



**Florham Park Borough Council  
Thursday, February 2, 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	

Mayor Taylor asked Resident John Winters to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Council Portfolio Updates:**

**Council President Zuckerman provided the following report:**

**Board of Education:**

- Skip Shandly has been appointed liaison. He will be attending meetings.
- Monday at February 6 at 7:00 p.m. the Board of Education will start their planning sessions at Ridgedale School. Anyone who is interested should think about attending.

- Board of Education for Hanover Park High School & Whippany Park will be spending \$700,000 each to renovate STEM program.

#### **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:**

- Carl Ganger is working on putting out the package to residents which should be going out in a week or two. There will be no increase in fees for 2017; still self-sustaining.

Councilman Germershausen provided the following report:

#### **Historic Preservation Commission:**

- The deadline for tickets the LRS event has been extended to February 18<sup>th</sup>. Councilman Germershausen stated that he had applications for tickets if anyone was interested.

Councilwoman Cefolo-Pane presented the following report:

#### **Planning Board:**

- Park Avenue Club attended a meeting. They would like to make their two temporary tents two permanent structures. There are still some issues that they have to clear up with the Fire Department. Some additional hydrants, turn-arounds, etc.
- Rock GW also attended a meeting. They would like to amend the GDP to reflect the changes that were made on the Ordinance and for the subdivision and assisted housing.

#### **Gazebo Committee:**

- Meeting tonight at 7 p.m. in the Library if anyone would like to join.

## Senior Citizens

- The Senior Citizens held their Executive Board meeting yesterday. They discussed a few items there. They have been going around to establishments in Florham Park to get some quotes for parties, i.e. Park Savoy, Hamilton and Brooklake.
- 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.

Councilman Carpenter presented the following report:

## Florham Park Police Department

- The Police had a round of promotions that we worked on this month due to some vacancies in concert with their procedures. For Det. Lieutenant candidates made it to the final round. Phil D'Alessio and Scott Bartell came out on top for that position. There were several candidates for Det. Sergeant and Det. Brian Ford came out on top for that position.
- Coffee with the Cops will be held; February 14, 2017, 9:00 a.m. at McDonald's
- Police received \$15,000 grant for the Attorney General's Office to purchase body cameras.
- Current scam requesting money for relatives that callers are saying are in prison; be aware of that.

## Florham Park First Aid Squad

- Currently trying to get money together for a new rig; still trying to get the necessary parties together for a meeting regarding the status of the Squad.

## Florham Park Fire Department

- No new members in the works at the current time
- Next week FD will hold ice rescue drill at Spring Garden Lake

## Department of Public Works

- Currently working on repair of potholes; field maintenance, light bar replacement, repairs and updates to garage, catch basin repairs.

## Department of Engineering

- Borough Engineer outlined his ideas for the Borough Hall roof. The idea was to use slate as a bid alternate and use a high end fiberglass shingle as the base bid. Basically the slate is double the high end timber shingle, but the material cost is only about ¼ of the entire cost; the install is similar. Its about a\$25-30K separation on a \$200K job.
- Had a forestry management meeting; a tree inventory was done in 2008; 6% of street trees are Ash trees; which is about 300 trees. Mr. Sgaramella reached out to tree service for treatment. More to come on this shortly.
- E. Madison Avenue project; notices went out to the residents. The meeting will be held Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at 7 p.m. We will show the residents the design and try and get some feedback. The Council might have some decisions to make regarding this project.
- Will be finishing up at 2017 DOT Grant

Councilman Carpenter also presented the idea of doing something in Florham Park, such as naming something substantial for Ralph Loveys. He has done many things for the town and has acted as Mayor and continues to support the town in many ways. They have been talking about this for over a year.

Councilwoman Cefolo-Pane stated that she agrees the Council should do something. Mr. Loveys has done a lot such as acting as Mayor, developed the Vreeland area. He also was involved in many philanthropic initiatives that many never heard about. We discussed things such as naming a building or the complex after him. If you name the

whole complex you would have more latitude to name individual buildings after other people down the road. For instance, you can name the library after someone else.

The Council discussed it and Councilman Carpenter stated that Mr. Loveys was also the architect of the building you are living in now and was a visionary on projects such as Vreeland Road. The Gazebo was also his idea. The list goes on and on.

Councilman Malone stated that he agreed they should do something, although it seems easier to name a building instead of a complex. How would you commemorate it? Council indicated with signage.

Councilman Carpenter said if we are going to name a building after him, it should be Borough Hall.

Mr. Malone said he is in favor, but thinks we should put his name in a separate place so we don't tie the Borough to a person.

Council President Zuckerman said we would have to work out the signage.

Councilman Carpenter made a motion to name the Municipal Building after Ralph Lovey's. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cefolo-Pane.

Mayor Taylor asked the Clerk for a roll call.

Council Member	Motion	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Zuckerman			X			
Germershausen			X			
Cefolo-Pane			X			
Carpenter			X			
Malone			X			
Michalowski			X			
Total			6			

Councilman Malone presented the following report:

Finance

- A budget meeting was held prior to this meeting; we continue to work on the budget and are in good shap. We should have a straw poll version of the budget to present to each Council member in the near future.

**Recreation**

- The PTA prize party is coming up soon; last year we donated a Day Camp registration and a Teen Summer Experience. Can we do the same.
- Councilman Malone made a motion to donate the Day Camp and /TSE Camps. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cefolo-Pane.

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- John Timmons put together Recreation highlights. I will ask Sheila to distribute this to everyone. Will hold a Recreation Committee meeting soon. We will discuss some proposed changes to the mens' softball league.

**Councilman Michalowski provided the following report:**

**Board of Health**

- Sheila distributed the summary for the Board of Health. There is a new inspector. Her name is Gina McConnahey.
- Dog and Cat notices are at 50% compliance; late notices are going out
- Nurses looking at outbreaks at some of the schools; also an infant botulism case in December.
- BOH Planning poison prevention and vision screening; also mental health first aid for first responders.

## Water Utility

We received the proposal for the rate increase; Carl and Patrice provided rough numbers and what our neighbors are paying. Even with our proposed increase we are lower.

CFO Patrice Visco introduced John Mooney from the Nisovoccia Auditing Group. John will be presenting an overview of the water rate study.

Mr. Mooney thanked Patrice Visco for her quick response with information needed. Mr. provided a brief overview of the water rate increases. He stated:

1. We looked at costs for water from 2016-2021; projected salaries and wages, other expenses pension, all of the operating costs at an increase of 2% per year.
2. Rate increase comes from projects that need to happen over the next few years; Roosevelt Blvd. is \$1M; auditor recommends getting a Bond Anticipation Note. You don't pay principal for 4 years, renews up to 10 years.
3. Exxon Well Project will cost \$1.5M and the Manganese Treatment plant which will cost approximately \$7.8M.
4. Figured those projects will have 25 year life and used a conservative interest rate of 3.5 to 4.5%; this was from 2019-2044

The Council discussed other things such as revenue, etc.. Mr. Mooney stated the data he is outlining is all contained in the Water Study. Council asked several questions and thanked Mr Mooney for coming in.

Councilman Michalowski made a motion to adopt the rate increases as proposed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Zuckerman.

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Borough Administrator provided the following report:

Borough Administrator Bill Huyler said the website is in final stages and should be up shortly. A letter was sent to Dave Sailer at Go Big Studios. If he does not finish the website up by the date Mr. Huyler indicated, the matter will be referred to the Borough Attorney.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Mayor Taylor opened the meeting for public comment as follows:

John Winters, 32 Brooklake Road

Mr. Winters stated that he still believes sewer billing should be based on actual useage as he has stated many times in the past.

Seeing no more members of the public who wished to be heard, Mayor Taylor closed the meeting to the public.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion made by Councilman Carpenter, seconded by Council President Zuckerman the work session was adjourned by a unanimous vote at 7:20p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila A. Williams, R.M.C.  
Borough Clerk  
February 15, 2017