

Franklin Borough Planning Board

Meeting Minutes for

March 16, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Mr. Estes. Mr. Estes the assembly in the flag salute. Mr. Estes read the Statement of Compliance pursuant to the "Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, PL 1975."

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Floy Estes Chairman (Present)
Mrs. Keri Marino Vice Chairwomen (Present)
Mr. John Sowden, Mayor (Present)
Mr. Concetto Formica Councilman (Present)
Mr. Suckey (Absent)
Mr. James Nidelko (Present)
Mr. Jim Williams (Present)
Ms. Sharon Schultz (Present)
Mr. George Drossel (Present)
Mr. James Affinto, Alternate #1 (Present)

ALSO PRESENT: Robert Correale, Planning Board Attorney

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Re-Org Meeting for January 20, 2026

Mr. Nidelko made the motion to approve the minutes.

Mrs. Marino Seconded it.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Drossel, Nidelko, Estes, Marino, Formica, Sowden, Schultz, Williams, Affinto

NAYS: NONE

ABSTENTIONS:

Regular Meeting for January 20th, 2026

Mr. Affinto made the motion to the approve the meeting minutes as written.

Mrs. Marino Seconded it.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Drossel, Nidelko, Estes, Marino, Schultz, Williams, Affinto

NAYS: NONE

ABSTENTIONS:

March 4, 2026 Workshop Meeting Minutes.

Mrs. Marino made a motion to approve the minutes with the minor corrections discussed.

Seconded by Mr. Affinto.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Drossel, Nidelko, Estes, Marino, Schultz, Sowden, Williams, Affinto

NAYS: NONE

ABSTENTIONS: Formica

APPROVAL OF ESCROW REPORT:

Ms. Marino made the motion to approve the Escrow report for March 16, 2026

Seconded by Mr. Drossel

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Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES: **Drossel, Nidelko, Estes, Marino, Schultz, Williams, Affinto**

NAYS: NONE

ABSTENTIONS: **Formica, Sowden**

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION:

Mr. Schultz made the motion to approve Resolution *King Eli Realty Preliminary Site Plan, Use D Variance Relief, Bulk C Variance Relief Block 701 Lot 3*

PB# 08-24-01

Seconded by Mr. Nidelko

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES: **Drossel, Nidelko, Estes, Marino, Schultz, Affinto**

NAYS: NONE

ABSTENTIONS:

Recommending adoption of Ordinances NOS. 02-2026, 03-2026, 04-2026, 05-2026

Mr. Affinto made the motion to approve the Resolution approving the ordinances as written.

Seconded by Mrs. Marino.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES: **Drossel, Estes, Formica, Marino, Schultz, Williams, Affinto**

NAYS: NONE

ABSTENTIONS:

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Estes asked if anyone had any old business.

Ms. Schultz stated that a few meetings ago we discussed that when applicants were building, they needed to prove that the ground that they were building on was solid. Ms. Schultz stated that she came across an article that discussed carbonate regions and the town of Franklin is 95% in the carbonate region. Ms. Schultz stated that she will email the article to the board members and it's something that we can discuss at another meeting.

Mr. Estes Thanked Ms. Schultz for that and stated that he would also be interested in reading the article.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION:

Mr. Friend stated that he would open the meeting to the public.

There was no public in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Estes stated that concludes the items on the agenda and asked for a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Drossel made the motion Seconded by **Ms. Schultz**

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 P.M

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