



**Borough of Florham Park
Borough Council Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2018**

Mayor Taylor called the Regular Meeting of the Borough Council to order at 7:10 p.m. He asked the Clerk if the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act had been met. Deputy Borough Clerk Maryann Lang stated that adequate notice of the meeting had been made. It was included in the Annual Notice of Meetings published in the Florham Park Eagle. In addition to advertisement, the annual legal notice was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board. Mrs. Lange also stated that a copy is on file in the Clerk's Office in the Borough Hall in accordance with N.J.S.A 10:4-6.

Mayor Taylor asked the Deputy Borough Clerk to call the roll as follows:

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Governing Body Member	Present	Absent
Mayor Taylor	X	
Council Pres. Cefolo-Pane		X
Councilman Germershausen	X	
Councilman Carpenter	X	
Councilman Malone		
Councilman Michalowski		X
Councilman Zuckerman	X	

Additional Borough Officials present were Administrator William Huyler, Deputy Borough Clerk Maryann Lang, as well as Borough Attorney Joseph Bell.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Taylor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Taylor stated that in light of the large agenda there would be no portfolio updates this evening.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Taylor stated that there were several items of public communications listed on the agenda. He asked if there were any questions on the items. He stated that if anyone would like to review any of the documents, they are on file in the Borough Clerk’s Office. There were no questions on the following communications on record:

- Letter from Congressman Frelinghuysen regarding Academy Night
- Introduction of Ordinances # 12-2018, #13-2018, Borough of Madison
- Notice of Adoption, Borough of Madison, Ordinance # 13-2018
- Notice of Adoption, Twp. of Hanover, Ordinances # 1-2018, # 2-2018 & #3-2018
- Notice of Adoption, Twp. of E. Hanover, Ordinances # 2-2018 & 3-2018

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

Councilman Zuckerman made a motion to approve the following meeting minutes:

- ❖ Minutes of the March 15, 2018 Regular Meeting
- ❖ Minutes of the April 5, Work Session

The motion was seconded by Councilman Germershausen

Vote:

Council Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Comments
Cefolo-Pane				X	
Germershausen	X				
Carpenter	X				Abstained from 3/15 minutes; aye for 4/5
Malone	X				
Michalowski				X	
Zuckerman					
Total	4			2	

New Business

Appointments:

Florham Park Board of Health:

Zuckerman: I hereby make a motion to appoint Jo-Anna Finegan as a member of the Board of Health effective immediately. So moved. The motion was seconded by Councilman Germershausen.

Roll Call Vote:

Council Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Comments
Cefolo-Pane				X	
Germershausen	X				
Carpenter					
Malone	X				
Zuckerman	X				
Michalowski				X	
Total	4			2	

Mrs. Finegan arrived late and then was sworn in by Deputy Clerk Maryann Lang.

Florham Park Board of Adjustment:

Malone: I hereby make a motion to appoint Elizabeth Roseman to the Florham Park Board of Adjustment effective immediately. So moved. The motion was seconded by Councilman Carpenter.

Roll Call Vote:

Council Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Comments
Cefolo-Pane				X	
Germershausen	X				
Carpenter					
Malone	X				
Zuckerman	X				
Michalowski				X	
Total	4			2	

Elizabeth Roseman was sworn in by Deputy Borough Clerk Maryann Lang.

Mayor Taylor stated that he would move on to Ordinances for Public Hearing until the Police Arrive.

ORDINANCES FOR 2ND Reading/Public Hearing:

- #18-5 For Various General Capital Projects

Councilman Malone read Ordinance # 18-5 and moved for its adoption. He stated that the Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a regular meeting of the Borough Council held on March 15, 2018 as follows:

**BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK
COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE # 18-5**

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR GENERAL CAPITAL PROJECTS ENUMERATED
WITHIN FOR THE BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK, COUNTY OF MORRIS AND TO
PROVIDE FOR THE FUNDING THEREOF

Mayor Taylor asked Deputy Borough Clerk Lang to read a summary of the legal notice.

Deputy Borough Clerk Lang read a summary of the legal notice and stated that the Ordinance had been published as required by law, posted on the bulletin board in Borough Hall and that copies had been made available to members of the general public desiring same.

Mayor Taylor opened the meeting to the public on the Ordinance and stated that any taxpayer of the Borough of Florham Park or any interested persons could be heard.

Seeing no members of the public who wished to be heard, he closed the meeting to the public.

Councilman Malone read the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, that the Ordinance, as read by title, on second reading, at this Regular meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Germershausen.

Roll Call Vote:

Council Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Comments
Cefolo-Pane				X	
Germershausen	X				
Carpenter					
Malone	X				
Zuckerman	X				
Michalowski	X			X	
Total	4			2	

Mayor Taylor declared that the Ordinance was finally adopted and asked the Borough Clerk to print the notice of adoption in the proper places.

