year. A portable mound costs approximately \$3,500 and new bases is approximately \$700 and home plate is approximately \$150.

Ms. Dawne Rowe stepped forward. Ms. Rowe commented on the output of Sterling well and if its still OK to move forward with development. She questioned what's going on with projects. How much money did the town received in grants last year. Ms. Rowe asked for a second public session.

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

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. 2024 Board of County Commissioners Municipal Liaisons
2. Reappointment of William Joseph as the Official Town Crier for the County of Sussex for 2024.
3. Amended Final Equalization table for the County of Sussex for the year 2023.

REPORTS (ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. DPW Report – January 15 – January 19
2. Municipal Court Report – January 2024
3. Permit Activity Report – January 2024
4. COH Report – January 2024
5. Permit List – January 2024
6. County Board of Health Report – January 2024
7. Police Department Report – January 2024

APPLICATIONS (APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. None filed.

RESOLUTIONS (APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. Payment of bills for the meeting of February 27, 2024.

Mr. Skellenger made a motion to approve the consent agenda of February 27, 2024 with the removal of PO 36159. Seconded by Mr. Limon.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Formica, Heath, Limon, Postas, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Mrs. Heath made a motion to approve PO 36159. Seconded by Mr. Postas.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Formica, Heath, Limon, Postas, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: Skellenger

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OLD BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion on Zinc Mine redevelopment

Mr. Postas asked if the developer was present tonight and they were not present.

Mr. Skellenger has no objections to the plan as presented.

Mr. Snyder commented that the a correction needs to be made with the mention of the roads, Parker/Walsh Road.

Mayor Sowden commented that he would like to keep the building and see the buildings restored.

Ms. Jessica Caldwell asked if there are any changes to let her know. If Council is good, it can be introduced as an ordinance at a future meeting.

Mr. Snyder commented that he wants to see the town move forward. As hard as it is to go in this direction we need to go forward.

Mr. Postas agrees with Mr. Snyder's comments. The history is the people not the buildings.

Mrs. Heath made a motion to allow Mr. Pateri to address the council. Seconded by Mr. Skellenger. All were in favor.

Mr. Pateri stepped forward. Mr. Pateri commented that there are many possibilities with this property, but it just never clicked.

Approval of the Minutes

Mrs. Heath made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes for January 23, 2024. (Absent: None) Seconded by Mr. Postas.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Formica, Heath, Limon, Postas, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Resolution 2024-23

Mr. Limon made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-23 authorizing a refund of an escrow for sewer connection in the amount of \$1,000 for Block 1701, Lot 4. Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Formica, Heath, Limon, Postas, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Resolution 2024-24

Mrs. Heath made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-24 authorizing a stipend for recreation secretary in the amount of \$3,000 annually. Seconded by Mr. Formica.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Formica, Heath, Limon, Postas, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Resolution 2024-25

Mr. Skellenger made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-25 authorizing the award of non-fair and open contracts for professional services. Seconded by Mr. Postas.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Formica, Heath, Limon, Postas, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

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Resolution 2024-26

Mrs. Heath made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-26 authorizing a refund for tax overpayment on Block 2201, Lot 62 in the amount of \$4,644.26. Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Formica, Heath, Limon, Postas, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Approval of DPW Salary Step Increase

Mr. Limon made a motion to approve the salary step increase for Fred Milligan to grade step 2 \$20.20/hr. as per the DPW contract, effective February 1, 2024, as recommended by Brian VanDenBroek, DPW Director and the Administrator. Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Formica, Heath, Limon, Postas, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Introduction of Ordinance 3-2024

Mr. Postas made a motion to introduce Ordinance 3-2024 entitled "Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex, and State of New Jersey modifying the Historic Preservation Commission." Seconded by Mrs. Heath.

Mayor Sowden announced that the public hearing will be held on March 12, 2024.

Mayor Sowden asked why this change was presented.

Mr. Postas commented that this change will give the Council a little bit more control on the spending.

Mayor Sowden commented that if there were spending issues, why didn't any Council member bring it up.

