

Franklin Borough Planning Board
Reorganization Meeting Minutes for
January 18, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM by Board Attorney Mr. Dave Brady, Esq. Brady & Correale, LLP who then led the assembly in the flag salute.

Mr. Dave Brady read the Statement of Compliance pursuant to the "Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, PL 1975."

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

Mr. Concetto Formica
Mr. Jim Williams
Mr. Michael Raperto
Mr. John Christiano
Mr. John Friend
Ms. Sharon Schultz

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Wes Suckey, Chairman (Absent)
Mr. John Christiano, Vice – Chairman (Present)
Mr. John Sowden, Mayor (Present)
Mr. Concetto Formica Councilman (Present)
Mr. Floy Estes (Present)
Mr. Jim Nidelko (Present)
Mr. Jim Williams (Present)
Mr. John Friend (Present)
Mr. Michael Raperto, (Present)
Ms. Sharon Schultz, Alternate #1(Present)

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Dave Brady, Board Attorney
Mr. Tom Knutelsky, Board Engineer
Mr. Ken Nelson, Board Planner

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN:

Mr. Williams nominated Mr. Wes Suckey. **Mr. Friend** seconded the nomination.

Upon Roll Call Vote

AYES: Friend, Nidelko, Williams, Sowden, Formica, Knop, Christiano, Raperto, Schultz

NAYS: Estes

ABSTENTIONS: None

(Motion Approved)

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN:

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

Upon Roll Call Vote for:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

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(Motion Approved)

Mr. Brady congratulated Mr. Christiano and stated that he would be running the meeting due to Mr. Suckey not being present tonight.

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: **Friend, Nidelko, Williams, Estes, Sowden, Formica, Christiano, Raperto, 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: **Friend, Nidelko, Williams, Estes, Sowden, Formica, Christiano, Raperto Schultz**

NAYS: **None**

ABSTENTIONS: **None**

(Motion Approved)

APPOINTMENT OF ENGINEER:

Mr. Nidelko 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. Raperto**.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: **None**

ABSTENTIONS: **None**

(Motion Approved)

APPOINTMENT OF PLANNER:

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

Upon Roll Call Vote: AYES: **Friend, Nidelko, Williams, Estes, Sowden, Formica, Christiano, Raperto, Schultz**

AYES: NAYS: **None**

ABSTENTIONS: **None**

(Motion Approved)

DESIGNATION OF MEETING DATES AND TIMES:

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

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

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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. Nidelko**

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: **Raperto**

ABSTENTIONS: **None**

(Motion Approved)

ADOPTION OF PROFESSIONAL RESOLUTION:

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve and adopt the "Resolution of the Franklin Borough Planning Board Ratifying and Authorizing the Award of Contracts for Professional Services". Seconded by **Mr. Nidelko**

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

NAYS: **None**

ABSTENTIONS: **None**

(Motion Approved)

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE ("TCC")

Mr. Christiano stated that e will table this for February's Meeting for Mr. Suckey to discuss and appoint members.

RESOLUTION AND ANNUAL REPORT OF FRANKLIN PLANNING BOARD:

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

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Christiano asked for a motion to adjourn.

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

All were in favor.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:44

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Babcock,
Board Secretary