• **Ordinance # 18-6 To Provide for Water Capital Projects**

Councilman Zuckerman read Ordinance # 18-6 and moved for its adoption. He stated that the Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a regular meeting of the Borough Council held on March 15, 2018 as follows:

**BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK
COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE # 18-6**

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR GENERAL CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR THE ATER UTILITY ENUMERATED WITHIN FOR THE BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK, COUNTY OF MORRIS AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE FUNDING THEREOF

Mayor Taylor asked Deputy Clerk Lang to read a summary of the legal notice.

Dep. Borough Clerk Lang read a summary of the legal notice and stated that the Ordinance had been published as required by law, posted on the bulletin board in Borough Hall and that copies had been made available to members of the general public desiring same.

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The motion was seconded by Councilman Carpenter.

Roll Call Vote:

Council Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Comments
Cefolo-Pane				X	
Germershausen	X				
Carpenter	X				
Malone	X				
Zuckerman	X				
Michalowski				X	
Total	4			2	

Mayor Taylor declared that the Ordinance was finally adopted and asked the Borough Clerk to print the notice of adoption in the proper places.

- # 18-7 Establishing Salaries and Wages for Non-Union, Seasonal, Hourly, Temporary and Part-Time Employees for 2018

Councilman Malone read Ordinance # 18-7 and moved for its adoption. He stated that the Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a regular meeting of the Borough Council held on March 15, 2018 as follows:

**BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK
COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE # 18-7**

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SALARIES AND WAGES FOR NON-UNION SEASONAL, HOURLY, TEMPORARY AND PART-TIME EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK FOR 2018

Mayor Taylor asked Deputy Clerk Lang to read a summary of the legal notice.

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The motion was seconded by Councilman Carpenter.

Roll Call Vote:

Council Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Comments
Cefolo-Pane				X	
Germershausen	X				
Carpenter	X				
Malone	X				
Zuckerman	X				
Michalowski				X	
Total	4			2	

Mayor Taylor declared that the Ordinance was finally adopted and asked the Borough Clerk to print the notice of adoption in the proper places.

- **# 18-8 An Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation**

Councilman Malone read Ordinance # 18-8 and moved for its adoption. He stated that the Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a regular meeting of the Borough Council held on March 15, 2018 as follows:

**BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK
ORDINANCE # 18-8
AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION
LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)**

Mayor Taylor asked Deputy Borough Clerk Maryann Lang to read a summary of the legal notice.

Deputy Clerk Maryann Lang read a summary of the legal notice and stated that the Ordinance had been published as required by law, posted on the bulletin board in Borough Hall and that copies had been made available to members of the general public desiring same.

Mayor Taylor opened the meeting to the public on the Ordinance and stated that any taxpayer of the Borough of Florham Park or any interested persons could be heard.

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The motion was seconded by Councilman Germershausen.

Roll Call Vote:

Council Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Comments
Cefolo-Pane				X	
Germershausen	X				
Carpenter	X				
Malone	X				
Zuckerman	X				
Michalowski				X	
Total	4			2	

Mayor Taylor declared that the Ordinance was finally adopted and asked the Borough Clerk to print the notice of adoption in the proper places

Florham Park Police Awards:

Chief Joseph Orlando was in attendance to present Florham Park Service Awards to his Department. The following officers were recognized:

LIFE SAVING AWARD

On Friday March 17, 2017 at approximately 9:12 PM, Dispatcher Daniel Fucito received a 911 call reporting an unresponsive 49 year old female. He immediately dispatched Sergeant Brian Sampson, Officer Rob Mercuro and Officer Richard Wronski as well as the FPFAS and Medics. Fucito began to instruct the caller over the phone how to begin resuscitation efforts. Sergeant Sampson and Officers Mercuro, and Wronski arrived at the residence within minutes and began implementing lifesaving efforts. Officer Wronski confirmed the patient was not breathing and had no pulse and based on a brief investigation on scene the officers suspected the victim maybe suffering from a possible Opioid

overdose. Officer Wronski prepared a Narcan delivery system which is a drug used to counter the effects of an Opioid. The system would not operate properly so he applied an AED, which reported there was not a shockable rhythm so he and Officer Mercuro began CPR. Sergeant Sampson ran back out to his vehicle where he secured a second Narcan delivery system and then responded back inside the residence. Sergeant Sampson administered one dose of Narcan while Officer Wronski and Mercuro continued CPR. The patient regained consciousness and eventually walked out to the awaiting ambulance and was transported to the hospital. The patient later made a full recovery.

This incident is an example of a team effort by all members of the squad which resulted in the saving of this victim.

For their efforts Sergeant **Brian Sampson**, **Officer Robert Mercuro**, **Officer Richard Wronski** and **Dispatcher Daniel Fucito** are awarded the Life Saving Award.

