



Florham Park Borough Council
Thursday, February 16, 2017
Work Session Minutes

Mayor Taylor called the Work Session to order at 6:30 p.m. He asked the Borough Clerk for a roll call:

Governing Body	Present	Absent
Mayor Taylor	X	
Council President Zuckerman	X	
Councilman Germershausen	X	
Councilwoman Cefolo-Pane	X	
Councilman Carpenter	X	
Councilman Malone	X	
Councilman Michalowski	X	

Council Portfolio Updates:

Council President Zuckerman provided the following report:

Board of Education:

- Board of had first planning meeting; discussed what residents want in town. The next meeting will be March 6th at Ridgedale School. Anyone interested should attend.

Environmental Commission:

- Finally had enough for a quorum. They are planning a footbridge with the Engineer. Right now it has pallets and is very dangerous. The Commission continues to work on Spring Garden Lake.

Florham Park Municipal Pool:

- The Pool Mailing is at the printer. It should be mailed out shortly.

Councilman Germershausen provided the following report:

Historic Preservation Commission:

- Indicated Historic Preservation Chair Suzanne Herold was in attendance to provide a report on the Little Red Schoolhouse events.

Suzanne provide and overview of activities; cocktail party tickets are still on sale. Currently have over 100 people signed up to attend. The goal is to raise money for the preservation of the Little Red Schoolhouse. If you know anyone who would like to attend, have them contact her. Merchandise will be on sale at the cocktail party. Candles, puzzles, Little Redschoolhouse with Candy and other items.

There are other events scheduled after the cocktail party so look for those.

Councilwoman Cefolo-Pane presented the following report:

Planning Board:

- Councilwoman Cefolo-Pane did not attend the Planning Board meeting. She provided a short report on the meeting. Still hearing the testimony for Park Avenue Club; Rock G-W Resolutions were approved.

Gazebo Committee:

- Have scheduled 3 concerts to date; No concert on Father's Day. 7 concerts will still be held. Donation letters will be going out this week

Senior Citizens

- The Senior Citizens held their Executive Board meeting last week. Looking at options for Senior transportation; Councilman Carpenter and Council President Zuckerman have stepped up and are helping with this process. Currently doing research and will present some ideas at the next meeting.
- Seniors have been in contact with 3 banquet facilities in Florham Park for their annual function; working on pricing.

Councilman Carpenter presented the following report:

Florham Park Police Department

- The Police Department is evaluating different types of body cameras.
- Coffee with the Cops at McDonald's was successful; another one will be held in the spring
- Police investigating a stolen vehicle on Village Road; key fob left in car
- Police increasing speeding enforcement on Crescent Road
- Police will be participating in the Peace March that begins at FDU; helping out in an ancillary fashion

Florham Park First Aid Squad

- No report

Florham Park Fire Department

- Fire Department had one resignation
- Department held a successful ice rescue drill at Spring Garden Lake
- Department having a problem with the generator on the ladder truck;
- Meeting with Fire & Police Chiefs from Madison and Chatham with regard to access issues on Rt. 24

Department of Public Works

- Buildings & Grounds have been sprucing up the Little Red Schoolhouse
- Working on Pavillion and ADA benches
- Had a couple of storm incidents
- Lead Mechanic Joe Hunchak donated \$400 worth of wood for pallet racks

Department of Engineering

- Borough Engineer discussed the 2017 DOT Grant that is on the agenda for tonight
- Held information meeting regarding East Madison Avenue ; 18 households represented out of 60 on the street. People viewed plans and asked questions. Mr. Sgaramella has been meeting with residents who could not attend the meeting.

Councilman Carpenter stated he and Administrator Huyler had a meeting with a group of residents from First Street and Quail Run area. The topic of the meeting was to decide if we should continue with our partnership with Northcreek in the Recycling Center. The general consensus in the room was that they would like to go back to they way we used to do things.

Mr. Huyler stated that the contract expires in April; now is the time to make the decision. We need to start planning on going back to doing what we did before. We need to make a decision tonight.

Mr. Malone asked if there was a cost to backing out of it.

