



**Borough of Florham Park
Borough Council Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2019**

Council President Carpenter called the Regular Meeting of the Borough Council to order at 5:00 p.m. He asked the Clerk if the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act had been met. Borough Clerk Sheila Williams 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. Williams 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.

Council President Carpenter asked the Borough Clerk to call the roll as follows:

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

Additional Borough Officials present were Administrator William Huyler, Borough Clerk Sheila Williams and Borough Attorney Joseph Bell.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Council President Carpenter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Carpenter stated that the Council would need to go into Executive Session in a few moments; however, he would like to move things around a little on the Agenda. He stated he would start with the reading of a Proclamation as follows:

EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION:

19-172 Authorizing Council to Enter into Executive Session

Councilman Malone made a motion to approve Resolution # 19-172

The motion was seconded by Councilman Germershausen.

Vote:

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

Council entered into Executive Session at 5:05 p.m.

Council Returned to the Regular Meeting at 6:30 p.m. Motion to re-open the meeting by Cefolo-Pane, Seconded by Councilman Germershausen.

Vote:

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

Council President Carpenter 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:

- Notice of Absence of the Mayor December 12 & 13, 2019
- Notice of Ordinance Introduction, Morris Township, Amending Ch. 95

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Council President Carpenter asked for a motion to approve the following meeting minutes:

- November 21, 2019 Regular Meeting

Councilwoman Cefolo-Pane made a motion to approve the minutes as stated above.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Germershausen

Vote:

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

COUNCIL PORTFOLIO UPDATES

Council President Carpenter asked if there was anything pressing that the Council would like to report.

Councilwoman Cefolo-Pane provided the following report:

Seniors had their holiday luncheon at the Hanover Manor; it was well attended.

Council President Carpenter provided the following report:

Police Department:

New Officers will be sworn in to their new ranks at the first meeting in January

Engineering:

We received \$350,000 NJDOT Grant for the replacement of sidewalks and repaving of Briarwood Road, and the replacement of the Ridgedale/Briarwood Road Traffic Signal

Councilman Germershausen Provided the Following Report:

Nothing to Report.

Councilman Malone provided the following report:

- Basketball/Tennis Court project; will be going out to bid on that shortly with the help of Engineer Mike Sgaramella
- Recreation has many events going on; there is a current newsletter that outlines their events.

Councilman Zuckerman provided the following report:

The Environmental Commission met to discuss the use of plastics. More to come on that shortly.

Councilman Michalowski provided the following report:

Library:

- Joan Hipp reception at the Library on December 1st was well attended.
- A replacement has been hired for Joan.

Water Utility:

- Inspections for the confined spaces has been re-scheduled for 12/26. Obtaining a confined space report for Water and Sewer Facilities to update actual confined spaces for the Madison Fire Department who will be responsible for any confined space rescues.
- The new high/low water alarm for the Tower Lane water tank based on cellular communication technology has been getting configured over the past two weeks, and still has issues being worked out. This alarm and monitor equipment will provide monitor readings directly to Water Superintendent's and on-call person's cell phone.
- A County Road Opening Permit was received to repair an isolated water main break within the southwest right turn lane at the Columbia Turnpike/Ridgedale Avenue intersection. This will be scheduled on a relatively warm winter day.
- Water Department has completed winterizing all Borough recreation facilities including the Municipal Pool, except for two fields.
- Daily and Weekly Duties completed.

Sewer Utility:

- Mayor and Council will be considering resolution for the promotion of Dean Herman to Assistant Plant Manager.
- Inspections for the confined spaces has been re-scheduled for 12/26. Obtaining a confined space report for Water and Sewer Facilities to update actual confined spaces for the Madison Fire Department who will be responsible for any confined space rescues.
- Annual Jet Truck for maintenance cleaning of sewer lines throughout the Borough has been completed.
- Five (5) quotes for the upgrades to the SCADA system were received. Dean, Suzanne, and myself are reviewing. The existing system is considered obsolete after 12 years of service and needs to be upgraded. It is very difficult to find replacement PLC's.
- First round of interviews have been completed for the positions for Lab Manager and Plant Manager.
- Daily and Weekly Duties completed.

RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL

19-166 Authorizing the Hire of a Patrol Officer, FP Police Department

Councilman Malone made a motion to approve Resolution # 19-166 appointing Kyle Kepler as a Patrol Officer in the Florham Park Police Department effective January 1, 2020. He asked the Borough Clerk to read the Resolution into the Record. So moved.

The Motion was seconded by Councilman Germershausen

Vote:

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

Council President Carpenter asked Officer Kepler to step up to be sworn in by the Clerk. Officer Kepler was sworn in by Borough Clerk Williams.

ORDINANCE FOR SECOND READING

19-16 **Amending Chapter 25, Fire Department Qualifications**

Councilman Zuckerman read a summary of Ordinance # 19-16 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 November 21, 2019 and is being presented for consideration of final adoption as follows:

**BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK
ORDINANCE #19-16**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE
OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 25, FIRE DEPARTMENT, OF THE CODE OF THE
BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK**

Council President Carpenter asked Borough Clerk Sheila Williams to read a summary of the legal notice.

