

**Township of Franklin
Township Committee Meeting Minutes
January 1, 2026**

Call to Order:

Time: 10:00 AM

Mr. Doyle: Present

Mr. Marsh: Present

Mr. Fiorella: Present

Mayor Bruno: Present

Mr. Keen: Present

Salute to the Flag:

The Mayor led the Salute to the Flag. (Video was started late)

Open Public Meetings Act Statement:

Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting was forwarded to the official Township newspapers, posted on the bulletin board and Township Website on November 13, 2025. This meeting is being videotaped and will be on Channel 9.

Mr. Bruno announced the results of the November 4, 2025 General Election, electing Mr. Jonathan Keen and Mr. Michael Marsh to a three-year term on the Township Committee.

Mr. Bruno called for the swearing in of Mr. Keen and Mr. Marsh to a three-year term on the Township Committee. Pastor Joel Patterson swore in Mr. Keen. (Mr. Keen was additionally sworn in privately by Solicitor J. Vigilante) Commissioner Nick DeSilvio swore Mr. Marsh into office.

Mr. Bruno called for the nomination of a Mayor of the Township Committee for the year 2026.

Nomination for Mayor of Franklin Township: John Bruno

Motion: Doyle

Second: Marsh

Roll Call:

Mr. Doyle: Yes

Mr. Marsh: Yes

Mr. Fiorella: Yes

Mayor Bruno: Yes

Mr. Keen: Yes

Commissioner DeSilvio swore Mayor Bruno into office.

Nomination for Deputy Mayor of Franklin Township: Michael Marsh

Motion: Doyle

Second: Keen

Roll Call:

Mr. Doyle: Yes

Mr. Marsh: Yes

Mr. Fiorella: Yes

Mayor Bruno: Yes

Mr. Keen: Yes

Commissioner DeSilvio swore Mr. Doyle into office.

Motion R-1-26 Designating the Appointments to Specific Administrative Positions and Confirming Said Appointments for the Year 2026 Commissions and Task Forces

Motion: Marsh

Second: Doyle

Roll Call:

Mr. Doyle: Yes

Mr. Marsh: Yes

Mr. Fiorella: Yes

Mayor Bruno: Yes

Mr. Keen: Yes

Motion R-2-26 Appointing Jacqueline Vigilante as Solicitor for the Township of Franklin

Motion: Marsh

Second: Doyle

Roll Call:

Mr. Doyle: Yes

Mr. Marsh: Yes

Mr. Fiorella: Yes

Mayor Bruno: Yes

Mr. Keen: Yes

Motion R-3-26 Appointing Bryson & Yates Township Engineer For the Township of Franklin For the Year 2026

Motion: Marsh

Second: Doyle

Roll Call:

Mr. Doyle: Yes

Mr. Marsh: Yes

Mr. Fiorella: Yes

Mayor Bruno: Yes

Mr. Keen: Yes

Mr. Fiorella: Yes Mayor Bruno: Yes
Mr. Keen: Yes

Motion R-28-26 Designating Employee Salaries for Certain Positions in Accordance with the Salary Ordinance for the Year 2026

Motion: Marsh Second: Doyle
Roll Call:
Mr. Doyle: Yes Mr. Marsh: Yes
Mr. Fiorella: Yes Mayor Bruno: Yes
Mr. Keen: Yes

Motion R-29-26 Authorizing the Tax Collector and Chief Financial Officer to Cancel Tax Overpayment or Delinquent Amounts Less than \$10.00

Motion: Marsh Second: Doyle
Roll Call:
Mr. Doyle: Yes Mr. Marsh: Yes
Mr. Fiorella: Yes Mayor Bruno: Yes
Mr. Keen: Yes

Motion R-30-26 Authorizing The Township Administrator To Approve Payment Of Certain Bills Between Meetings

Motion: Marsh Second: Doyle
Roll Call:
Mr. Doyle: Yes Mr. Marsh: Yes
Mr. Fiorella: Yes Mayor Bruno: Yes
Mr. Keen: Yes

Motion R-31-26 Authorizing Contracts with Certain Approved State Contract Vendors for Contracting Units Pursuant to NJSA 40A:11-12A

Motion: Marsh Second: Doyle
Roll Call:
Mr. Doyle: Yes Mr. Marsh: Yes
Mr. Fiorella: Yes Mayor Bruno: Yes
Mr. Keen: Yes

Public Portion:

Motion to Open: Marsh Second: Doyle

- 1) Dave Marshall New Road, Malaga. Congratulations to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor. Accolades to Committeeman J. Keen for his speech prior to his swearing in. Made statement concerning meeting attendance and the obligation when you run for office, knowing you need to attend meetings.
- 2) Doreen Sunderlin Euclid Street, Malaga. Statements concerning issues with her attempting an addition on Euclid Street property and how she feels residents are not being treated fairly. She additionally advised that she would be going to meetings and boards petitioning and speaking with everyone to get the Township Ordinances corrected so variances are not always needed.

Motion To Close: Marsh Second: Doyle

Committee Reports:

Mike Marsh: Thank you on election win good wishes. Happy New Year to everyone

Mark Fiorella: Congratulations to Mike and Jonathan. 2026 goal to keep trying to do good things in the Township.

Jonathan Keen: Congratulations to all. Happy New Year to everyone.

Tim Doyle: Congratulations to all newly / re-appointed professionals for Township.

Jake Bruno: Congratulations Mike and Jon on the election. Congratulations Mike on Deputy Mayor. Thank you to all Committee members for appointing him Mayor.

Adjournment

Motion: Marsh
Time: 10:32 AM

Second: Doyle

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Finley
Administrator