Mr. Postas commented that a decision needs to be made on what to do with the building.

Mr. Limon made a motion to invite Phil Crabb to address the council. There was no second.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Formica, Heath, Postas, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: Limon Absent: None Abstentions: None

Approve Special Event Permit Application

Mr. Formica made a motion to approve the request for Franklin Mineral Museum to conduct a Rock Swap and Sell on April 27, 2024 at the park next to the pond on George LaBance Lane, Franklin and to authorize the use of the Franklin Pond area for parking as needed. Seconded by Mrs. Heath.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Formica, Heath, Limon, Postas, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Approval of NJ State Firemen's Association Membership Application

Mr. Formica made a motion to approve the application for membership of Corey A. Dinapoli, 24 Skyview Drive, Franklin, as Firematic member to the Franklin Fire Department as endorsed by Michael Raperto, Franklin Fire Department Chief. Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Formica, Heath, Postas, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: Limon

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Approval of NJ State Firemen's Association Membership Application

Mr. Formica made a motion to approve the application for membership of Michael J. Luterzo, 40 Davis Road, Franklin, as Firematic member to the Franklin Fire Department as endorsed by Michael Raperto, Franklin Fire Department Chief. Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Formica, Heath, Postas, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: Limon

Approval of NJ State Firemen's Association Membership Application

Mr. Formica made a motion to approve the application for membership of Jackson R. Arsuega, 27 Cummins Street, Franklin, as Firematic member to the Franklin Fire Department as endorsed by Michael Raperto, Franklin Fire Department Chief. Seconded by Mr. Skellenger.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Formica, Heath, Postas, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: Limon

Walkkill Valley Band Boosters

Mr. Snyder made a motion to approve the request to waive the Municipal Raffle License Fee in the amount of \$60.00 for a 50/50 raffle to be held on March 8, March 9 and March 10, 2024. Seconded by Mrs. Heath.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Formica, Heath, Limon, Postas, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Peddlers Permit Application

Mr. Skellenger made a motion to approve the peddler permit submitted by Curtis Pandorf – Hot Dog Truck located at 76 Route 23, Franklin. Seconded by Mr. Formica.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Formica, Heath, Limon, Postas, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Mayoral Appointment

Mayor Sowden made the following appointment.

Economic Development Committee

Patti Carnes, Member (1-yr. term) Expires 12/31/2024

Heather Pruiksma, Member (1-yr. term) Expires 12/31/2024

Dan Larco, Member (1-yr. term) Expires 12/31/2024

Christopher Michaelk, Member (1-yr. term) Expires 12/31/2024

Holly Gouger, Member (1-yr. term) Expires 12/31/2024

Mr. Skellenger made a motion to confirm the Mayor's appointments to the Economic Development Committee. Seconded by Mr. Postas.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Formica, Heath, Limon, Postas, Skellenger, Snyder

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Discussion on Road Opening request for 7 Rapole Street

This request was not granted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS

There were no miscellaneous comments.

MAYOR & COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 27, 2024

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items for discussion by the Mayor and Council, Mr. Snyder made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15p.m., seconded by Mrs. Heath. All were in favor.

John M. Sowden IV, Mayor

Darlene J. Tremont, Municipal Clerk

Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex

Resolution #2024-27

AUTHORIZATION TO PROVIDE POND WEED MANAGEMENT

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Franklin has heretofore established certain Sewer/Water budget expenditures for 2024 so that WEED MANAGEMENT at the pond can be maintained; and

WHEREAS, the following vendor is an authorized supplier, and has rendered the most favorable price quote, for the years 2024 and 2025;

Aquaclear LLC. \$12,877/annually for years 2024 and 2025

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Franklin does hereby authorize the execution of the necessary purchase order to secure the services provided by Aquaclear LLC.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon receipt, inspection and approval of voucher therefore by the using agency, payment, pursuant to said purchase order, are hereby authorized with the same to be charged against funds established in the 2024 Water/Sewer Fund Budget account for said purpose; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Aquaclear LLC., PO Box 143, Layton, NJ 07851

AS REQUIRED by N.J.S.A.40A:4-57,N.J.A.C.5:34-5.1 ET SEQ, I, Michelle LaStarza, Treasurer, Borough of Franklin, hereby certify to the Clerk, Mayor and Council, that there are adequate funds available.

