

Franklin Borough Planning Board Reorganization Meeting Minutes for January 17, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM by Mr. Suckey, Mr. Suckey, who then led the assembly in the flag salute. Mr. Suckey read the Statement of Compliance pursuant to the "Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, PL 1975."

Mr. Brown administered the Oath of Allegiance to new appointments to the Planning Board.

Mr. Jim Williams

Mr. Michael Raperto

Ms. Sharon Schultz

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Wes Suckey, Chairman (Present)

Mr. John Christiano, Vice – Chairman (Present)

Mr. John Sowden, Mayor (Present)

Mr. Concetto Formica Councilman (Present)

Mr. Floy Estes (Present)

Mr. Jim Williams (Present)

Mr. John Friend (Present)

Mr. Michael Raperto, (Present)

Ms. Sharon Schultz, Alternate #1(Present)

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Michael Brown, Board Attorney
Mr. Tom Knutelsky, Board Engineer

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN:

Mr. Raperto nominated Mr. Wes Suckey. **Mr. Christiano** seconded the nomination.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES: **Christiano, Formica, Friend, Sowden, Raperto, Williams, Schultz**

NAYS: **Estes**

ABSTENTIONS: **Suckey**

(Motion Approved)

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN:

Mr. Friend nominated Mr. John Christiano. Seconded by **Mr. Raperto**

Upon Roll Call:

AYES: **Friend, Raperto, Suckey, Williams, Schultz**

NAYS: **Formica, Estes, Sowden**

ABSTENTIONS: **Christiano**

(Motion Approved)

ELECTION OF SECRETARY:

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

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES: **Christiano, Formica, Friend, Estes, Sowden, Raperto, Williams, Suckey, Schultz**

NAYS: **None**

ABSTENTIONS: **None**

(Motion Approved)

APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY:

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

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES **Christiano, Formica, Friend, Estes, Sowden, Raperto, Williams, Suckey, Schultz**

NAYS: **None**

ABSTENTIONS: **None**

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(Motion Approved)

APPOINTMENT OF ENGINEER:

Mr. Christiano made a 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, Raperto, Williams, Suckey, Schultz

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

(Motion Approved)

APPOINTMENT OF PLANNER:

Mr. Williams made a motion to appoint Ken Nelson of the Nelson Consulting Group as the Planner for the Franklin Borough Planning Board. Seconded by **Mr. Christiano**

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Christiano, Suckey, Williams, Schultz

NAYS: Formica, Estes, Sowden, Raperto,

ABSTENTIONS: Friend

(Motion does not carry)

Mr. Brown stated that because the motion does not carry there needs to be another motion and roll call vote to carry that motion.

Mr. Suckey stated that he would like a motion to appoint a planner.

Mr. Sowden made a motion to nominate Jessica Caldwell to be the planner.

Seconded by **Mr. Formica**.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Formica, Estes, Sowden, Raperto

NAYS: Christiano, Suckey

ABSTENTIONS: Friend, Williams, Schultz

(Motion Carries)

DESIGNATION OF MEETING DATES AND TIMES:

Mr. Raperto made a motion to accept the meeting dates as presented. Seconded by **Mr. Estes**.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Christiano, Formica, Friend, Estes, Sowden, Raperto, Williams, Suckey, Schultz

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

(Motion Approved)

DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER:

Mr. Friend made a motion to designate The New Jersey Herald and The New Jersey Sunday Herald as the official newspaper of the Franklin Borough Planning Board. Seconded by **Mr. Estes**

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Christiano, Formica, Friend, Estes, Sowden, Williams, Suckey, Schultz

NAYS: Raperto

ABSTENTIONS: None

(Motion Approved)

ADOPTION OF PROFESSIONAL RESOLUTION:

Mr. Estes stated that this particular resolution has Mr. Nelson's consulting firm on it. Mr. Estes stated that he does not see how the board can approve the resolution with Mr. Nelson as the planner in the resolution.

Mr. Brown stated that Mr. Nelson's section can be emitted from the resolution and the resolution can still be voted on.

Mr. Suckey asked if Jessica has submitted anything as far as paper work with her hourly wage.

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Mr. Sowden stated no.

Mr. Brown stated that he thinks that the resolution should be tabled till the next meeting in January due to the fact that there are two missing pieces to the resolution now.

Mr. Estes Made the motion to table the adoption of the Professional Services Resoultion to the next meeting in February.

Seconded By **Mr. Raperto**.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Christiano, Formica, Friend, Estes, Raperto, Sowden, Williams, Suckey, Schultz

NAYS:

ABSTENTIONS: None

(Motion Approved)

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE (“TCC”)

Mr. Suckey stated that he would like to appoint Mr. Christiano and would like to ask for another volunteer from the board.

Mr. Formica asked what time the meetings were held. Mr. Suckey stated 4:00 usually on Thursdays.

Mr. Formica stated that he would like to be on the TCC committee.

Mr. **Suckey** asked if all were in favor of the TCC selection that was made.

All were in favor.

RESOLUTION AND ANNUAL REPORT OF FRANKLIN PLANNING BOARD:

Mr. Brown stated that this will be prepared by Mr. Brady for the February meeting.

Mr. Suckey asked for a motion to table this Resoultion to the next meeting in February.

Mr. Raperto made the motion. Seconded by **Mr. Estes**.

Mr. Suckey asked if all were in favor.

All were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT: **Mr. Suckey** asked for a motion to adjourn.

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

All were in favor.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:35

Respectfully Submitted,
Michelle Babcock
Board Secretary