



Florham Park Borough Council
Thursday, March 1, 2018
Work Session Minutes

Mayor Taylor called the Work Session to order at 5:00 p.m. He asked the Borough Clerk for a roll call:

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

CFO Patrice Visco provided an overview of the 2018 Municipal Budget. She provided an overview of current fund revenue lines, summary of Expenses, i.e. salaries in various departments and utilities, pension, benefits, library charges, capital improvements, debt service. Stated the library payment had gone up this year.

Also discussed the average homeowner increase seems to be \$23.94 per year for the Municipal portion for the average homeowner.

Discussed Capital Projects that were wished for by the various departments for the year. Some it will come from our Capital Account and some of it will come from other sources.

Recreation: tennis and basketball courts need to be resurfaced, Stobaues trail (applying for a grant) signage, and also shelters at the fields

Fire Department: Put away \$100K last year and will be putting another \$100K away this year towards a new fire truck

DPW: Dump trucks, tractor, pick-ups, leaf-vac; some money in an Ordinance from 2012

Engineering:

- Street Paving
- Police Range
- Stormwater
- DPW Yard Cleaning
- Traffic Signal Improvements

Police:

Body Cameras and Camera Systems

Utilities:

- Still looking at these. Paving of Roosevelt Blvd, Water Utility had to break up the road to replace the watermain.
- 1200 homes have water meters that need to be upgraded
- Camera Inspection
- Building upgrades at the pool; rough estimate \$15,000 for painting and landscaping

Councilman Malone stated the overview was very well done. Initial increase was north of 4%; did a lot of work to take it down to 2%

Council asked a few clarification questions. Mrs. Visco stated she had the presentation if anyone needed further clarification on it.

Mayor Taylor thanked Ms. Visco and the budget committee for all the work they put forth on getting this information and working on the budget.

COUNCIL PORTFOLIO UPDATES:

Council President Cefolo-Pane provided the following report:

Gazebo Committee:

- Gazebo Committee is meeting tonight in the Library. Our concert schedule is set-up. We still have the same line-up; however, some of the dates have changed.

Planning Board:

- The Board approved Sports Clips, which will go in right near Firehouse Subs.
- The Board also approved a change in Tenancy and a residential major subdivision. Also Habit Burger, which will be where KFC is, has been approved. The building will undergo some major renovations. The plans look beautiful.

Senior Citizens Club:

- Seniors had a regular meeting this week; also attended the AARP meeting.
- Only 13 people have signed up for Borough sponsored transportation program; there are also two non-profit groups that are willing to provide transportation services to seniors for non-emergency medical and another within the Borough and points east and west.
- Seniors still working on getting their 501C3 status

Councilman Germershausen provided the following report:

- Nothing to report.

Councilman Carpenter provided the following report:

- The Police Department now has a Humvee; it will be used by the Resource Officer
- School security is a priority with our Police Department; they are currently working with the Board of Education on funding for hiring SLEO officers to provide armed security during the day
- The Police Department overtime has saved \$9,600 to date with the new structure in place
- Junior Police Academy is up to over 25%; maybe even higher now.

First Aid Squad:

- Their new rig was delivered; they expect to have it in service within the next couple of weeks. Will discuss re-purposing their old rig.

Department of Public Works:

- DPW working on spring clean-up, potholes and catch basin repairs and field prep

Fire Department:

- Fire Department has one new recruit to appoint soon and are interviewing others

Councilman Malone provided the following report:

Finance:

- A lot of time spent working on the budget preparing for this meeting

Recreation:

- School of Rock bus trip is March 10 to NYC
- Knights of Columbus St. Patrick's Day party is also that night and also the Morristown Parade is that afternoon
- FP Little League Opening Day is April 14th

Councilman Zuckerman provided the following report:

Board of Education:

- Attended a Board of Education work session; they will be hiring a consultant to improve upon the math program; trying to upgrade test scores
- Also looking at upgrading the Science program; gave a presentation; looking at resources for that

Environmental Commission:

- Working with Princeton Hydro on some projects for Spring Garden Lake
- Getting new members up to speed with what the Commission is working on

Municipal Pool:

Councilman Zuckerman stated:

There were questions about the Pool membership; 2016 the number of families were 243, in 2017 the number of families were 258 which was an increase of 15 families. For Seniors we had 124, 153 in 2017. Total membership for 1273 and for 2017 membership was 1288. Councilman Zuckerman stated there was an increase in 2017 to 108,000 membership fees not counting swim team and 116,000 in membership dollar fees; they had included swim team in last years. It was all in the report from Carl Ganger.

Going to be selling guest passes this year; a book of 6 passes will cost \$50.00; which equates to getting one extra day.

We also looked at how many pools that were coming in the Florham Park

Pool operating cash at the end of the year was \$281,000; the pool capital fund was \$215,051.

Councilman Malone said that the number of people is up and membership dollars are down. The total number of people has increased. Also, inground pools in town have increased. I think we need a greater analysis of this before increasing pool revenues by 2%. You have an increase in people. You are playing with money here. I think before allowing a 2% increase on our fees because some surrounding towns have done it, an analysis should be done.

Councilman Zuckerman stated he never said fees were going up 2%. The basic fees are the same.

Councilman Malone asked Mr. Zuckerman if he sent around an email saying fees were going up 2% because three surrounding towns were raising their fees.

Mr. Zuckerman stated that they did look at the fees for other surrounding towns. The fees are the same as they were last year. The only increase in Florham Park is in the late charges after May 31st.

Councilman Malone stated that he thinks the Borough needs to do more to market other services and bring special events there for additional revenue.

Councilman Zuckerman stated they are looking to make improvements to the building and the pool and are considering some additional events.

Councilman Malone stated that he doesn't think the Borough should spend a nickel on the pool until they determine if it is solvent or not.

Councilman. Zuckerman said we need to maintain the building. He wants to paint the back of the building. He has \$15,000.

Councilman Malone stated a marketing plan needs to be presented and further analysis of this is needed.

Borough Administrator William Huyler

- Hanover Park requested money for Project Graduation. Mr. Huyler stated if Council was okay with it the Borough would provide the same amount as last year.
- Banner request received from the Park Avenue Club; they are looking to put two banners up. One banner would be on Park Avenue and the Other would be on Campus Drive. Normally we only allow one. They are 4 x 8 banners. They are looking for new members. Temporary signs we usually allow to post for 30 days.

Councilman Carpenter made a motion to allow banners at the Park Avenue Club for 30 days. 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		
Michalowski				X	
Zuckerman	X				
Total	4		1	1	

PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS:

Councilman Malone made a motion to pay vouchers in the amount of \$369,326.55. The motion was seconded by Mr. Germershausen.

Roll Call Vote:

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Mayor Taylor opened the meeting for public comment.

Members of the Public who wished to be heard:

John Winters, 32 Brooklake Road made the following comments:

- Thanked the Borough Council for doing such a great job on the budget and thanked the Council for their aggressive approach to it.
- Stated that we need to have an aggressive program at the Pool to pay off the 20 year bond.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion made by Council President Cefolo-Pane and seconded by Councilman Zuckerman the work session was adjourned by a unanimous vote at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila A. Williams, R.M.C.
Borough Clerk
March 11, 2018