LIFE SAVING AWARD

On Thursday April 6, 2017 at approximately 5:18 PM, Dispatcher Gianna Salvatore received a 911 call reporting a 63 year old male who was unresponsive and not breathing. She immediately dispatched all available units which included Sergeant Brian Ahlert, Officer Geoff Rothrock, and Officer Daniel Bundschuh as well as the FPFAS and medics. She then began providing emergency medical direction to the caller until the arrival of the officers. Once the officers arrived they began CPR and attached an AED. The officers continued CPR while administering two shocks with the AED. The aforementioned officers worked as a team applying lifesaving efforts including CPR and external defibrillation until patient care was transferred to the FPVFAS and MICU 11 and the patient was transported to MMC.

This incident is an example of a team effort by all members of the squad which resulted in the saving of this victim.

For their efforts Sergeant **Brian Ahlert**, **Officer Geoff Rothrock**, **Officer Daniel Bundschuh**, and **Dispatcher Gianna Salvatore** are awarded the Life Saving Award.

LIFE SAVING AWARD

On Friday April 14, 2017 at approximately 9:55 PM, Dispatcher Daniel Fucito received a 911 call reporting a 23 year old male in a green Honda who was overdosing on heroin in the parking lot of 187 Columbia Turnpike. He immediately dispatched all available units which included Sergeant Christopher DAmbola, Sergeant Brian Sampson, Officer Robert Mercuro, and Officer Richard Wronski as well as the FPFAS and medics. Once the officers arrived they conducted a quick assessment of the patient who was unresponsive, was not breathing, and had a faint pulse with constricted pupils. Officer Wronski prepared a Narcan delivery system while the other officers began rescue breathing and attached an AED. The officers administered two doses of Narcan while continuing rescue breathing. The AED advised no shock was required. The officers prepared a third Narcan delivery system but never administered it as the patient regained consciousness and care was transferred to the FPFAS and medics. The aforementioned officers worked as a team applying

lifesaving efforts until patient care was transferred to the FPVFAS and MICU 11 and the patient was transported to MMC.

This incident is an example of a team effort by all members of the squad which resulted in the saving of this victim.

For their efforts **Sergeant Christopher Dambola, Sergeant Brian Sampson, Officer Robert Mercuro, Officer Richard Wronski and Dispatcher Daniel Fucito** are awarded the Life Saving Award.

LIFE SAVING AWARD

On Monday December 11, 2017 at approximately 8:35 PM, Dispatcher Gianna Salvatore received a 911 call reporting a 51 year old unresponsive male, she transferred the call to the Morris County Com Center for further medical instruction. Salvatore immediately dispatched all available units which included Lieutenant Philip D'Alessio, Officer Jared Orgel, and Officer Joseph Rega as well as the FPFAS and medics. Once the officers arrived they conducted a quick assessment of the patient who was unresponsive, was not breathing, and had no pulse. Officer Jared Orgel working with staff at the location and began performing CPR. Officer Joseph Rega prepared and attached an AED which advised no shock was required. Lieutenant D'Alessio noticed the patient had a tracheostomy tube and connected the bag valve mask, used to force air into the patient's lungs, directly to the tube. They continued CPR until the patient began breathing on his own and opened his eyes. The aforementioned officers worked as a team applying lifesaving efforts until patient care was transferred to the FPVFAS and MICU 11 and the patient was transported to MMC.

This incident is an example of a team effort by all members of the squad which resulted in the saving of this victim.

For their efforts **Lieutenant Philip D'Alessio, Officer Jared Orgel, Officer Joseph Rega and Dispatcher Gianna Salvatore** are awarded the Life Saving Award.

UNIT CITATION

On Wednesday December 6, 2017, at approximately 2:15 PM Dispatcher Salvatore received a call from Trader Joes reporting a subject was using counterfeit money to pay for items. She immediately relayed the information over the radio to all patrol units along with a description of the suspects.

Officer Rega was first on scene and as he was pulling up, an employee from Trader Joes pointed to the suspects and verbally acknowledged it was them. He approached the vehicle where three suspects were located and two of the three suspects ran away. He was able to take one suspect in custody and relay that 2 other suspects ran off on foot.

Lieutenant Gatzke, Officer Orgel, Officer Bundschuh, Officer Braico, Officer Ciasullo, Detective Neilan, and Detective Pietropinto all also responded to the area to search for the other suspects and

assist. Officer Ciasullo and Detective Neilan proceeded to assist Officer Rega interviewing the first suspect. Lieutenant Gatzke and Officer Orgel were able to spot the second suspect and take him into custody. Officer Bundschuh, Officer Braico and Detective Pietropinto canvassed the area looking for the third suspect.