Michelle LaStarza, CFO

CERTIFICATION: I, Darlene J. Tremont, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Franklin, in the County of Sussex, State of New Jersey do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey at a regular meeting held on March 12, 2024

Darlene J. Tremont, Municipal Clerk

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

Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex

Resolution #2024-28

RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN APPOINTING THE LAW FIRM OF MORRIS DOWNING & SHERRED, LLP AS PROSECUTOR FOR THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN MUNICIPAL COURT IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, on January 2, 2024, the Borough of Franklin appointed the law firm of Laddey Clark & Ryan LLP as Prosecutor for the municipal court; and

WHEREAS, Timothy Profeta, Esq. served in this capacity as Municipal Prosecutor for the Borough of Franklin and the Borough is satisfied with his services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has expressed its intent to reappoint Timothy Profeta, Esq. who relocated to the law firm of Morris Downing & Sherred, LLP as Prosecutor for the Franklin Borough Municipal Court for 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council acknowledges and approves the appointment of Morris Downing & Sherred, LLP as Prosecutor in place of Laddey Clark & Ryan, LLP for 2024; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Franklin in the County of Sussex and State of New Jersey that the Municipal Prosecutor position is hereby awarded to Timothy Profeta, Esq. and Morris Downing & Sherred, LLP for the Borough of Franklin Municipal Court for 2024 as of March 11, 2024, subject to completing and filing with the Clerk all items included in the Borough of Franklin Checklist for Professional Services.

CERTIFICATION

I, Darlene J. Tremont, Clerk of the Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and exact copy of a Resolution adopted by the Franklin Borough Council at a meeting held on the 12th day of March, 2024.

Darlene J. Tremont, Borough Clerk

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTES				
COUNCIL MEMBER	AYES	NAYES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
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MAYOR SOWDEN (Tie Only)				

Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex

Resolution #2024-29

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN THROUGH THE FRANKLIN BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY, LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT OFFICE, 1033 PROGRAM TO ENABLE THE FRANKLIN BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT TO REQUEST AND ACQUIRE EXCESS DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, the United States Congress authorized the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) 1033 Program to make use of excess Department of Defense personal property by making that personal property available to municipal, county and State law enforcement agencies (LEAs); and

WHEREAS, DLA rules mandate that all equipment acquired through the 1033 Program remain under the control of the requesting LEA; and

WHEREAS, participation in the 1033 Program allows municipal and county LEAs to obtain property they might not otherwise be able to afford in order to enhance community preparedness, response, and resiliency; and

WHEREAS, although property is provided through the 1033 Program at no cost to municipal and county LEAs, these entities are responsible for the costs associated with delivery, maintenance, fueling, and upkeep of the property, and for specialized training on the operation of any acquired property; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-30.2 requires that the governing body of the municipality or county approve, by a majority of the full membership, both enrollment in, and the acquisition of any property through, the 1033 Program; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the *Borough Of Franklin County of Sussex* that the *Franklin Borough Police Department* is hereby authorized to enroll in the 1033 Program for no more than a one-year period, with authorization to participate terminating on December 31 of the current calendar year from **January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024**; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that *Franklin Borough Police Department* is hereby authorized to acquire items of non-controlled property designated "DEMIL A," which may include office supplies, office furniture, computers, electronic equipment, generators, field packs, non-military vehicles, clothing, traffic and transit signal systems, exercise equipment, farming and moving equipment, storage devices and containers, tools, medical and first aid equipment and supplies, personal protection equipment and supplies, construction materials, lighting supplies, beds and sleeping mats, wet and cold weather equipment and supplies, respirators, binoculars, and any other supplies or equipment of a non-military nature identified by the LEA, if it shall become available in the period of time for which this resolution authorizes, based on the needs of the Franklin Borough Police Department, without restriction; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Franklin Borough Police Department is hereby authorized to acquire the following “DEMIL B through Q” property, if it shall become available in the period of time for which this resolution authorizes: controlled property items authorized for acquisition, including quantity, e.g., (1) utility truck/Humvees, UAH - Up Armored Humvee, (12) 5.56 millimeter rifles, or (1) MRAP, watercrafts, utility trucks, passenger vehicles, all-terrain vehicles, tractors, and trucks; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the *Franklin Borough Police Department* shall develop and implement a full training plan and policy for the maintenance and use of the acquired property; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the *Franklin Borough Police Department* shall provide a quarterly accounting of all property obtained through the 1033 Program which shall be available to the public upon request: and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately and shall be valid to authorize requests to acquire “DEMIL A” property and “DEMIL B through Q” property that may be made available through the 1033 Program during the period of time for which this resolution authorizes; with Program participation and all property request authorization terminating on December 31st of the current calendar year from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024.

