



## Borough of Florham Park Borough Council Meeting Minutes January 23, 2020

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Mayor Taylor called the Regular Meeting of the Borough Council to order at 6:30 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.

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

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

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

### Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Taylor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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:

- Notice of Ordinance Adoption, Twp. of Hanover, Amending Ch. 95, Land Use
- Notice, Borough of Madison, Regarding Postponement of a Public Scoping Hearing scheduled for January 23, 2020

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Mayor Taylor asked for a motion to approve the following meeting minutes:

- January 7, 2020 Reorganization Meeting

Councilman Germershausen made a motion to approve the minutes as stated above.

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cefolo-Pane.

Vote:

Council Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Comments
Malone	X				
Germershausen	X				
Cefolo-Pane	X				
Carpenter	X				
Zuckerman			X		
Santoro	X				
Total	5		1		

APPOINTMENTS/OATH OF OFFICE:

Florham Park Police:

Mayor Taylor stated that seven (7) members of the Police Department are being promoted tonight. He recognized all of the Police Officers, their families and many former Police Officers and Chiefs who were in the audience. Mayor Taylor asked all of the former Police Officers to stand up to be recognized by the public. He thanked them all for coming and for everything they have done for the Borough of Florham Park.

Mayor Taylor asked Councilman Carpenter to proceed with the Police promotions.

➤ **Florham Park Police Department:**

- Karl Svenningsen                      Captain
- Brian Ford                                Detective/Lieutenant
- Chris D'Ambola                        Lieutenant
- Brian Sampson                         Lieutenant
- Brian Mensing                         Sergeant
- Joel Phillips                             Sergeant
- Daniel Bundschuh                     Sergeant

Councilman Carpenter made a motion to appoint the officers. The motion was seconded by Council President Malone

**Vote:**

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

Borough Clerk Sheila Williams administered the oath of office to each officer individually with their families.

Mayor Taylor congratulated all of the officers on their promotions.

➤ **Florham Park Fire Department:**

Mayor Taylor stated that there was a new member being appointed this evening for the Fire Department. He asked the Council for a motion.

Councilman Carpenter made a motion to Appoint Shawn Reu as a regular firefighter effective immediately. The motion was seconded by Councilman Zuckerman

Vote:

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

Mayor Taylor asked stated that Mr. Reu would be sworn in by the Borough Clerk in her office at a later date.

### COUNCIL PORTFOLIO UPDATES

#### Council President Charles Malone provided the following report:

Council President Malone stated that there is a Resolution # 2-32 on the agenda tonight to approve a bid award for the tennis court and basketball court rehabilitation project at Emmett Park. A large majority of that was budgeted for in previous years. They are both significantly aged and posed a liability and a hazard to people using them. There were problems such as cracks in the basketball court; retaining wall issues and drain issues. Lines for four pickle ball courts will also be drawn on the tennis courts. Seniors have indicated an interest in this activity.

Consent Agenda Resolution # 20-41 is authorizing the Planning Board to conduct an investigation of certain properties in the Borough. They are listed by lot and block number; however, they are generally known as 50 and 60 Hanover Road, which is the ASCO property. Also, a number of water and sewer sites are being looked at. The idea is to investigate if they could possibly benefit from a redevelopment. We are authorizing the Planning Board to investigate only at this time.

#### Councilman Germershausen provided the following report:

#### Historic Preservation Commission:

The Historic Preservation held elections and the following members were elected:

-  Suzanne Herold, President
-  Patrick Dolan, Vice-President
-  Rosemary Picone – Secretary

The Little Red Schoolhouse is going to be open 6 hours per month; required by County to be open 72 hours per year.

Commission is also applying for a Grant this year for work on the exterior of the building. We will need a 40% match for that.

**Councilwoman Cefolo-Pane provided the following report:**

**Planning Board:**

- The Planning Board memorialized and finalized the Palmont Associates application for 147 Columbia Turnpike.
- The next Planning Board meeting has been cancelled because there wasn't anything on the agenda; next meeting is February 10.

**Gazebo Committee:**

- The Committee has selected 10 bands. We are trying to get them to coordinate with our schedule. There will be a total of seven (7) concerts; no concert on Father's Day weekend. Also, no concert on July 5, because the 4<sup>th</sup> of July is on Saturday.

**Councilman Carpenter:**

- Fire Department has 455 calls for service; increase of 29 call increase from 2018, 42 call increase from 2017
- Police Department had 38,621 CAD entries; 33,791 in 2018; an increase of 4,830
- First Aid Squad had 1,174 calls in 2019; additional 61 calls by the County handling 54 shifts which I one day a week for a 12 hour period. In 2018 the Squad handled 1,252 calls and the County only handled an additional 8 calls.

**Councilman Zuckerman provided the following report:**

The Pool Committee held a meeting on Saturday. They revised the Pool fee Ordinance which is on the Agenda for First Reading tonight.