The vehicle the suspects were operating was reported stolen and marijuana was observed on the center console of the vehicle. A probable cause search was conducted with no additional contraband discovered. The suspects were in possession of \$1,750.00 of counterfeit currency which they were using a hundred dollar bill at a time in an attempt to make small purchases and recoup the change in valid currency. Additionally one of the suspects was found to be in possession of three folds of heroin, marijuana, six rocks of crack cocaine, two penicillin pills and had outstanding warrants for his arrest.

Although one suspect evaded capture, all involved officers worked together as a cohesive unit facilitating the capture of two suspects, recovering a stolen motor vehicle, recovering a significant amount of controlled dangerous substances from the suspects, and recouping a substantial amount of counterfeit funds from being used.

For their efforts the following officers are awarded with a Unit Citation:

- **Lt. Matthew Gatzke**
- **Officer Thomas Ciasullo**
- **Detective Michael Neilan**
- **Officer Daniel Bundschuh**
- **Officer Joseph Rega**
- **Detective Frank Pietropinto**
- **Officer Jared Orgel**
- **Officer Daniel Braico**
- **Dispatcher Gianna Salvatore**

UNIT CITATION

On Sunday December 17, 2017 at 1am, while proactively patrolling on Columbia Turnpike, Officer Joel Phillips observed a vehicle pull out of the Open Road Cadillac parking lot. Officer Phillips observed the vehicle drive down the roadway a short distance and then pull over with its hazards on. Officer Phillips activated his overhead emergency lights and pulled behind the vehicle. Detective Michael Neilan arrived as a backup officer. While questioning the driver who had exited the vehicle, numerous tires and rims were observed within the rear passenger compartment of the vehicle. Officer Brian Mensing arrived on scene as Officer in Charge. Both the driver and the passenger were taken into custody and additional law enforcement units from Madison Police Department and the Morris County Sheriff's Office were requested to assist in a search of the area for additional suspects, and securing and processing the crime scene. Officer Mensing reported a total of three (3) vehicles from the Cadillac Dealership were missing their tires and rims. The suspect vehicle was impounded. Both suspects were charged, one had an active warrant and provided false pedigree information. A search warrant of the vehicle was approved and the twelve (12) tires and rims were recovered from within along with drug paraphernalia and a stolen cell phone.

These officers' proactive patrol and working together stopped the suspects from further criminal acts as well as recovering the stolen property.

For their efforts the following officers are awarded the Florham Park Police Department Unit Citation.

- **Patrolman Joel Phillips**
- **Detective Michael Neilan**
- **Patrolman Brian Mensing**

UNIT CITATION

On Thursday October 12, 2017 at 1:43 pm Officer Thomas Belli received a phone call reporting a motor vehicle burglary in progress at the Sterling Drive Apartment Complex with the actor fleeing toward the Sun Valley Apartment Complex. After speaking with witnesses and getting a description of the suspect Sergeant Brian Ahlert, Officer David Rubelowsky, and Officer Conor DeCoursey responded to a residence in the Sun Valley Complex where suspects from a previous similar incident were residing. When attempting to speak with a possible suspect at the residence, a scuffle ensued and the suspect fled the scene. Sergeant Glen Johnstone, Sergeant Brian Ford, Detective Michael Neilan, Detective Frank Pietropinto, Chief Joseph Orlando and Captain Michael Voitcu responded to the scene to assist. After a foot pursuit the suspect had returned to the residence, several other suspects were also taken into custody. The detective bureau followed up this incident, one of the residents provided them with a bag from the residence which contained the proceeds of multiple motor vehicle burglaries which occurred the previous night in the same complexes. Three (3) suspects were charged with a range of crimes from assaulting a Police Officer, burglary, resisting arrest, and possession of stolen property.

These officers' working together stopped the suspects from further criminal acts as well as recovering the stolen property.

For their efforts **Sergeant Brian Ahlert, Officer David Rubelowsky, Officer Conor DeCoursey, Officer Thomas Belli, Sergeant Brian Ford, Detective Michael Neilan, Detective Frank Pietropinto, and Sergeant Glen Johnstone** are awarded the Florham Park Police Department Unit Citation.

CHIEF JOHN R. TREIBER - DUI/NARCOTICS AWARD

This award is presented to the officer with the most DUI and Narcotic arrests.

In 2017 Officer Thomas Belli made 20 Drug or alcohol related arrests.

For his efforts *Officer Thomas Belli* will be presented with the Chief John R. Treiber - DUI/Narcotic Enforcement Award.

ROBERT HAUPTMAN - PATROL EXCELLENCE AWARD

This award is presented to the officer with the most overall arrests.

In 2017 Officer Daniel Braico made 26 total arrests.

For his efforts *Officer Daniel Braico* is presented with the Robert Hauptman - Patrol Excellence Award.

KIM D. CHAPMAN - COMMUNITY POLICING AWARD

Community policing is the backbone of modern policing and has been adopted philosophically by the FPPD.