CERTIFICATION: I, Darlene J. Tremont, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Franklin, in the County of Sussex, State of New Jersey do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Franklin at a regular meeting held on March 12, 2024.

Darlene J. Tremont, Municipal Clerk

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTES				
COUNCIL MEMBER	AYES	NAYES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
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GILBERT SNYDER				
MAYOR SOWDEN (Tie Only)				

Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex

Resolution #2024-30

March 12, 2024

“Resolution Authorizing Compliance with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission’s “Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964”

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183 requires the governing body of each municipality and county to certify that their local unit's hiring practices comply with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964," as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e et seq., (April 25, 2012) before submitting its approved annual budget to the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have familiarized themselves with the contents of the above-referenced enforcement guidance and with their local unit's hiring practices as they pertain to the consideration of an individual's criminal history, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Borough of Franklin Council hereby states that it has complied with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5, as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183, by certifying that the local unit's hiring practices comply with the above-referenced enforcement guidance and hereby directs the Clerk to cause to be maintained and available for inspection a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to show evidence of said compliance.

CERTIFICATION

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the above is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Council of the Borough of Franklin at a regular meeting of said Governing Body conducted on Tuesday, March 12, 2024.

Darlene J. Tremont, Municipal Clerk

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTES				
COUNCIL MEMBER	AYES	NAYES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
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RACHEL HEATH				
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JOHN POSTAS				
STEPHEN SKELLENGER				
GILBERT SNYDER				
MAYOR SOWDEN (Tie Only)				

Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex

Resolution #2024-31

RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY AUTHORIZING A SALARY ADJUSTMENT FOR THE WATER/SEWER AND TAX COLLECTION CLERK

WHEREAS, Franklin Borough is a municipal employer with part time and full time staff; and

WHEREAS, the salary ranges for Franklin Borough employees have been established by Ordinance 01-2024 adopted on January 23, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Diana Falica has now successfully passed the State Tax Collector's exam; and

WHEREAS, Diana Falica has agreed to assume additional responsibilities under the direction of the Tax Collector; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee believes it is justified to increase the Water/Sewer and Tax Collector Clerk's compensation to commiserate with the additional responsibilities; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Franklin that effective January 1, 2024 Diana Falica's salary as Water/Sewer and Tax Collection Clerk will be increased \$6,500 per year bringing her annual salary to \$52,300.00 to compensate her for the additional responsibilities she will be assigned and agreed to perform.

CERTIFICATION: I, Darlene J. Tremont, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Franklin, in the County of Sussex, State of New Jersey do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey at a regular meeting of said Governing Body held on March 12, 2024.

