



Florham Park Borough Council
Thursday, February 6, 2020
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 Carpenter	X	
Councilman Germershausen	X	
Councilwoman Cefolo-Pane	X	
Councilman Malone	X	
Councilman Zuckerman	X	
Councilwoman Santoro	X	

COUNCIL PORTFOLIO UPDATES:

Councilman Carpenter provided the following report:

Florham Park First Aid Squad:

- Squad will have a meeting on February 10th to get a status update as to where we are.
- Four (4) new members were sworn in last month.

Fire Department:

- The Department will be hosting an “Open House” on 5/19
- Had a great meeting with Fairleigh Dickinson to discuss current issues
- 3 new fireman where sworn in
- PT Fire Inspector sworn in and ready to go

Police Department:

Councilman Carpenter reported some statistics regarding the FPPD as follows:

- 2018-2019 Summonses went from 3,308 to 4,071; represents a 23% increase
- 2018-2019 Arrests went from 212 to 302; represents a 42% increase

Department of Public Works:

- Guiseppe (Joe) Bassolino completed necessary Rutgers classes and has been promoted to Fields Supervisor.
- Joe is currently having meetings with our field consultant to discuss the turf needs for this year
- New bucket truck should arrive in early May
- OSHA inspection resulted in 17 violations, which is incredibly low given the size of the operation. All of the violations have been remediated.
- Met with MUA regarding timely pick-up of recycling in Florham Park
- MUA has new containers that repel bacteria

Engineering:

- Columbia/Crescent Road Intersection was turned on 1/27/2020 and is operational. Old traffic signal system has been demolished and removed from the site. Disturbed areas have been restored. The only outstanding item is the training for the Opticom Pre-Emption system. We are awaiting transmitters for vehicles. Once we get transmitters, we will set up training classes for Ambulance and Fire Departments.
- Campus Drive punchlist items have been completed except for minor pedestrian signal timing issue.
- Emmett Tennis and Basketball Courts Reconstruction Project was awarded to Halecon Construction. Contracts have been sent to Contractor for signature. We will be setting up Pre-Construction Meeting either next week or week thereafter.
- Attached is the 2020 5 year Road Improvement Capital Forecast. This is based on my annual inspection of roads. Roads are either moved up or down based upon their current condition. We have an issue with higher volume roads which were paved in 2008 due to the use of a deficient NJDOT Superpave mix. Crescent Road between Brooklake and Columbia lasted only 11 years, and was paved in 2019 as part of intersection project above. Riverside Drive between Braidburn and Rockwood had to be moved up in the schedule due to same reason. Crescent Road from Columbia to Hanover Road is also exhibiting accelerating deterioration and had to be moved up even though it was last paved in

2004. Typically, a surface course of pavement on a road has a life expectancy of 18-24 years depending on traffic volume. Lower Park Street has to be improved due to the installation of the sewer line from the Alfieri site. Carrigan Lane has re-entered the queue for 2021, since it is anticipated that the sewer line will be installed in 2020.

Councilman Germershausen provided the following report:

Historic Preservation Commission:

- The Little Red Schoolhouse will be open on Saturday from 9-3
- A Resolution for Grant approval will be on the next agenda for the Preservation of the Little Red Schoolhouse

Senior Housing:

Councilman Carpenter asked Councilman Germershausen if he had anything to report on Senior Housing.

- Councilman Germershausen stated that he doesn't know where he would put any housing because so much senior housing is being planned.

Councilwoman Cefolo-Pane provided the following report:

Senior Citizens:

- An Executive Board Meeting was held on February 5.
- The Seniors asked if they could have more than one person in the household have an ID Card for the Compactor. Mr. Huyler didn't see a problem with that.
- One member had questions about development in town and the impact it will have on Police, Fire and First Aid.

Florham Park Gazebo Committee:

- A Committee meeting will be held tonight at 7 pm.
- There will be 7 concerts this year from June 7th to August 2nd; no concert on Father's Day and 4th of July weekend.
- Committee currently working on lining up the bands

Planning Board:

No Planning Board meeting held; next meeting is 2/10/20.
The Sisters of Charity will need a few meetings to resolve their issues.

Council President Malone provided the following report:

Mr. Malone introduced resident Dominic Cardinale who was a new resident

Finance:

- A Finance Committee meeting was held prior to this Council meeting.

