



**Florham Park Borough Council  
Thursday, May 18, 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:

**Environmental Commission:**

- The work detail in May was cancelled due to heavy rain; rescheduling in June

**Florham Park Municipal Pool:**

- Currently there are 586 Members

- Have an issue with assistant managers. Mr. Ganger stated that they are still having staffing issues; cannot find assistant managers. They have candidates but do to a local ordinance that the Council put in place last year.

Administrator Huyler stated if this person was hired, would it violate the nepotism ordinance?

Mr. Ganger stated that it would - it is a parent/child relationship.

Mr. Huyler stated he can't have it; the Council passed the ordinance. I cannot have a direct supervisory nexus. It is especially tenuous if it is a parent/child supervisory situation. There have been problems there in the past with employees and favoritism. If we allow this with a parent/child supervisory nexus, we will set ourselves up for problems within the season. I just can't allow it.

Mr. Zuckerman stated that he doesn't disagree, but the Borough has a problem because there is only one manager.

Mr. Huyler stated the Borough needs to keep looking for someone; or if the Manager is hired than the child doesn't work there.

There was a request for waiver of membership dues. Mr. Ganger recommends approving it. The families who are asking for it qualify under the school lunch aid program.

There was one hardship, one medical, one disabled vet.

Mr. Zuckerman made a motion to grant the membership waivers as indicated. The motion was seconded by Councilman Germershausen.

Vote:

Council Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Comments
Zuckerman	X				
Germershausen	X				
Cefolo-Pane	X				
Carpenter	X				
Malone	X				
Michalowski	X				
Total	6				

## Councilman Germershausen provided the following report:

### Historic Preservation Commission:

Councilman Germershausen introduced Suzanne Herold, Chair of the Historic Preservation Commission.

- Mrs. Herold stated that the next big event for the Little Red Schoolhouse will be held on Saturday and Sunday. An ice cream social on Saturday and Coffee and donuts on Sunday.
- Next event June 14 is the Historic Bus Tour of Florham Park; you need to sign up for this event. The bus trip will cost \$10.00.

## Councilwoman Cefolo-Pane presented the following report:

### Planning Board:

- A Planning Board meeting was held; Application was approved for new parking in the Klein Plaza. An additional 13 parking spaces will be allotted by reconfiguring the size of some of the spaces. They asked for 33 spaces originally; however, that didn't work. We also encouraged them to have employees park in the back.

### Gazebo Committee:

Moving along with the concerts as scheduled; finalized program that will be mailed out next Thursday.

### Senior Citizens

- Senior Citizens held a meeting for the sub-committee on Transportation. We discussed a couple of things that were discussed here in terms of transportation such as requirements, eligibility, different programs, different providers and various proposals that have been given to us. Some of the members were surprised at the options that are currently available to Florham Park residents that they were not aware of. We need to contact the County to get us listed there; there are options available to residents currently. There is a Ryde for Life program that would like to partner with Uber. Again, another option. Also there are MAPS options. We are looking at many options.

Councilman Carpenter presented the following report:

Florham Park Police Department

- Five participants in the Police Unity Tour; two riders and three officers worked as support.

Florham Park First Aid Squad

- First Aid Squad wanted to remind everyone about their Memorial Day Service
- Blood Drive on June 5; EMS week the following week. Members will be around town encouraging others to join.

Florham Park Fire Department

- Fire Department had two resignations; two firefighters are being sworn in tonight
- Discovered a standard regarding fire trucks; only allowed to have their tires in service for 7 years; need to do a significant tire purchase for apparatus.

Department of Public Works

Per DPW Director Esposito:

- Working on sports fields; have been edging & fertilizing the fields
- Had over 200 heavy item pick-ups; filled 10 dumpsters
- Will be working on new signs for entrance to Florham Park

Department of Engineering

- PSE&G finished the gas lines on East Madison Avenue; JCP&L crews were out there moving utility poles. There will be a bid opening in June for the East Madison Avenue project.
- Heritage Road job should start soon
- Put another job out for curbing around the town via a co-op contractor. This will start soon.
- Fiberglass bridge at Spring Garden Lake looks good and its viable; price is good

## Councilman Malone presented the following report:

### Recreation

- Baseball day was a big success; the event included E. Hanover Softball for the first time. This increased attendance substantially.
- Bark for Life was held on the Municipal Lawn; that was also a big success. They have raised \$40,000 in 4 years for cancer. The Sarto brothers and Steve Saul organized the event; going to College. They are looking for someone to take over. Both events wanted to thank the DPW and the Recreation Dept. for their assistance.
- Volunteers Memorial Park naming is on the Regular Meeting agenda for tonight; the name has also been given the blessing of the Recreation Committee
- There is a piece out on NJTV called the Treasures of New Jersey FDU Florham; I sent it to Sheila to circulate. It is a nice history of the naming of Florham. I am also glad to know the entrance signs will be installed shortly as well. The piece will be broadcast again on June 18 at 7:30 on Channel 13 if anyone would like to see it.
- Asked Councilman Carpenter if there is a sub-committee being formed for the Stobaues/Boyd awards for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Councilman Carpenter stated that there was.
- Relay for Life is Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 p.m. at Hanover Park High School
- Councilman Malone asked for an update on Stobaues Field:

Borough Engineer Mike Sgaramella stated that they are currently struggling with ADA Compliant regulations for Stobaueus Trail; Mr. Sgaramella spoke to the County who basically said for the Borough to do the best they can.

Councilman Malone stated that he thinks the school will pick up the trail where we leave off and connect it.

Recreation Director John Timmons stated that he had gotten a request for financial aid to provide two weeks of Teen Summer Experience to a child. The family that requested this seems to meet the criteria for it and are currently qualify for the free lunch program.

Councilman Malone asked if we have done this in the past?

Mr. Timmons stated that to his knowledge they had never done it before. He couldn't find any record of it.

Council President Zuckerman asked Mr. Timmons what his recommendation was. Mr. Timmons stated that he recommends giving the opportunity to the family. There are some weeks of TSE that are not full.

Councilman Malone made a motion to approve the Financial Aid for two weeks of Teen Summer Experience. The motion was seconded by Councilman Carpenter.

Vote:

Council Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Comments
Zuckerman	X				
Germershausen	X				
Cefolo-Pane	X				
Carpenter	X				
Malone	X				
Michalowski	X				
Total	6				

Councilman Michalowski provided the following report:

Florham Park Library:

- LED lights have been installed.

4th of July

- Planning for the 4<sup>th</sup> is in full swing; mailings have gone out.

Water Utility:

- Division personnel completed the 2017 Spring Hydrant flushing and inspection program.
- Division personnel completed preseason maintenance and water turn on at recreation building facilities.
- Division personnel completed preseason maintenance to municipal swimming pools.
- Division personnel repaired 3 curb shut off valves.
- Division personnel responded to and repaired a water valve failure on Dellwood. The cause of the failure was determined to be deterioration of bonnet bolts. A new gasket was made and all the bolts were replaced with stainless steel bolts.

## Sewer Utility:

- MBE Mark III has begun the Phosphorous removal project.
- Allied Construction is near completion of the gravity filter media removal and replacement project.
- The Allerton Court sewer and water line extension have been completed and tested. This extension will service the subdivision at the end of Allerton Court with the contractor bearing the cost.
- REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS, INC. has scheduled a FPSU facility walk through. This was conducted on Thursday May 18<sup>th</sup>; facility is in good shape.

Mayor Taylor stated that he had spoken to Joe DeMartinis and he has agreed to take over the Beechcrest Island.

## **Borough Administrator William Huyler**

- Has a request for street naming for Sun Valley; would like to name a street “Darling Drive”. It is a private road. Attorney Joe Bell stated he would do for a Resolution at the next meeting.
- New computer system is just about wrapped up. If you have your Ipads, please leave them so Mike Voitcu can program with new email
- New phone system will be installed in the next few weeks.
- Hardware store wants to have a shed sale; won’t interfere with parking or anything. I will approve that if the Council has no objections.

## PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Mayor Taylor opened the meeting for public comment as follows:

Rob Walton, JCP&L was in attendance to provide an update. Tree trimming will be starting soon. Drainage along Columbia Turnpike has been completed. Discussed switching out some street lights to LED. There is no charge to switch; however, operationally it may cost a few cents more.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION

### # 17-85 Authorizing the Governing Body to Enter into Executive Session

Council President Zuckerman made a motion to approve Resolution # 17-85, Authorizing the Council to Enter into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Carpenter.

Vote:

Council Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Comments
Zuckerman	X				
Germershausen	X				
Cefolo-Pane	X				
Carpenter	X				
Malone	X				
Michalowski	X				
Total	6				

### ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion made by Councilman Malone 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  
June 15, 2017