Darlene J. Tremont, Municipal Clerk

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

Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex

Resolution #2024-32

RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN AMENDING THE RESPONSIBILITIES AND COMPENSATION OF MICHELLE BABCOCK

WHEREAS, there has arisen a need to employ a Property Maintenance/Code Enforcement Officer to handle day to day complaints; and

WHEREAS, Michelle Babcock is currently serving as Franklin Borough Planning Board Secretary/Zoning Secretary; and

WHEREAS, Michelle Babcock has successfully completed and received her Zoning Official Certification; and

WHEREAS, because of Michelle Babcock's knowledge and experience gained while providing administrative support to the Zoning Officer the Personnel Committee recommends that she be appointed Franklin Borough's Property Maintenance/Code Enforcement Officer in addition to her current responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, Michelle Babcock has agreed to assume the additional position of Property Maintenance/Code Enforcement Officer; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee believes it is justified to increase Michelle Babcock's salary \$9,100 per year to compensate her for the additional position;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Franklin that Michelle Babcock is appointed Planning Board Secretary/Zoning Secretary and Property Maintenance/Code Enforcement Officer and her salary will be increased \$9,100 per year bringing her annual salary to \$50,000 to compensate her for the additional position she has agreed to perform, effective January 1, 2024.

CERTIFICATION: I, Darlene J. Tremont, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Franklin, in the County of Sussex, State of New Jersey do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey at a regular meeting of said Governing Body held on March 12, 2024.

Darlene J. Tremont, Municipal Clerk

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTES				
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MAYOR SOWDEN (Tie Only)				

Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex

Resolution #2024-33

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING SALARIES FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF FRANKLIN BOROUGH FOR THE YEAR 2024

WHEREAS, Franklin Borough is a municipal employer with full time and part time staff; and

WHEREAS, the salary ranges for Franklin Borough employees have been established by Ordinance 01-2024 adopted on January 23, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee has reviewed the salaries for certain non-contracted employees and unanimously recommends the following increases; and

WHEREAS, the governing body recognizes these employees are good and loyal and deserving of an increase,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Franklin that the following named employee's be paid the salaries and/or hourly rates indicated;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this increase shall be retroactive to January 1, 2024 with these revised salaries:

Name	Position	2024 Rate
John M. Sowden, IV	Mayor	\$5,112.50/yr.
Concetto Formica	Councilman	\$3,067.50/yr.
Rachel Heath	Councilwoman	\$3,067.50/yr.
Joe Limon	Councilman	\$3,067.50/yr.
John Postas	Councilman	\$3,067.50/yr.
Stephen Skellenger	Councilman	\$3,067.50/yr.
Gilbert Snyder	Councilman	\$3,067.50/yr.
Darlene Tremont	Municipal Clerk	\$113,692.06/yr.
Darlene Tremont	Registrar	\$2,297.46/yr.
Colleen Little	Deputy Municipal Clerk	\$63,656.16/yr.
Colleen Little	Deputy Registrar	\$1,697.53/yr.
Corry Chrobak	Treasurer	\$71,575.00/yr.
Scott Holzauer	Tax Assessor	\$44,979.14/yr.
David Williams (Jim)	OEM Coordinator	\$2,556.25/yr.
Glenn Gavan	Municipal Court Magistrate	\$24,000.00/yr.
Lauren Mitchener	Court Administrator	\$86,912.50/yr.
Suzann Brush	Deputy Court Administrator	\$47,945.00/yr.
Wendy Burge	Administrative Assistant	\$53,620.58/yr.

Michelle LaStarza	CFO	\$51.13/hr.
Christine Nostray Yafar	Tax Assessment/DPW	\$22.62/hr.
Joe Setticase	Zoning Official	\$36.60/hr.
Sandra Cowan	Finance Assistant	\$20.00/hr.
Frederick Babcock	Buildings & Grounds	\$19.00/hr.
Anna Fischer	Nutrition Center	\$20.00/hr.
Felicitas Soto	Nutrition Center	\$16.63/hr.
Rebecca Babcock	Crossing Guard	\$16.80/hr.
Jaymie Babcock	Crossing Guard	\$15.71/hr.
Kathleen Clohessey	Crossing Guard	\$15.71/hr.
Lisa Conte	Crossing Guard	\$15.71/hr.
Becky Fidler	Crossing Guard	\$15.71/hr.
Michelle Grieco	Crossing Guard	\$15.71/hr.
Susan Hardcastle	Crossing Guard	\$15.71/hr.
Marie Hughes	Crossing Guard	\$15.71/hr.
Jacquelyn Kimmel	Crossing Guard	\$15.71/hr.
John Panso	Crossing Guard	\$15.71/hr.
Cara Ross	Crossing Guard	\$15.71/hr.
Robin Saraceni	Crossing Guard	\$15.71/hr.
Diane Witherby	Crossing Guard	\$15.71/hr.

