

Franklinton Boro Meeting Minutes July 3, 2024

Meeting called to order by Council President M. Adams at 7:00 PM

Elected Officials present: President M. Adams, D. Isenberg, D. Steidler, D. Swab, G. Franks, K. Metzger, Mayor J. Adams

Elected Officials absent: D. Bible

Borough Staff and Appointed Officials Present: Solicitor B. Kern, Engineer P. Brath, Water Operator J. Scrivens, Secretary/Treasurer K. Taylor

Visitors: K. Kemper, Teresa Adams.

Police Report: In Packet

Fire Report: By B. Taylor Changing contract periods to be all on same cycle. Franklinton's was July 1st, 2024- July 31st, 2025, but moving it to July 1st – December 31, 2024. It's going to be around \$1500 with some incremental Increase. The borough's burn pile scheduled for open burn is be delayed until after rain.

Ken Kemper: Inquiring about the possibility of drilling a well. No definite answer can be given without a plan being submitted.

G. Franks made a motion to approve June 2024 minutes. K. Metzger seconded. Motion carried.

Engineer Report: P. Brath provided bid specs for On Call Street Repair to be advertised for bid. Engineer defined "Street Repair w/ hot asphalt" vs "Pothole Repair" as separate items for repair. The solicitor offered recommendations to change the bid sheet to a One year On Call contract, and to say Traffic control must be provided by the contractor.

Motion was made by G. Franks to advertise the request for bid "one year on call emergency road repair contract." K. Metzger seconded; The motion carried.

Solicitor: Reports that DCNR bid certification has been updated for parks and recs. Reminders to council regarding the bidding thresholds and procedures for procuring public work services. Emphasized ethics act for the borough when procuring goods or services from elected, appointed, or relative of the same, or an employee of the Borough for anything greater than \$500. At the least, disclosing details in the public meeting, and or public advertisement will meet the criteria necessary to comply.

G. Franks made a motion to advertise for the stone placement on Church St. D Steidler Seconded; The motion carried.

Water Report in the packet.

May and June 2024 Treasurer Report in the packet.

G. Franks made a motion to approve the May and June treasurer reports. D Swab seconded; The motion carried.

D. Steidler made a motion to pay the bills. G. Franks seconded; The motion carried.

Budget Committee: 2025 Budget meeting will be held at 6:30 pm on August 14, 2024

Parks and Rec: Teresa Adam provided a progress update on the parks and rec project. Intends to attend the National Night Out on August 5, 2024. Discussed using Costars for purchasing goods and services for park project.

Signs for "No Trucks" at Rt 194 and Cabin Hollow East are here but waiting for what the other townships are doing before installing.

New Business: Previously approved hiring Kelly Kunkle at \$20/hr but she requested \$25/hr

M. Adams made the motion to pay K. Kunkle \$25/hr. D. Isenberg seconded; The motion carried.

G. Franks made a motion to accept the Insurance Policy renewals from HA Thompson. K. Metzger seconded; The motion passed unanimously.

It was noted that the Trash Contract and 2024 2025 snowplowing will be discussed at the August meeting.

K. Metzger made a motion to adjourn the meeting. D. Isenberg seconded; The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 PM.