

**Franklin Borough**  
**Recreation Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes for**  
**October 3, 2024**

This meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by the Chairwomen, Mrs. Carnes, who then led the assembly in the flag salute.

Mrs. Carnes read the statement on compliance pursuant to the "Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231, PL 1975"

**ROLL CALL OF MEMEBERS:**

Mrs. Patti Carnes – Chairperson (present)  
Mrs. Bobbi Formica - Co-Chairperson (present)  
Mr. Concetto Formica – Member (present)  
Mr. James Affinito – Member (present)  
Mr. Frederick Babcock – Member (present)  
Mrs. Crystal Talmadge – Member (absent)  
Ms. Sarah McGreevy – Member (present)  
Mrs. Rachel Heath - Council Liaison (absent)  
Ms. Suzann Brush – Secretary (present)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- September 5, 2024 – **Approved**

Mr. Affinito made a motion to approve September 5, 2024 meeting minutes.

Mr. Babcock second the motion.

**Upon Roll Call Vote:**

**AYES:** Mrs. Carnes, Mr. Affinito, Mr. Babcock, Ms. McGreevy

**NAYS:**

**ABSTENTIONS:**

**APPROVED**

**OPEN PUBLIC SESSION #1:**

Mr. Affinito made a motion to open public session #1.

Mr. Babcock second the motion.

**Upon Roll Call Vote:**

**All in favor**

In Attendance: Taryn Donovan

- Interested in performing at the 9/11 memorial for 2025.
- Interested in being an event volunteering.

Mr. Affinito made a motion to close public session #1.

Mr. Babcock second the motion.

**Upon Roll Call Vote:**

**All in favor**

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

- Treasure's Report:
  - Reviewed

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Carnival:
  - 2025 Dates pending
    - Mrs. Formica reached out to Blue Star Amusement to discuss the 2025 contract; pending reply.

- Mrs. Formica also inquired with other carnival companies for pricing/contract details.
- Payments:
  - SCMUA-Garbage \$112.50
  - SeptiCare-Restrooms \$1120

Mr. Babcock made a motion to approve payment to SCMUA for Carnival garbage in the amount of \$112.50.  
Mr. Affinito second the motion.

**Upon Roll Call Vote:**

**AYES:** Mrs. Carnes, Mrs. Formica, Mr. Formica, Mr. Affinito, Mr. Babcock, Ms. McGreevy

**NAYS:**

**ABSTENTIONS:**

**APPROVED**

Mrs. Formica made a motion to approve payment to SeptiCare for Carnival portable restrooms in the amount of \$1120.

Mr. Babcock second the motion.

**Upon Roll Call Vote:**

**AYES:** Mrs. Carnes, Mrs. Formica, Mr. Formica, Mr. Affinito, Mr. Babcock, Ms. McGreevy

**NAYS:**

**ABSTENTIONS:**

**APPROVED**

- 9/11 Memorial:
  - Feedback:
    - Excellent turnout.
    - Change field use form to reflect no games/practices on 9/11.
    - Mr. Formica is looking into the purchase of sky tracker lighting.
  - Memorial Plaque – **Table**
    - Pending additional information and planning.
- Yankee Game Bus Trip:
  - Feedback:
    - Excellent turnout, everyone had a good time.
    - Bus was a little late for pickup, but was on time to the stadium.
    - Plan for bus to pick-up a little earlier next trip.
    - Parking was close, limited walking to the stadium.
    - Ticketers would not transfer to each individual, had to check in as a large group.
    - Purchase more snacks for next trip.
- Recreation Shirts:
  - Budget – **Table**
- Halloween:
  - Budget: \$1800
  - Parade – 12-12:30pm
    - Notify Police and DPW for road closure.
    - Franklin Band to perform.
    - First Aid Squad as escort.
    - Cider/donuts served at the Firehouse
    - Costume Contest:
      - Categories: ages 0-5, 6-12, 13-above, and group costume.
      - Prizes: One \$50 visa gift card to each category.
  - Party – 6pm
    - Mrs. Carnes to check supply inventory.
    - Entertainment and lighting: Aldo Sanchez
    - Need to purchase: water/juice/candy/chips/Halloween trinkets/table clothes/beverage cool.
    - Ordering pizza from TJ's: 25 pies

Mr. Affinito made a motion to approve a budget in the amount of \$1800 for the Halloween parade and party.  
Mrs. Formica second the motion.

**Upon Roll Call Vote:**

**AYES:** Mrs. Carnes, Mrs. Formica, Mr. Formica, Mr. Affinito, Mr. Babcock, Ms. McGreevy

**NAYS:**

**ABSTENTIONS:**

**APPROVED**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Holiday Tree Lighting:
  - Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> @ 5pm
  - Decorations: look into new lighting for the bridge over the waterfall.
  
- 2025 Borough Calendar Dates:
  - 9/11 Memorial
  - 5/3 Senior Spring Fling
  - Remaining events will be announced via Facebook and digital sign once a date is secured.

**OPEN PUBLIC SESSION #2:**

No one in attendance.

**MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS:**

- Comedy Show:
  - Display on digital sign.
  - Print flyers for Mrs. Formica.
- Basketball Court:
  - 30 days curing time
  - Court lining may have to be done in the Spring, pending current weather.
  - Life span of new court depends on sun exposure and weather, could be up to 15 yrs.
- Mr. Formica: Looking into additional grants for large projects.
  - Ideas:
    - New concession stand to be built where the old score board is. To include three serving windows (one facing each field), 2 restrooms, and a storage closet.
    - New dugouts for the softball field.
    - Updated lighting for the softball and baseball fields.
    - Installation of two pickleball courts.
  
- Next Meeting: Oct. 17, 2024

**AJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Affinito asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mrs. Formica made the motion. Seconded by Mr. Babcock.

All were in favor. \*The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm