

Franklinton Boro Meeting Minutes June 5, 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

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

Visitors: R. Fishel and V. Fishel, K. Kemper, Teresa Adams.

Police Report:

Included in the meeting packet.

A discussion was held regarding on youth vandalism at the park and other properties in the borough.

M. Adams will discuss the issue and concerns with the police chief.

Fire Report:

Delivered by B. Taylor from WFC.

Report included in the packet.

WFC hired 14 personnel.

Wellsville Carnival scheduled for August 14, 2024.

An Executive Session for Legal Matters was held.

Time in: 7:14 PM, Time out: 7:19 PM.

Public Comments:

R. and V. Fishel: Were present to request a status update on the matter of the vacation of West Ave. Council and the Solicitor advised that additional research regarding the prior vacation Ordinance 297-2023 resulted in a finding that the subject section of West Ave was not vacated. Council advised that the borough will maintain the subject portion of West Ave.

K. Kemper: was present to request use of the Borough Brush Pile at the Park to discard burnable materials from his project. A discussion was held for this exception made due to proposed ordinance abolishing public use of the burn pile.

A Motion was made to Allow Mr. Kemper Use of the Brush Pile at the Park:

Made by G. Franks, seconded by D. Swab.

Motion carried.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

April Minutes: Motion for approval of the April 2024 meeting minutes was made by D. Bible, seconded by D. Swab. Motion carried.

May Minutes: Motion for approval of the May 2024 meeting minutes with corrections was made by D. Swab, seconded by D. Steidler. Motion carried.

Engineer's Report:

Discussion was held on closing out the bond for South Heights development.

Issues raised about grading changes affecting water runoff.

Need for revised plans to be filed correctly. Engineer will follow-up with developer for resolution.

A Motion was made to Postpone Release of J.H. Meyers Bond:

Made by D. Bible, seconded by D. Steidler.

Motion carried.

Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor advised that the Borough cannot appoint a business entity as secretary, and this position should be held by an individual person. Pursuant to the Borough Code Council may appoint a bank as Treasurer. Based on the research findings the Solicitor recommends using borough employees for temporary/project needs.

Solicitor advised that legal notice of intent to adopt proposed Ordinance 298-2024 Amending Part 9, Chapter 3 of the Code of Ordinances prohibiting use of the brush pile at Archie Hess Memorial Park, and Part 7, Chapter 2, Section 207 of the Code of Ordinances restricting truck traffic on certain highways, was published in the Dillsburg Banner on May 16, 2024 pursuant to the Borough Code requirements. Council may take action to adopt proposed Ordinance 298-2024.

Street Commission Report:

A Motion was made to Get Estimates for West Avenue Repairs:

Made by D. Bible, seconded by D. Isenberg.

Engineer to provide proper paperwork for RFP.

Motion carried.

A Motion was made to Get Bids for Stone to Redo Church Street:

Made by K. Metzger, seconded by G. Franks.

Motion carried.

A Motion was made to Purchase Paint and Rollers for Curb Painting at Glenview Circle Extended:

Made by G. Franks, seconded by K. Metzger.

Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

A Motion was made to Accept April Treasurer's Report:

Made by G. Franks, seconded by K. Metzger.

Motion carried.

A Motion was made to Pay the Bills:

Made by D. Bible, seconded by K. Metzger.

Motion carried.

Park Committee Report:

Updates on Archie Hess Park improvements.

Discussed noncash donations and compliance with DCNR requirements.

Solicitor to update certificate of compliance for bid.

There was a discussion to Consider using online bidding platforms like COSTARS since no bids were submitted by the deadline for the rebidding of the Park Improvement Project. There will be no action needed under New Business because no bids were submitted by the deadline.

A Motion was made for Engineer P. Brath to Attend DCNR Meeting:

Made by K. Metzger, seconded by G. Franks.

Motion carried.

Old Business - Council Actions, Motions, and Approvals:

Motion Regarding Ordinance 297-2023: A Motion was made to declare that Ordinance 297-2023 was not adopted pursuant to the procedural requirements of the Borough Code, and therefore the subject portion of West Ave has not been vacated and maintains a public roadway status.

Made by G. Franks, seconded by D. Swab.

Motion carried.

A Motion was made to Adopt Ordinance 298-2024, Amending Part 9, Chapter 3 of the Code of Ordinances prohibiting use of the brush pile at Archie Hess Memorial Park, and Part 7, Chapter 2, Section 207 of the Code of Ordinances restricting truck traffic on certain highways.

Made by G. Franks, seconded by D. Bible.

Motion carried.

New Business - Council Actions, Motions, and Approvals:

A Motion was to publish Set Office Hours of 11 am to 2 PM Monday – Thursday, with availability 9 am to 5 pm Monday – Thursday by appointment:

Made by G. Franks, seconded by D. Bible.

Motion carried.

A Motion was made to Hire Kelly Kunkle as Temporary Part Time Administrative Support at the rate of at \$20/hour and the position to be reassessed by Council monthly.

Made by G. Franks, seconded by D. Bible.

Motion carried.

A Motion was made to Adjourn.

Made by D. Steidler, seconded by D. Bible.

Meeting adjourned.