In 2017 Officer David Rubelowsky spent numerous days on bicycle patrol in the center business district, around through the parking lots, getting off the bicycle and walking through the different stores meeting and talking with the public.

On June 6, 2017 he had stopped by Dunkin Donuts and started conversing with a gentleman who was sitting outside at one of their tables. Officer Rubelowsky noticed this gentleman had a problem with his leg and started asking him questions with a concern for his health. The gentleman's leg was extremely infected and he offered to call an ambulance for him, which was refused, but he continued talking with the hope of changing the gentleman's mind about seeking treatment. After their conversation ended the gentleman left while Officer Rubelowsky continued his bicycle patrol.

A while later the gentleman's mother had called police headquarters in tears. She wanted to thank the officer who had stopped to take the time and talk to her son. She advised that after her son spoke with the officer, he decided to drive himself to the hospital. Once there he was immediately admitted into the ICU and was placed on IV antibiotics for a severe infection. Had he waited any longer he would have died from the infection.

Most officers driving in their patrol vehicles would have driven right past this individual, without ever speaking with him. Because the department's community policing philosophy and Officer Rubelowsky's actions and the effort he puts in during bicycle patrol, he was able to inadvertently save this person's life through simple communication and caring.

For his efforts *Officer David Rubelowsky* is awarded the Kim D. Chapman - Community Policing Award.

MADD AWARD

Each year the Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) honor the officer in each municipality who arrested the most drunk drivers.

In 2017 *Officer Daniel Braico* was honored for making eleven (11) DUI arrests.

TOP GUN AWARD

In 2017 Lieutenant Matthew Gatzke scored an average of 99.3% out of 100% on the departmental firearms qualifications. This score was achieved by him shooting twice per year both day and night utilizing both his service weapon, patrol rifle, and Emergency Response Team weapons.

For his outstanding marksmanship *Lieutenant Matthew Gatzke* will be presented with the Florham Park Police Department Top Gun Award.

Francis Dailey Investigative Excellence Award

On March 10, 2017 the patrol division took a report from a daughter reporting her mother, who is handicapped and confined to her residence, was the victim of fraud. The victim’s daughter had contacted the home health care company who employed the home health care aide. She had admitted to several fraudulent purchases, apologized and asked how she could pay the money back. The case was assigned to Detective Michael Neilan who had followed up contacting the home health care aid and interviewing her. Detective Neilan spent several months going through each account which was opened by the suspect in the victim’s name and through each charge the suspect made. The investigation led back to 2013 with Detective Neilan sending out multiple subpoenas to different companies requesting records so all the charges could be identified. Finally on August 10, 2017 the suspect was charged with credit card fraud and theft in excess of \$50,000.00.

For his outstanding efforts and dedication to this case which helped secure charges against the suspect **Detective Michael Neilan** is awarded the Francis Dailey Investigative Excellence Award.

CHIEFS AWARD

Kevin Langereis

THE EAGLE AWARD

The Florham Park Police Department Eagle Award is voted upon by his/her peers. The award goes to an employee who displays loyalty to duty and constant devotion to the police department’s mission.

This employee is one that comes to work each and every day motivated and displays leadership traits that builds team spirit and unity.

This year's 2017 Eagle Award to Patrolman **Daniel Bundschuh**.

2018 Municipal Budget Presentation:

Mayor Taylor indicated that we would now move on to the Municipal Budget Presentation. He introduced Councilman Malone.

Councilman Malone made a brief introductory statement. He stated that last year he had to refute an article in the Florham Park Eagle because it was believed that things were not transparent in the budget process. I would like to take you through the budget process for this year. The budget process started in July of last year. CFO Patrice Visco and Borough Administrator Bill Huyler began meeting with each Department Head to see what their wish list was. October of last year was our first Finance Council meeting. The meeting consisted of Bill Huyler, Myself, Councilman Carpenter and Patrice Visco and Jon Rheinhardt. We went through the process to get a first cut to see where we were with the budget numbers; from there we moved into January 2018. The budget is a little more solidified; numbers start falling into place. At that time it looked like the Borough was at a budget of 4.1% budget increase from the previous year. The internal goal is to target around a 2% budget increase each year. In prior years we were required to adhere to the 2%. In order to get to that level we would have to cut \$287,447.00 out of the budget. Then in February we met again; we were looking at a 4.41% increase. In order to get to 2% we would have to cut out \$331,147.00 of the budget. Again we are also continuously looking at the numbers and refining them. Not every Council member or Department Head gets everything they want. We discussed shooting for at 2.5% budget increase for this year. After that CFO Patrice Visco made a budget presentation to all Council members in a public meeting. The budget was introduced in March and here we are in April with a more detailed review and Budget Hearing. The annual budget is the culmination of a very long process of our Council and Professionals. I now present Patrice Visco to provide some highlights with regard to the 2018 Municipal Budget.