**Councilwoman Santoro provided the following report:**

The Library Board meet the other evening and held their elections. It was a very brief meeting. Officials elected as follows:

Donna Rose, President  
 Lou Gaydosh – Treasurer  
 Joe Guerin -Secretary

**ORDINANCE FOR FIRST READING**

**# 20-1 Establishing 2020 Municipal Pool Registration Fees**

Councilman Zuckerman read Ordinance # 20-1 by title as follows and moved for adoption on First Reading

The motion was seconded by Councilman Germershausen

**BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK  
 ORDINANCE # 20-1**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 216 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK TO REVISE REGISTRATION FEES FOR THE 2020 FLORHAM PARK MUNICIPAL POOL**

Vote:

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

Councilman Zuckerman stated that the above Ordinance was introduced and read by title at this regular meeting held on January 23, 2020. He further stated that the Council would consider this ordinance for a second reading and final passage on February 20, 2020 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 Zuckerman moved for approval of the Ordinance on first reading.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Germershausen

Vote:

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

# 20-02      Establishing Recreation Summer Program Fees

Council President Malone read Ordinance # 20-2 by title as follows and moved for adoption on First Reading:

**BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK  
ORDINANCE #20-2**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SUMMER PROGRAM FEES FOR THE YEAR 2020 IN THE  
BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK**

The motion was seconded by Councilman Carpenter

Vote:

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

Council President Malone stated that the above Ordinance was introduced and read by title at this regular meeting held on January 23, 2020. He further stated that the Council would consider this ordinance for a second reading and final passage on February 20, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. prevailing time in the Municipal Building. She asked the Borough Clerk to publish the proper notice and to post the ordinance on the bulletin board in the Municipal building.

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

Vote:

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

## CONSENT AGENDA –RESOLUTIONS FOR APPROVAL

Council President Malone made a motion to approve the presented Resolutions via a single motion of the Council. He asked the Clerk to read the Resolutions into the Record.

- # 20-23 Authorizing Salary Changes for Dispatchers, FPPD
- # 20-24 Authorizing Salary Change for Assistant to the Clerk
- # 20-25 Authorizing a Salary Change for Engineering Asst./Dep. Zoning
- # 20-26 Appointing Guiseppe Bassolino as Field Supervisor, DPW
- # 20-27 Authorizing a Sidewalk Café License, Florham Park Pizza
- # 20-28 Authorizing Participation in the Law Enforcement Support Office
- # 20-29 Authorizing Various Appointments, Florham Park Police Dept.
- # 20-30 Authorizing an Annual Stipend for the Borough Engineer
- # 20-31 Authorizing an Appointment of a Laboratory Manager, FPSU
- # 20-32 Authorizing a Bid Award for Reconstruction of Emmett Park Tennis and Basketball Courts Project
- # 20-33 Authorizing appointment of a Per Diem Basketball Site Supervisor
- # 20-34 Authorizing a Soil Permit for Parc North, LLC
- # 20-35 Authorizing a Contract Award to Supreme Security Systems
- # 20-36 Authorizing a Contract Award to Keystone Preservation Group
- # 20-37 Authorizing a Lien Redemption for Block 3901, Lot 1.182
- # 20-38 Authorizing a 2020 Temporary Municipal Budget
- # 20-39 Authorizing an Addendum to the Agreement for the Provision of Energy Services Supply
- # 20-41 Authorizing the Planning Board to Conduct an Investigation To Determine if an Area is in Need of Redevelopment



The motion was seconded by Councilman Carpenter

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**Payment of Vouchers:**

Council President Malone read a summary of the current bills list and made a motion to approve it in the amount \$4,952,749.64.. The motion was seconded by Councilman Germershausen.

**Vote:**

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

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

Mayor Taylor opened the meeting to the public. The following members of the public wished to be heard:

John Winters, 32 Brooklake Road

Mr. Winters had some questions regarding items on the Agenda. He asked if the Council was going to inform the public that the reason the summer fees are going up is due to minimum wage increase.

Mr. Malone indicated that is why he outlined the reason for the fee increase in his preamble.

Mr. Winters questioned the increases in salaries. Mr. Huyler stated they had to increase the dispatcher's salaries, because they were not staying employe with the Borough because the salaries were too low. Also, the Assistant to the Clerk salary was adjusted due to inequities with other administrative staff.

Mr. Huyler stated regarding the DPW Field Supervisor position has been vacant for 2 years. Joe Bassolino went to school to obtain the required certifications and has now been placed in that position.

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

Mayor Taylor stated that Carol Bianchi from JCP&L was in attendance just to say hello. Ms. Bianchi introduced herself. She left her contact information in case anyone needs to get in touch with her in the future.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

It was regularly moved by Council President Malone and seconded by Councilwoman Cefolo-Pane that the meeting be adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila A. Williams, R.M.C.  
Borough Clerk  
February 18, 2020