Mr. Huyler doesn't believe that to be the case; he will speak to Attorney Joe Bell about it.

Mr. Bell said a vote isn't needed; the Borough needs to notify Northcreek

Mr. Carpenter spoke about naming the building for Mayor Ralph Loveys which was discussed at a prior meeting. He provided examples of signage.

Mr. Huyler stated that he would reach out to the Company and he will get it done. The Council selected the bottom right signage.

Councilman Malone presented the following report:

Finance

The Finance Committee is previewing a number of budget scenarios with members of Council to see what their preference is; we have a couple of different options available to us. We will provide a budget presentation at a later date.

Recreation

John Timmons is in the process of getting registration paperwork ready for spring sports; basketball season is coming to an end. Day Camp registration is soon; finalizing trips for camp. That information will be on the website shortly. Going on a Broadway bus trip to see *On Your Feet*; tickets are sold out.

Councilman Michalwoski provided the following report:

Water Utility

- The water rate increase ordinance is on the agenda for first reading Thursday 02/16/2017.
- The operator who sustained a knee injury on a water main break on December 28, 2016 returned to work February 7, 2017.
- Division personnel responded to a water main break near 109 Edgewood Road. It was a full circle crack on an 8" pipe.
- The Water Utility updated and submitted the water conservation plan which is mandated by the NJ DEP.
- The emergency stand by generator at Well #4 failed to start during a recent outage. It was discovered that mice had crawled in to the control box area due the warmth generated and chewed the control wires causing the failure. Holes have been re-caulked and additional preventive measures have been taken.
- The locks at Well 305 have been changed to the FPWU system lock and key.
- As part of the requirements to operate the water system Water Superintendent Alex Zipeto attended the mandatory water quality seminar at Rutgers

University. Topics of discussion included new testing requirements, reporting format changes, along with regulation updates.

Sewer Utility

- 4 Bid packages were obtained by haulers for the liquid sludge hauling, of these 4, 3 haulers' submitted bids on February 10, 2017. The bid opening was originally scheduled for February 9, 2017 @11:00 a.m., however due to the snow storm and that Borough Hall was closed the bid was delayed for 24 hours. All prospective bidders were notified via email of this delay. It should also be noted that all three bids were received prior to or on February 9, 2017. The 3 bids ranged from a low bid of \$0.030 per gallon to the high bid of \$0.0447 per gallon for year one. For year two the low bid was \$0.030 per gallon to a high bid of \$0.0447. As a point of comparison we are currently paying \$0.029 per gallon. The low bidder is Accurate Waste Removal Service, Inc., 160 Gold Mine Road, Mount Olive, NJ 07860 at \$0.030 per gallon for both year one and year two.
- Plant Manager Ted Lee completed the new mandatory annual biosolids report which has been submitted online to the EPA. This new report may require additional follow up.
- The FPSU will be responding to the NJDEP's letter concerning the condition of the sludge storage units found during recent an inspection.
- A pre-construction meeting for the gravity filter media replacement and the chemical phosphorus removal system has been scheduled for this Friday at the main plant.
- The sludge thickening unit (DAF #1) failed and personnel made repairs with new parts to extend the life of the equipment. Due to the age repairs have become more frequent and parts are becoming increasingly difficult to locate.
- We met with representatives from Alfieri regarding the sanitary sewer construction on Park Street. As part of the conditions of their development permit they must extend a sanitary sewer line down Park Street from the dead end towards Columbia Turnpike. There are a number of concerns the Borough has regarding the construction proposal. We are in the process of formulating correspondence to Alfieri highlighting the Boroughs concerns.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Mayor Taylor opened the meeting for public comment as follows:

Paul Chase, Orchard Road

Mr. Chase asked for an update on the Borough website.

The Borough Clerk indicated the Borough website is done; TapInto is being loaded and Technical issues are being worked out. It looks really nice. Beautiful color photo on the homepage. It will be expanded as it goes along. It is more intuitive and user friendly.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion made by Councilman Carpenter, seconded by Council President Zuckerman the work session was adjourned by a unanimous vote at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila A. Williams, R.M.C.
Borough Clerk
March 20, 2017