CFO Patrice Visco gave a presentation on the budget. Some highlights were:

- Revenues stagnant for 2018 with the exception of UCC; UCC revenues continue to remain strong
- Overall the Borough saw some small increases in revenues and some small decreases in some areas.

- We anticipated \$75,000 less in sewer fund balance this year; past years we backed off our reliance on a sewer fund balance of \$50,000. This year we reviewed it and backed off \$75,000 to be a little more aggressive. It will be reviewed each year.
- We had zero increase in pharmacy and dental insurance this year; there was a 6.5% increase in medical insurance which is an increase of 4.75% for overall insurance; we anticipated the increase.
- Employee contribution towards health insurance for the year is \$536,000 under Chapter 78; employees contribute based on their salary
- Library 1/3 Mill statutory requirement increased this year by 7.8% this year. This is a calculation based on the average of the assessed equalized value of properties for the last three years. We are statutorily required to provide this funding.
- Discussed other items such as fund balance, local revenues, interest income, state aid, grant income, other special items, hotel tax, delinquent taxes, appropriations, salaries and wages, medical insurance, statutory expenses, ie pensions and other expenses.
- Jon Rheinhardt discussed the debt plan; we are on target. Every year since August 2011 we revisit the debt plan. The debt service slides off as we pay it. We are following the plan pretty closely.
- Discussed annual state mandated training and the Police Department. Chief Orlando re-organized the Police Department; training will now be done largely by the Police Dept. He eliminated a sergeant and promoted an officer to lieutenant. As a result 75% of the training will now be done by the shift lieutenant's which will increase overtime and compensatory time which was incurred in the past.
- Discussed Other state mandated training:
 - State Land Use
 - Environmental Regulations;
 - Miscellaneous Spending Mandates – Legal Advertisements
- Provided Property Tax Breakdown:
 - 55% - Schools
 - 26% - Municipality

- 17% - County of Morris
- 2% - Library

- Discussed Average assessed home
\$658,200

Average Increase in Property Taxes:

\$183.84 or \$15.00 per month per household

- All budget documents will be on the State Website.

Councilman Malone provided a closing statement regarding the 2018 budget. He stated that overall trends are favorable. We approach things with an overall spirit of conservatism and how we handle finances. UCC fees are being kept neutral at this time; that may change during the year. Industry wide costs are something we have to constantly deal with; medical, dental, statutory library rate, salary and pension increases. We are keeping the increase at 2% despite these factors with zero impact on Services. We have a vibrant and growing community and have a low tax base in Morris County. We maintain a Triple A bond rating, which is the highest rating you can get. We are one of only 16 municipalities in the State of NJ to maintain that rating. It's a terrific budget and a job well done by all. Councilman Malone thanked CFO Patrice Visco, Budget Consultant Jon Rheinhardt, Council Members as well as the Tax Assessor and the Department Heads for their input and work on it as well. (Applause)

Mayor Taylor asked if there were any questions/comments during this public hearing on the budget. The following persons wished to be heard:

Paul Chase, 48 Orchard Road

He thanked the Borough for a job well done on the Borough and the aggressive approach

He asked about the outlook for valuations in the next 2-4 years?

Patrice Visco thinks they may increase. There are projects coming on board this year. Pulte Homes, Archer Hotel and MD Anderson, Sun Valley. Councilman Malone stated the Borough is in a favorable position. There is a lot of assessed value, especially on Park Avenue.

Asked the effect of the Tax Appeals; Mr. Bell stated that Florham Park is lucky to have the team that is aggressively working on Tax Appeals. There is one significant one they are working on for a hotel. CFO Visco stated we have a tax appeal reserve.

Councilman Malone stated valuations in the Borough are at \$3.3 billion; that is net of tax appeals. The number has gone up, net of tax appeals.

Questioned health care costs; asked if retirees get lifetime benefits.

Right now there are only 5 employees are eligible for lifetime benefits. There are retirees right now who receive lifetime benefits.

John Winters, 32 Brooklake Road

Asked about the tax rate

Patrice stated we are coming in at 1.492; which includes schools.

Councilman Malone stated we have no control over the school budget.

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

Mayor Taylor stated he would like to go back to some Ordinances for approval while they wait for Council President Cefolo-Pane to phone in on the budget vote.

ORDINANCES FOR 1ST READING

Councilman Germershausen read Ordinance # 18-9 by title as follows and moved for adoption on First Reading:

BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK
COUNTY OF MORRIS
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE # 18-9

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK, COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK IN ORDER TO CREATE A MF-9 MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONE, AND IN ORDER TO RE-ZONE CERTAIN PROPERTIES TO THE MF-9 MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONE.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Zuckerman.