Recreation:

- Recreation Director John Timmons has a new draft of the Recreation Master Plan.
- New signs are coming to the fields and Borough Complex.
- Stobaues Trail in the works
- Bid award done for Emmett Park tennis and basketball courts project; should be underway soon

Parks & Recreation Director John Timmons provided the following information:

- Wrapping up the final month of the Basketball program; had 350+ kids
- Ski Club is almost full; 100 kids
- Registration for Camp and Men's softball opening up soon
- LRSB 3 & 4 Youth Basketball Tournament starting February 10; will run through February 26

Councilman Zuckerman provided the following report:

Board of Education:

- Councilman Zuckerman attended both the Work Session and Regular Meeting. The Superintendent stated that Florham Park grade scores were lower than other towns and they were going to work on that.
- They will be revising the school calendar due to upcoming construction

Environmental Commission:

Met with Princeton Hydro to discuss improvements we can do to Spring Garden Lake

Municipal Pool:

- Pool day will be the last Saturday in June; June 27

- 2020 Fee Ordinance will be approved at the next Council meeting; made some changes to those fees; most significant is changed individual membership age from 14 to 12 years old.

Councilwoman Santoro Provided the following report:

Library:

- The next Library Board meeting is February 17th and I will be attending.

Board of Health:

- Councilwoman Santoro attended a Board of Health meeting on February 5. They discussed concerns about outbreaks of the norovirus and flu at Brooklake Senior Living and Brighton Gardens.
- The Board discussed conditionals that were given to repeat offenders Nonna's and Hunan Wok.
- Seniors asked the Board of Health to do a presentation.

Water Utility:

- Received confined space inspection reports, and are reviewing to determine any safety requirements or upgrades at the noted confined spaces. Will coordinate with the Madison Fire Department since they are responsible for any confined space rescues.
- Water Operators, Alex, Kayla, and I received GIS Training on 2/5/2020 required as part of the NJDEP Water Quality Accountability Act. Water Operators will now be able to log in locations, defects, work orders, inspection notes, and other information into system while in the field. Kayla will record, update, and administer the Water GIS file. My intention is to expand to Sewer Department in the future.
- Alex, I, Penelope, and Patrice met to discuss the Water Meter Replacement Project. The project consists of purchasing approximately 1,500 meters from the Morris County Co-Op, and bidding out the installation as well as installation of an antenna on our water tower to obtain meter readings electronically without Water Operators having to retrieve them manually. I will start on Specifications next week, and the project will be advertised shortly thereafter.
- Well Rehabilitation and Transmission Project- NJ American Water has verbally committed to turn over ownership of approximately 3,000 LF of water main from the Ridgedale Avenue emergency interconnection to behind the ASCO facility where the interconnection will be relocated. This reduces the amount of pipe installation by the Borough required to get the well at the former Exxon

property online into the Borough's system. We are formulating an official request to NJAW to formalize the agreement. We are also in the process of setting up testing for 750 LF of 10" main from the well to the Connector Road on the Rockefeller site that traverses under wetlands. If this main is adequate, then it further reduces the amount of pipe installation by the Borough, and will avoid a difficult NJDEP wetland permit.

- Daily and Weekly Duties completed.

Sewer Utility:

- Ethan Yoder has accepted for the position of Laboratory Manager. He is due to start 4/1/2020 since he is relocating from the Chicago area. Suzanne is working to make sure he has all his paperwork into the NJDEP.
- Received confined space inspection reports, and are reviewing to determine any safety requirements or upgrades at the noted confined spaces. Will coordinate with the Madison Fire Department since they are responsible for any confined space rescues.
- Dean, Suzanne, and myself had a kick-off meeting with the SCADA installation company, PSI earlier this week. The existing system is considered obsolete after 12 years of service and needs to be upgraded. There is no anticipation of disruption of service during the installation of the new system. The installation will likely take 4 months to install. Parts will start to be ordered. Inspections to fine tune the design of the system will take place in the next few weeks.
- Daily and Weekly Duties completed.
- Councilwoman Santora is going to get a tour of the Sewer Plant.

PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS:

Councilman Malone made a motion to pay vouchers in the amount of \$185,097.59. 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				
Santoro	X				
Total	6				

Mayor Taylor opened the meeting to the Public at 7:00 p.m. The following members of the public wished to be heard:

Barbara Nevius, 89 West End Avenue

Ms. Nevius stated that the Newsletter was difficult to read in some spots, especially the dark blue. She asked that this be taken into consideration.

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 Zuckerman and seconded by Councilman Carpenter , the work session was adjourned by a unanimous vote at at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila A. Williams, R.M.C.
Borough Clerk
February 11, 2020