

Meeting Minutes Franklinton Borough May 7, 2025

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

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

Elected Officials absent:

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

Visitors: Teresa Adams and Charlie Dove present for Parks and Rec Committee update, Dave Albert for Friends of Parks.

Police and Fire Reports- included in packets. Brian Rodgers from Wellsville reported they had 49 calls, but Franklinton had zero calls.

D. Bible made a motion to accept previous months minutes. D. Steidler seconded the motion, and it carried.

Engineer P. BRATH reports – Working on an ARLE Grant (Automated Red-Light Enforcement) for replacing all the street signs. No charge to the Borough for the first phase simple request. Once the grant is ready for implementation, it would only cost a few hundred to finish the grant and it covers 100% replacement of Borough traffic street signs. Engineer also noted that in the Zoning department, someone asked to put a trucking school on O Church Street property, this party was given zero hope that would be allowed for conditional use of the property.

SOLICITOR REPORT – N. Marzzacco – says a Fee Resolution is needed for Borough Sanitation before they can place liens on the unpaid Water and Trash accounts that are combined in the ledger, in order to collect unpaid trash. The mayor indicated there was an ordinance already that lumped the Trash and Water together for the lien process. Counsel recommended, even so, the fee resolutions should be kept separate for the Borough and Authority. For the next meeting Counsel will check the existing Ordinance, and if there is not one, she would prepare a Fee Ordinance for the Borough Trash at the June meeting.

D Bible made a motion to allow legal counsel to research and investigate trash collection ordinance. D. Isenberg seconded and the motion carried.

Discussion was had about the delinquent properties and possibly filing just the water to get liens filed, but decided to wait until next month to be able to use the ledger with both water and trash, and place one lien on property.

STREET COMMISSION- D. BIBLE – Streets are not getting much better despite the 11 bags of cold patch. There was no new information on West Avenue paving.

WATER AUTHORITY REPORT – J. SCRIVENS provided the water report within the packets

TREASURER REPORT – K Taylor- presented in the packet.

A memo from the treasurer stated the trash/sanitation fund is losing more than \$2,258.40 per quarter. This is due to collecting only \$90 per quarter when it is costing \$98.62 per quarter. N. Marzzacco stated when the new contract went up in price, the rate should have been adjusted.

G. Franks made a motion to send out a notice to increase the trash rate \$8.62 effective immediately. D. Isenberg seconded the motion and it carried.

D. Bible made a motion to approve treasurer report as presented. D. Swab seconded the motion, and it carried.

K. Metzger made a motion to pay the bills. G. Franks seconded the motion, and it carried.

Teresa Adams updated on the Parks and Rec Board and presented April 9 Draft Meeting Minutes and a 5 Year plan for council to review. The concession stands painting of walls and floors, windows wrapped, and serving counter installed. Expects the work for septic tank, pump and control to begin by May or June.

Legal Review of Park Ordinance- Solicitor distributed a draft park ordinance with notes for edits. Page 7 section 303 Closing of the Park. r add language that if Borough needed to close the Park for the day, they have the power to do so. Page 5 section 203, subparagraph 1 – appointing new members every calendar year, Council instructed leave as is. Page 12, Section 320 No Alcoholic beverages,- Council desires no exception, Page 13 Section 323 Disorderly Conduct, desires to keep as is.

G Franks made a motion to finalize the draft Park Ordinance and present it at June meeting. D. Bible Seconded and the motion carried.

A discussion continued about raising Millage rate increase 2026 – to be continued next month when secretary gathers information on how to and how much.

New Business –

Review Animal Ordinance – Complaint about free range chickens. Ordinance says they must be caged.

A motion was made by D. Bible to have the Zoning officer address the household the persons with the free-range chickens in violation of animal ordinance. D. Isenberg Seconded and the motion carried.

Friends of the Park – a 501-c3 is applying for Small Games of Chance License and has the registered address of 116 S Baltimore St., Franklinton. Dave Albert says Lisa Norton from the County says if that is the address listed then they can use the address as their registered office. There was a discussion about whether or not an additional letter was needed giving Friends of the Park permission to use the property for brick fund raising events. No action was taken.

Discussion was had about increasing the Parks and Rec Fee- currently \$1500 for new construction.

A motion was made by D. Steidler to raise the Parks and Rec fee to \$2000. G. Franks seconded the motion and it carried. D Isenberg voted nay; Dan Bible abstained.

D. Isenberg made a motion to accept the estimate from Berkheimer for \$2500 to clean up the burn pile. Dan Bible seconded the motion and it carried.

The 2026-2029 Draft Police Services Agreement – presented. Council questioned why the designated amount of time of 45 minutes per day was removed. Also questioned there being no limits on the amount of time/overtime to be billed. To Be discussed next meeting with Chief.

AARPA 2025 Annual Report filed timely and funds were obligated.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by G. Franks at 8:27 Pm. D. Steidler seconded, and the meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting June 4, 2025