Roll Call Vote:

Council Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Comments
Cefolo-Pane				X	
Germershausen	X				
Carpenter	X				
Malone	X				
Zuckerman	X				
Michalowski				X	
Total	4			2	

Councilman Germershausen stated that the above Ordinance was introduced and read by title at this regular meeting held on April 19, 2018. He further stated that the Council would consider this ordinance for a second reading and final passage on May 17, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. prevailing time in the Municipal Building. He asked the Borough Clerk to publish the proper notice and to post the ordinance on the bulletin board in the Municipal building.

Councilman Germershausen moved for approval of the Ordinance on first reading, seconded by Councilman Malone.

Roll Call Vote:

Council Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Comments
Cefolo-Pane				X	
Germershausen	X				
Carpenter					
Malone	X				
Zuckerman	X				
Michalowski				X	
Total	4			2	

Councilman Germershausen read Ordinance # 18-10 by title as follows and moved for adoption on First Reading:

**BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK
COUNTY OF MORRIS
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE # 18-10**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK, COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK IN ORDER TO CREATE A MF-8 MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONE, AND IN ORDER TO RE-ZONE CERTAIN PROPERTIES TO THE MF-8 MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONE.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Zuckerman.

Roll Call Vote:

Council Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Comments
Cefolo-Pane				X	
Germershausen	X				
Carpenter					
Malone	X				
Zuckerman	X				
Michalowski				X	
Total	4			2	

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Councilman Germershausen moved for approval of the Ordinance on first reading, seconded by Councilman Malone.

Roll Call Vote:

Council Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Comments
Cefolo-Pane				X	
Germershausen	X				
Carpenter					
Malone	X				
Zuckerman	X				
Michalowski				X	
Total	4			2	

Mayor Taylor stated that Council President Cefolo-Pane was now on the phone to vote on the budget. He asked Councilman Malone to proceed with the Budget Resolution.

BUDGET RESOLUTIONS FOR APPROVAL:

18-71 Adoption of the 2018 Municipal Budget

Councilman Malone read Resolution # 18-71 and asked the Clerk to read the Resolution in its entirety into the record as follows:



**BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK
RESOLUTION #18-71
BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK
COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Florham Park, County of Morris that the budget herein before set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of: \$12,917,919.79 for municipal purposes and \$1,138,376.00 Minimum Library Levy.

Council Approval: April 19, 2018

Mark Taylor, Mayor

Attest:

Sheila Williams, Municipal Clerk

Councilman Malone made a motion to approve the Resolution as read. The motion was seconded by Councilman Germershausen

Roll Call Vote:

Council Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Comments
Cefolo-Pane	X				Voted via telephone
Germershausen	X				
Carpenter	X				
Malone	X				
Michalowski				X	
Zuckerman	X				
Total	5			1	

Mayor Taylor stated the Council was now going back for Ordinances for 1st Reading as follows:

ORDINANCES FOR 1ST READING

Councilman Carpenter read Ordinance # 18-11 by title as follows and moved for adoption on First Reading:

**BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK
ORDINANCE # 18-11**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK, COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK IN ORDER TO CREATE A MF-6 MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONE, AND IN ORDER TO RE-ZONE CERTAIN PROPERTIES TO THE MF-6 MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONE.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Germershausen

Roll Call Vote:

Council Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Comments
Cefolo-Pane				X	
Germershausen	X				
Carpenter					
Malone			X		
Zuckerman	X				
Michalowski	X			X	
Total	3		1	2	

Councilman Carpenter stated that the above Ordinance was introduced and read by title at this regular meeting held on April 19, 2018. He further stated that the Council would consider this ordinance for a second reading and final passage on May 17, 2018 at

6:30 p.m. prevailing time in the Municipal Building. He asked the Borough Clerk to publish the proper notice and to post the ordinance on the bulletin board in the Municipal building.

Councilman Carpenter moved for approval of the Ordinance on first reading, seconded by Councilman Germershausen

Roll Call Vote:

Council Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Comments
Cefolo-Pane				X	
Germershausen	X				
Carpenter					
Malone	X		X		
Zuckerman	X				
Michalowski				X	
Total	3		1	2	

Councilman Carpenter read Ordinance # 18-12 by title as follows and moved for adoption on First Reading:

**BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK
COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE # 18-12**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE MAXIMUM IMPROVED LOT COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE R-7 ONE FAMILY RESIDENCE RESIDENTIAL ZONE

The motion was seconded by Councilman Germershausen

Roll Call Vote:

Council Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Comments
Cefolo-Pane				X	
Germershausen	X				
Carpenter	X				
Malone			X		
Zuckerman	X				
Michalowski				X	
Total	3		1	2	

Councilman Carpenter stated that the above Ordinance was introduced and read by title at this regular meeting held on April 19, 2018. He further stated that the Council would consider this ordinance for a second reading and final passage on May 17, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. prevailing time in the Municipal Building. He asked the Borough Clerk to publish the proper notice and to post the ordinance on the bulletin board in the Municipal building.

