

October 18, 2004 meeting,

The Town of Franklin Board of Aldermen had a special meeting on Monday, October 18, 2004 at 6:00 P.M. at the Town Hall Board Room. The purpose of the meeting was to consider the following items: (1) to have closed session to discuss personnel, (2) possible personnel action and (3) presentation on the National Flood Insurance Program. Mayor Joe Collins presided. Aldermen Verlin Curtis, Edwin Hall, Billy Mashburn, Charles Roper, Bob Scott and Jim Williamson were present.

Mayor Collins opened the meeting at 6:00 P.M.

Closed session

The Board went into closed session at 6:03 P.M., on motion made by Williamson, seconded by Curtis to discuss personnel. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

The Board came out of closed session at 6:25 P.M. and voted to seal the closed session minutes, on motion by Mashburn, seconded by Scott. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Personnel

Motion was made by Curtis, seconded by Williamson to hire Rebecca Crawford for the Planner/Code Enforcement/GIS position at a starting salary of \$29,994.00 per year. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Recess

Mayor Collins recessed the meeting at 6:30 P.M.

Mayor Collins called the meeting back to order at 7:00 P.M.

National Flood Insurance Program Presentation

Philip Letsinger said I am the state coordinator with the National Flood Insurance Program. He said we are an arm of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). He said the insurance consists of three parts. He said they are (1) flood hazard, (2) insurance program and (3) flood plain management. Mr. Letsinger said in 1978 when the Town did not adopt flood regulations no insurance was available inside of Town or the ETJ. He said usually when a homeowner needs a federal loan to purchase property in a flood zone the homeowner is required to carry flood insurance. Mayor Collins said what are the limitations? Mr. Letsinger said the property owner is required to build to a certain elevation or to do flood proofing. He said the center part of the stream (floodway) has to be able to carry the one hundred year flood. Alderman Curtis said what happens to existing structures? Mr. Letsinger said they can be repaired within the same footprint. He said if they are substantially damaged from any cause (flood, fire, etc.) the building would have to be elevated or flood proofed. He said you can buy up to \$250,000.00 coverage for residential structures and the same amount for contents and up to

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\$500,000.00 coverage for nonresidential building with the same amounts for contents. Joe Sanders expressed concern that the amount of insurance would not be enough since most of the property in the Town's flood zone is commercial. Mr. Letsinger said to enter the program the Board would have to do the following: (1) do a resolution of intent, (2) adopt a flood ordinance and (3) apply to FEMA. He said the Town would be required during the application process to do a count of the structures in the floodplain. He said FEMA would be responsible for the flood plain map. Mr. Letsinger said North Carolina has taken on this responsibility for FEMA. He said the western part of the state is in Phase III and will be done depending on funding from the state.

Adjournment

Mayor Collins adjourned the meeting at 8:01 P.M.

Joe Collins, Mayor

Janet A. Anderson, Town Clerk