Borough Clerk Sheila Williams 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.

Council President Carpenter 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 Zuckerman 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 Malone.

Roll Call Vote:

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

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

19-17 Authorizing Establishing a Self-Insurance Plan

Councilman Malone read a summary of Ordinance # 19-17 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 November 21, 2019 and is being presented for consideration of final adoption as follows:

ORDINANCE #19-17

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND ESTABLISHING A
SELF-INSURANCE PLAN AND FUND FOR EMPLOYEE
HEALTH BENEFITS AND CREATING A BOARD OF FUND
COMMISSIONERS AS REQUIRED BY LAW**

Council President Carpenter asked Borough Clerk Sheila Williams to read a summary of the legal notice.

Borough Clerk Sheila Williams 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.

Council President Carpenter 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
Carpenter	X				
Germershausen	X				
Cefolo-Pane	X				
Malone	X				
Zuckerman	X				
Michalowski	X				
Total	6				

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

Councilwoman Cefolo-Pane read a summary of Ordinance # 19-18 and moved for its adoption. She stated that the Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a regular meeting of the Borough Council held on November 21, 2019 and is being presented for consideration of final adoption as follows:

**BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK
ORDINANCE #19-18**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 188, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK, SECTION 188-23 B.(8) GOVERNING MAINTENANCE OF RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY AND THE MAINTENANCE AND SECURITY OF SITES UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Council President Carpenter asked Borough Clerk Sheila Williams to read a summary of the legal notice.

Borough Clerk Sheila Williams 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.

Council President Carpenter 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.

ADD COMMENTS FROM ANDY FIORE! YOU'S

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

Councilwoman Cefolo-Pane 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 Michalowski

Roll Call Vote:

Council Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Comments
Carpenter	X				
Germershausen			X		
Cefolo-Pane	X				
Malone					Recused from Matter
Zuckerman	X				
Michalowski	X				
Total	4		1		1

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

19-19 Authorizing an Amendment to Water Connection Fees

Councilman Michalowski read a summary of Ordinance # 19-19 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 November 21, 2019 and is being presented for consideration of final adoption as follows:

**BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK
MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE # 19-19
ESTABLISHING A WATER CONNECTION FEE
FOR THE BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK**

Council President Carpenter asked Borough Clerk Sheila Williams to read a summary of the legal notice.

Borough Clerk Sheila Williams 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.

Council President Carpenter 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 Michalowski 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
Carpenter	X				
Germershausen			X		
Cefolo-Pane	X				
Malone					Recused from Matter
Zuckerman	X				
Michalowski	X				
Total	4		1		1

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

19-20 Authorizing Acceptance of a Donation of Property

Councilman Malone read a summary of Ordinance # 19-17 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 November 21, 2019 and is being presented for consideration of final adoption as follows:

**BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK
COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE # 19-20**

**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**

Council President Carpenter asked Borough Clerk Sheila Williams to read a summary of the legal notice.

Borough Clerk Sheila Williams 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.

Council President Carpenter 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
Carpenter	X				
Germershausen	X				
Cefolo-Pane	X				
Malone	X				
Zuckerman	X				
Michalowski	X				
Total	6				

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

CONSENT AGENDA –RESOLUTIONS FOR APPROVAL

Councilman Malone made a motion to approve the above listed Resolutions via a single motion of the Council. He asked the Clerk to read the Resolutions into the Record.

- # 19-161 Authorizing Sidewalk Café Licenses for 2020
- # 19-162 Authorizing Amusement & Recreation Licenses for 2020
- # 19-163 Authorizing Towing/Wrecking Licenses for 2020
- # 19-164 Authorizing Limousine Licenses for 2020
- # 19-165 Authorizing Amusement Device Licenses for 2020
- # 19-167 Authorizing an Agreement with Twp. of Millburn Animal Control
- # 19-168 Authorizing Budget Transfers Between Appropriations
- # 19-169 Authorizing the Hire of an Asst. Plant Mgr., FP Sewer Utility
- # 19-170 Authorizing the Hire of a Senior Center Supervisor
- # 19-171 Authorizing the Hire of a Per Diem Fire Inspector
- # 19-173 Authorizing the Hire of a Recreation Basketball Supervisor

The motion was seconded by Councilman Germershausen

Roll Call Vote:

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

Payment of Vouchers:

Councilman Malone read a summary of the current bills list and made a motion to approve it in the amount \$589,815.20. The motion was seconded by Councilman Germershausen.

Vote:

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Council President Carpenter opened the meeting to the public. The following members of the public wished to be heard:

Andy Fiore, Nottingham Drive

Mr. Fiore expressed some concerns about the new ordinance for contractors and property maintenance. He stated that they try and keep the sites clean.

Seeing no more members of the public who wished to be heard, Council President Carpenter closed the meeting to the Public.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was regularly moved by Councilman Malone and seconded by Councilwoman Cefolopane that the meeting be adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila A. Williams, R.M.C.
Borough Clerk
December 17, 2019