

FRANKLIN BOROUGH  
HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes 12/15/ 2021

Meeting called to order 7:09 p.m.

Flag Salute

Statement of Compliance (as read from the agenda)

**Attendance: Present-** Phillip R. Crabb- Chairman, Donald DeVore, Judy Williams, Dr. Earl Verbeek- Advisory, Mayor John Sowden, Jeff Garrity entered 7:15 from work. **Absent:** John Postas, , Connie Cholminski (excused, conflict with another meeting), Charles Postas, Sr.

**PRESENTATION:** no presentations scheduled.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of 11/17 /21- motion by D.DeVore, second by Sowden. Passed unanimously.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:** One bill for \$18.12 is submitted for five (5) flash drives to back up the saved computer information.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Letter dated December 7, 2021 from Sally Gorman (Roy Lent's granddaughter) who resides in Ocean City, NJ, to Phillip Crabb, chair of Franklin Borough Historical Commission and the FBHC members sharing a piece of treasured memorabilia she had in the family. This is the original copy of the "My Pals" poem regarding the Franklin Miners Football Players deployed around the globe in WWII.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Franklin Borough GIS Project-** - the project is still being pursued.
- B. Borough Video-** discussion of avenues to pursue, funding, etc. Details will continue to be explored.
- C. Historic Marker-** the Historic Marker regarding the Parker Shaft has been ordered through the county. Anticipation of a spring arrival.

**APPLICATIONS TO BE HEARD:** none

**APPLICATIONS TO BE CONTINUED:** none

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS:** none.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Discussion of Donald Kovach's former office-** it is in the B-2 zone which has restrictions prohibiting apartments on the first floor. This has always been a business building.

**B. LaRue Street** proposal by builder. It is in front of the planning board.

**C. Edison Schoolhouse/Hungarian Church (EDHC) restoration.** The Commission will develop a resolution so the project can move forward that will keep the ESHC available for historic preservation funding, and conforming to the original material.

**D. An annual report needs to be written on the FBHPC for the past year.**

**OPEN PUBLIC SESSION:** Motion by D.DeVore/ J.Garrity to open to public  
Motion by J.Garrity/D.DeVore to close to public. No public in attendance.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:** Jeff Garrity had some questions on drone sights, aerial view of the Change House and smoke stacks. The Board also examined an 1854 Franklin Furnace map (drawn by Ray Hyde) of the furnace area at the pond .

**Adjournment-** motion by D.DeVore, second by J. Williams. Adjourned 7:57 pm.  
Next meeting planned for January 19, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

*Judy Williams*

Judy Williams/ FBHC secretary