AS REQUIRED by N.J.S.A.40A:4-57, N.J.A.C.5:34-5.1 ET SEQ, I, Michelle LaStarza, Chief Financial Officer, Borough of Franklin, hereby certify to the Clerk, Mayor and Council, that there are adequate funds available.

Michelle LaStarza, CFO

CERTIFICATION: I, Darlene J. Tremont, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Franklin, in the County of Sussex, State of New Jersey do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey at a regular meeting of said Governing Body held on March 12, 2024.

Darlene J. Tremont, Municipal Clerk

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MAYOR SOWDEN (Tie Only)				

Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex

Resolution #2024-34

AUTHORIZING FRENCH AND PARRELLO ASSOCIATES TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN WITH THE NEW JERSEY HIGHLANDS COUNCIL FOR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Franklin Borough Council of the Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey formally authorizes French and Parrello Associates to submit a grant application for the above stated grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the French and Parrello are hereby authorized to submit an grant application for Stormwater Management to the New Jersey Highlands Council on behalf of Franklin Borough.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of Franklin Borough and that their signatures constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approve the execution of the grant agreement.

Certified as a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Franklin Borough Council on this 12th day of March, 2024.

Darlene J. Tremont
Municipal Clerk

My signature and Municipal Clerk's seal serve to acknowledge the above resolution and constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approve the execution of the grant agreement as authorized by the resolution above.

ATTEST:

FRANKLIN BOROUGH

Darlene J. Tremont
Municipal Clerk

John M. Sowden, IV
Mayor

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTES				
COUNCIL MEMBER	AYES	NAYES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CONCETTO FORMICA				
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STEPHEN SKELLENGER				
GILBERT SNYDER				
MAYOR SOWDEN (Tie Only)				

BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN

ORDINANCE No. 03-2024

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN, COUNTY
OF SUSSEX, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY MODIFYING
THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex, and State of New Jersey that the Franklin Borough Code is amended as follows:

SECTION I. Chapter 10 of the Code is hereby modified to replace Sections 10-11 through 10-13 as follows:

Article III. Historic Preservation Committee

§ 10-11. Membership; terms; meetings.

A. The Historic Preservation Committee (HPC) is hereby established consisting of five regular members and two alternate members, each of whom shall be appointed by the Mayor, of the following three classes:

- (1) Class A: persons who are knowledgeable in building design and construction or in architectural history;
- (2) Class B: persons who are knowledgeable or have a demonstrated interest in local history; and
- (3) Class C: persons who are residents of the municipality.

(4) There shall be at least one regular member from each class.

(5) Alternate members shall meet the qualifications of Class C members and shall be designated "Alternate No. 1" and "Alternate No. 2" at the time of appointment.

B. Terms of membership.

(1) The term of each regular member shall be four years, and the term of each alternate member shall be two years.

(2) Alternate members. Alternate members shall be designated at the time of their appointment as "Alternate No. 1" and "Alternate No. 2."

(3) The term of any member in common with the Planning Board shall be for the term of membership on such Board.

C. Role of alternate members. Alternate members may participate in discussions of the proceedings but may not vote except in the absence or disqualification of a regular member of any class. A vote shall not be delayed in order that a regular member may vote instead of an alternate member. In the event that a choice must be made as to which alternate member is to vote, Alternate No. 1 shall vote.

D. Vacancies. If a vacancy shall occur otherwise than by expiration of term, it shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired term only.

E. Compensation. Members of the HPC shall serve without compensation except that reimbursement of reasonable expenses in the execution of official duties may be made by the municipality.

F. Removal. Any member may be removed by the governing body for cause but only after public hearing and other due process proceedings.