Councilman Carpenter moved for approval of the Ordinance on first reading, seconded by Councilman Germershausen

Roll Call Vote:

Council Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Comments
Cefolo-Pane				X	
Germershausen	X				
Carpenter					
Malone			X		
Zuckerman	X				
Michalowski	X			X	
Total	3		1	2	

Councilman Malone read Ordinance # 18-13 by title as follows and moved for adoption on First Reading:

**BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK
COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE # 18-13**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO ACCEPT A DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY

The motion was seconded by Councilman Carpenter

Roll Call Vote:

Council Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Comments
Cefolo-Pane				X	
Germershausen	X				
Carpenter	X				
Malone	X				
Zuckerman	X				
Michalowski				X	
Total	4			2	

Councilman Malone stated that the above Ordinance was introduced and read by title at this regular meeting held on April 19, 2018. He further stated that the Council would consider this ordinance for a second reading and final passage on May 17, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. prevailing time in the Municipal Building. He asked the Borough Clerk to publish the proper notice and to post the ordinance on the bulletin board in the Municipal building.

Councilman Malone moved for approval of the Ordinance on first reading, seconded by Councilman Carpenter.

Roll Call Vote:

Council Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Comments
Cefolo-Pane				X	
Germershausen	X				
Carpenter	X				
Malone	X				
Zuckerman	X				
Michalowski				X	
Total	4			2	

RESOLUTIONS FOR APPROVAL - CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman Germershausen made a motion to approve the following Consent Agenda Resolutions listed on the Agenda via a single motion of the Council.

- # 18-59 Amending Schedule of Service Charges for the Sewer Utility
- # 18-62 Authorizing a Tax Lien Redemption, Block 2409 Lot 19
- # 18-63 Authorizing Florham Park Police Officer Police Unity Tour Participation
- # 18-64 Authorizing a Sidewalk Café License for Lucco Bar
- # 18-65 Authorizing hiring a PT Building / Commercial Zoning Inspector
- # 18-66 Authorizing hiring a PT Administrative Assistant, Building Dept.
- # 18-67 Authorizing 2018 Salaries for PT Employees
- # 18-68 Authorizing Cancellation of Ordinance # 06-03
- # 18-69 Authorizing Cancellation of Ordinance # 14-05
- # 18-70 Authorizing a Tax Lien Redemption, Block 2303, Lot 14

The motion was seconded by Councilman Malone

Roll Call Vote:

Council Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Comments
Cefolo-Pane				X	
Germershausen	X				
Carpenter	X				
Malone					
Michalowski	X				
Zuckerman	X			X	
Total	4			2	

Payment of Vouchers:

Councilman Malone read a summary of the current bills list and made a motion to approve it in the amount \$373,298.51. The motion was seconded by Councilman Zuckerman

Roll Call Vote:

Council Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Comments
Cefolo-Pane				X	
Germershausen	X				
Carpenter	X				
Malone					
Michalowski	X				
Zuckerman	X			X	
Total	4			2	

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Mayor Taylor opened the meeting to the Public at 7:45 p.m.

Mr. Paul Chase, 48 Orchard Road

Had a question on Ordinance 18-13 regarding land donation to the Borough. Mr. Chase asked if it would be better for the Borough to keep the land on the tax rolls for the property tax revenue?

Mayor Taylor and Councilman Carpenter indicated that it would be too hard to develop that property; no sewer

Councilman Malone stated that it is a .03% impact on the budget to take off the rolls

John Winters, 32 Brooklake Road

Mr. Winters asked if we were losing the Gerber tax appeal? Attorney Joseph Bell stated “no”. Mayor Taylor stated that Mr. Gerber is going to Virginia.

Mr. Malone stated that negative press is received when a company leaves; no positive press when companies arrive.

Mr. Winters inquired about Resolutions #18-65, #18-66. He asked if they are newly created positions.

Mayor Taylor stated they were new positions; salaries are being paid out of UCC fees. That is a very busy Department!

Lee Goldberg, Arrowhead Road

Mr. Goldberg stated that the meeting and budget presentation was excellent!

Mr. Goldberg stated he came to his 1st meeting last month regarding the road by Morris County Golf Course. He asked if there was any addition information on that?

Attorney Joseph Bell stated it looks like it will be a tri-party agreement if they can negotiate it. They will resurface the road; however, Florham Park will not maintain or plow it going forward.

Mr. Goldberg also asked if there is an Ordinance regarding small cell towers?

Mayor Taylor stated that the Borough passed an Ordinance regarding cell towers approximately one year ago.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Taylor asked the Council for a motion to adjourn.

It was regularly moved by Councilman Malone and seconded by Councilman Germershausen that the meeting be adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila A. Williams, R.M.C.
Borough Clerk
May 10, 2018