

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING
FICDA Conference Room 101
January 27, 2016

Franklin City Council

Members Present: Douglas Baker, Mayor
Donna Fletcher, Deputy Mayor, via Skype Video Conference
Samuel Lyons
James Marshall
Ryan Rudegear

Members Excused: Garnet Wood

Franklin General Authority

Members Present: Ann Rudegear, Chairperson
Erik Johnson, Vice Chairperson
Robert Finch
Robert Hoffman
Tim Lyons
John Neidich
Martin Rudegear

Sugarcreek Borough Council

Members Present: Bogan Goughler, President
H A Barger
Larry Baughman
John McClelland
Robert Resinger

In Attendance: Tracy Jamieson, Franklin City Manager
Joe Sporer, Sugarcreek Borough Manager
Brian Spaid, Esq. City Solicitor/Sugarcreek Borough Solicitor
Jim Greenfield, Esq., Authority Solicitor
Richard Winkler, Esq.
Robert Varsek, Esq.
Joseph Friedrich, Esq., Clark Hill PLC
Loretta Siegel
Dave Guras
Russ Campbell
David Lord
Sheila Boughner, Venango Newspapers

The meeting began at 7:03 P.M. with Brian Spaid, Esq. thanking everyone for attending the meeting and for all the hard work that had gone into the negotiation process in bringing this matter to a close. He noted that Garnet Wood was, unfortunately, not able to be present for the meeting due to health problems and asked for a moment of silence both for Mr. Wood and in deference to Sugarcreek Borough Council's normal meeting procedures. Mr. Spaid continued by describing the agenda to everyone and explained that he would ask each board to have a roll call and vote on adopting the proposed agenda as set forth.

Subsequent to asking for Roll Call, Mayor Baker disclosed that Franklin City Council had held an Executive Session on Wednesday, January 20, 2016, in Franklin Council Chambers at 5:00 PM for the purpose of discussing negotiations.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA – Resolution No. 13

Mr. Rudegear moved to approve the agenda, as presented. Mr. Marshall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Thereafter, both Borough Council and the Board of the Franklin General Authority opened their meetings, jointly with City Council, and each approved the agenda.

CITIZEN'S INQUIRES/PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Spaid opened the meeting up for public comment and citizen's inquiries. There being none, the meeting continued.

APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT – Resolution No. 14

Mr. Spaid read the following resolution on behalf of the Franklin City Council:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Franklin that the City of Franklin shall enter into that certain Settlement Agreement among the City of Franklin, the Borough of Sugarcreek and the General Authority of the City of Franklin in the form presented to this meeting (the "Settlement Agreement") in order to resolve the litigation filed by and among those parties before the Court of Common Pleas of Venango County, Pennsylvania, at Civil Number 1026-2014. The appropriate municipal officials, officers, solicitors and other legal counsel are hereby authorized and directed to, on behalf of the City of Franklin, execute and deliver the Settlement Agreement, the agreements attached to the Settlement Agreement as exhibits and any and all other documents necessary or advisable to implement the terms of settlement as set forth in the Settlement Agreement.

Mr. Rudegear moved to adopt the resolution to approve and enter into the Settlement Agreement. Mr. Lyons seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, by roll call vote.

Thereafter, the Borough Council and the Board of the Franklin General Authority each adopted a similar resolution unanimously, by roll call vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was noted that there was no Executive Session necessary.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS – none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Jamieson, City Clerk