G. Conflict. No member or alternate member of the HPC shall be permitted to act on any matter in which he or she has either directly or indirectly any personal or financial interest. No member who is so disqualified may act on that particular matter, shall not continue to sit with the Committee on the hearing of such matter, nor shall participate in any discussion or decision.

H. Organization. The HPC shall elect from its members a Chairman and Vice Chairman and select a Secretary who may or may not be a member of the HPC or a municipal employee.

I. Funding. The governing body shall make provisions in its budget and appropriate funds for the expenses of the Historic Preservation Committee.

J. Rules and procedures. The HPC shall adopt and may amend internal rules and procedures for the transaction of its business subject to the following:

- (1) A quorum for any action by the HPC shall be three members.
- (2) All HPC minutes and records shall be public records.
- (3) All HPC meetings shall comply with the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-7 et seq.).
- (4) HPC meetings shall be scheduled at least once every month or as often as required to fulfill its obligations to advise the Planning Board, governing body, or Construction Official.

§ 10-12. Role.

A. For applications that would otherwise not require Planning Board review, that are historic sites or in historic districts, the Zoning Officer shall refer the application to the HPC for a written report on the application and its compliance with the Borough's historic district regulations. This report shall be submitted to the Zoning Officer, who shall issue a written approval or denial based on the HPC report, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-111. The report of the HPC shall also be provided to the applicant and the Planning Board. The report shall be sent to the Zoning Officer within 45 days of the referral to the HPC. Failure of HPC to report within the forty-five-day period shall constitute a determination that the application is consistent with the historic district regulations and that no condition on the issuance of the permit shall be imposed.

B. For applications that require Planning Board review based on provisions of the Borough Land Development Ordinance that are historic sites or in historic districts, the application shall be referred to the HPC for a written report on the application and its compliance with the Borough's historic district regulations. This report shall be submitted to the Planning Board which shall make a final decision on the matter. The report of the HPC shall be sent to Planning Board and applicant within 45 days of the referral to the HPC or prior to the scheduled public hearing before the Board on the matter, whichever is sooner. Failure of the HPC to report shall constitute a determination that the application is consistent with the historic district regulations and that no condition shall be imposed on the issuance of any approval.

C. An applicant may appeal any determination of the Zoning Officer to the Borough Planning Board. Said appeal shall occur within 45 days of the final determination by the Zoning Officer.

D. The HPC shall advise the Planning Board from time to time through the process of amending the Historic Preservation Element of the Master Plan.

E. The HPC shall recommend to the Planning Board guidelines for review to be utilized in determinations of historic landmark status and for review of development applications or permits affecting historic landmarks or improvements within historic districts. The Planning Board may recommend modifications of the guidelines.

§ 10-13. Duties and responsibilities.

The Historic Preservation Committee shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- A. To prepare a survey or surveys of historic sites and districts pursuant to criteria established in such survey;
- B. To make recommendations to the Planning Board on the Historic Preservation Element of the Master Plan and on the implications of any other element on the preservation of historic sites and districts;
- C. To advise the Planning Board on the inclusion of historic sites in the recommended capital improvement program;
- D. To advise the Planning Board on applications for development;
- E. To provide written reports on the application of the zoning provisions of this article or other land development regulations on historic sites and districts;
- F. To provide technical assistance upon request to property owners on the preservation, restoration, and rehabilitation of historic structures;
- G. To carry out such other advisory, educational, and informational functions as will promote historic preservation in the municipality.

SECTION II.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.

SECTION III

If any article, section, subsection, paragraph, phrase or sentence is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, said article, section, subsection, paragraph, phrase or sentence shall be deemed severable.

SECTION V

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final publication as provided by law.

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN

Darlene J. Tremont, CLERK

John M. Sowden IV, MAYOR

DATED: March 12, 2024

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced to pass on first reading at a regular meeting of the Council of the Borough of Franklin held on February 27, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. and ordered published in accordance with the law. Said Ordinance will be considered for final reading and adoption at a regular meeting of the Borough Council to be held on March 12, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the Borough Council may hear this Ordinance at the Municipal Building, 46 Main Street, Franklin, New Jersey 07416, at which time all persons interested may appear for or against the passage of said Ordinance.

