

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN
HELD AT THE FRANKLIN MUNICIPAL BUILDING
46 MAIN STREET, FRANKLIN, NJ
APRIL 20, 2022**

This meeting is being held in person adhering to the CDC guidelines and through a virtual meeting platform called ZOOM. The public who attended through ZOOM has been notified and instructed on how to join the meeting and participate during the public session.

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 (7:05pm), 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 April 17, 2022, and posted on the Borough website, which adequate notice has been certified by the Clerk."

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. Snyder. All were in favor.

Mr. William VanTassel, 28 Nestor Street, Franklin stepped forward. Mr. VanTassel commented that he understands how the pieces make up the taxes. Mr. VanTassel asked what happens to the money from the property sale. Mr. VanTassel asked the Council to take a good look at the budget and try to reduce the numbers.

Mayor Sowden explained and defended the work that's done by everyone and that inflation effects everyone.

Mr. Phil Crabb, 31 Jenkins Road, Franklin stepped forward. Mr. Crabb commented on how many times this happened to others. Mr. Crabb commented that the capital budget has no effect on the tax rate. There is a possibility of the Borough losing funding for not adopting the budget as required by the State.

Mr. Stephan Zydon, 346 Rutherford Avenue, stepped forward. Mr. Zydon asked if certain council members are satisfied with the way Main Street looks.

Mr. Snyder commented that he voted the budget down for other reasons.

Mr. Zydon commented that we are going to jeopardize the whole project [Edison School House/Hungarian Church] and he is disappointed.

Mrs. Sarah Zydon, 346 Rutherford Avenue, Franklin stepped forward. Mrs. Zydon asked when is the new budget due and what is the plan.

Mr. Sarinelli commented that the council could potentially re-introduce the budget tonight and adopt at the end of May.

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 Mr. Formica. All were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #2022-53

Mr. Formica made a motion to adopt resolution 2022-53 to approve the 2022 Emergency Temporary Appropriations. Seconded by Mr. Postas.

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Mr. Sarinelli explained the importance of the resolution.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Resolution #2022-54

Mr. Postas made a motion to adopt resolution 2022-54 to approve to Extend the 2022 Temporary Budget. Seconded by Mr. Formica.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Discussion on the 2022CY Budget

Mr. Sarinelli explained the process to possibly introduce the CY2022 budget.

Mr. Bernath explained the one item in question if it's left out at introduction the item can be done at a later time with a capital ordinance.

Mr. Postas commented that he doesn't understand why the money has to be left out of the budget when it doesn't affect the bottom line of the budget.

Mr. Formica commented that he doesn't want to approve money for something without a plan in place.

Mr. Postas made a motion to introduce CY2022 Municipal Budget with the \$2,500 left in the budget. Seconded by Mr. Limon.

Mr. Sarinelli read the tax levy into the record with the \$2,500 included for the school house.

"Be it resolved by the Council members of the Borough of Franklin County of Sussex that budget herein set forth is hereby introduced and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations and authorizations of the amount of \$5,086,451.00."

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Heath, Limon, Postas, Snyder

Nays: Formica, Skellenger Absent: None Abstentions: None

Mayor Sowden announced that the public hearing and adoption on the budget will be held on May 24, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items for discussion by the Mayor and Council, Mr. Limon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:52p.m., seconded by Mr. Snyder. All were in favor.

John M. Sowden IV, Mayor

Darlene J. Tremont, Municipal Clerk