

Franklin Borough Planning Board **Reorganization Meeting Minutes for** **January 21, 2025**

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. Suckey
Ms. Schultz
Mr. Formica – Councilman
Mr. Sowden – Mayor
Mr. Williams

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. John Christiano Chairman (Present)
Mr. John Friend Vice Chairman (Present)
Mr. John Sowden, Mayor (Present)
Mr. Concetto Formica Councilman (Present)
Wes Suckey (absent) arrived @ 7:32
Mr. James Nidelko (Present)
Mr. Floy Estes (Present)
Mr. Jim Williams (Present)
Mr. Michael Raperto, (absent)
Ms. Sharon Schultz, Alternate #1 (Present)
Mr. James Affinto, Alternate #2 (absent)
Mrs. Keri Marino Alternate #3 (Present)
Mr. George Drossel Alternate #4 (Present)

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Robert Correale, Board Attorney

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN:

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

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES: **Christiano, Friend, Williams, Nidelko, Formica, Sowden, Shultz, Marino**

NAYS: **Estes**

ABSTENTIONS: NONE

(Approved)

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN:

Mr. Williams nominated Mr. Friend **Ms. Schultz** seconded the nomination.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES: **Christiano, Friend, Williams, Nidelko, Formica, Sowden, Shultz, Marino**

NAYS: **Estes**

ABSTENTIONS: NONE

(Approved)

ELECTION OF SECRETARY:

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

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES: **Christiano, Formica, Nidelko, Williams, Friend, Estes, Sowden, Schultz, Marino**

NAYS: **None**

ABSTENTIONS: **None**

(Motion Approved)

Mrs. Babcock thanked the board.

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APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY:

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

Mr. Friend 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. Friend seconded the motion to make Brady and Correale ESQ the board's attorneys

Upon Roll Call Vote:

(Motion Approved)

APPOINTMENT OF ENGINEER:

Ms. Schultz made the 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. Williams**

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES: **Christiano, Formica, Friend, Estes, Sowden, Nidelko, Williams, Schultz, Marino**

NAYS: **None**

ABSTENTIONS: **None**

(Motion Approved)

APPOINTMENT OF PLANNER:

Mrs. Marino made a motion to appoint Jessica Caldwell & Associates as the Planner for the Franklin Borough Planning Board. Seconded by **Ms. Schultz**

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES: **Christiano, Estes, Friend, Nidelko, Williams, Formica, Sowden, Schultz, Marino**

NAYS: **NONE**

ABSTENTIONS: **NONE**

(Motion Approved)

DESIGNATION OF MEETING DATES AND TIMES:

Mayor Sowden asked if the time from 7:30 meeting start could be changed to a 7:00 Meeting start. The board was in agreement.

Mr. Sowden made a motion to accept the meeting dates as presented. Seconded by **Ms. Schultz**.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: **None**

ABSTENTIONS: **None**

(Motion Approved)

Please note Mr. Suckey entered the meeting at 7:31

DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER:

Mr. Williams made the motion to designate the New Jersey Herald the official news paper of the Planning Board.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: **None**

ABSTENTIONS: **None**

(Motion Approved)

ADOPTION OF PROFESSIONAL RESOLUTION:

Mr. Friend made the motion to approve the Professional Resolution.

Seconded by Mr. Williams.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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NAYS: **None**

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

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: **None**

ABSTENTIONS: **None**

(Motion Approved)

Mr. Correale asked Mr. Christiano before he adjourned the meeting to allow for him to swear in Mr. Suckey.

Mr. Correale administrated the oath of allegiance to Mr. Suckey.

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. **Williams**

All were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:38

Respectfully Submitted,
Michelle Babcock
Planning Board Secretary