Darlene J. Tremont
Municipal Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Darlene J. Tremont, Clerk of the Borough of Franklin, do hereby certify that the Borough of Franklin Council duly adopted the foregoing Ordinance on the 12th day of March, 2024.

Darlene J. Tremont, Clerk
Borough of Franklin

John M. Sowden IV, Mayor

Introduced: February 27, 2024

Adopted: March 12, 2024

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTES-FIRST READING					Move	2nd
COUNCIL MEMBER	AYES	NAYES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT		
CONCETTO FORMICA	X					
RACHEL HEATH COUNCIL PRESIDENT	X					X
JOSEPH LIMON		X				
JOHN POSTAS	X				X	
STEPHEN SKELLENGER	X					
GILBERT SNYDER	X					
MAYOR SOWDEN, IV (Tie Only)						

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTES-SECOND READING					Move	2nd
COUNCIL MEMBER	AYES	NAYES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT		
CONCETTO FORMICA						
RACHEL HEATH						
JOSEPH LIMON						
JOHN POSTAS COUNCIL PRESIDENT						
STEPHEN SKELLENGER						
GILBERT SNYDER						
MAYOR SOWDEN, IV (Tie Only)						

**BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN
ORDINANCE NO. 04-2023**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN,
COUNTY OF SUSSEX, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY
AMENDING CHAPTER 259, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex, and State of New Jersey that the Code of the Borough of Franklin is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION I.

§259-6 Stop Intersections is hereby amended to add the following:

Intersection	Stop signs on
Scott Road and Winding Way	Winding Way
Main Street and Junction Street	4 Way stop

SECTION II

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.

SECTION III

If any article, section, subsection, paragraph, phrase or sentence is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, said article, section, subsection, paragraph, phrase or sentence shall be deemed severable.

SECTION IV

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final publication as provided by law.

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN

Darlene J. Tremont, CLERK

BY: John M. Sowden IV, MAYOR

DATED:

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced to pass on first reading at a regular meeting of the Council of the Borough of Franklin held on March 12, 2024, at

7:00 p.m. and ordered published in accordance with the law. Said Ordinance will be considered for final reading and adoption at a regular meeting of the Borough Council to be held

on March 26, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the Borough Council may hear this Ordinance at the Municipal Building, 46 Main Street, Franklin, New Jersey 07416, at which time all persons interested may appear for or against the passage of said Ordinance.

 Darlene J. Tremont
 Municipal Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Darlene J. Tremont, Clerk of the Borough of Franklin, do hereby certify that the Borough of Franklin Council duly adopted the foregoing Ordinance on the _____ day of _____, 2024.

 Darlene J. Tremont, Clerk
 Borough of Franklin

 John M. Sowden IV, Mayor

Introduced:

Adopted:

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTES-FIRST READING					Move	2nd
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MAYOR SOWDEN, IV (Tie Only)						

Borough of Franklin County of Sussex

Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a complex and ongoing problem in our society, affecting many children in Sussex County; and

WHEREAS, every child is entitled to be loved, cared for, nurtured, feel secure and be free from verbal, sexual, emotional and physical abuse, and neglect; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect not only directly harm children, but also increase the likelihood of criminal behavior, substance abuse, health problems, and risky behavior;

WHEREAS, the effects of child abuse are felt by communities as a whole, and need to be addressed by the entire community;

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships among families, social service agencies, schools, religious and civic organizations, law enforcement agencies and the business community;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Borough of Franklin does proclaim April as Child Abuse Prevention Month, and calls upon all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the communities in which we live.

CERTIFICATION: I, Darlene J. Tremont, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Franklin, in the County of Sussex, State of New Jersey do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Proclamation adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey at a regular meeting held on March 12, 2024.

Darlene J. Tremont, Municipal Clerk

John M. Sowden IV, Mayor