



## BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK January 3, 2019 Reorganization Meeting Minutes

### I. Call to Order

**MAYOR:** Happy New Year everyone and welcome to the 2019 Annual Reorganization Meeting. It is so nice to see everyone and I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. At this time, I would like to call to order the 2019 Reorganization meeting.

### Roll Call:

**MAYOR:** Mrs. Williams, may I have a roll call of the 2018 Council please?

Mrs. Williams: Councilman Germershausen, Councilman Malone, Councilman Michalowski, Councilman Zuckerman

### II. Open Public Meetings Act Announcement

**MAYOR:** Mrs. Williams, have all the requirements of the Open Public Meetings act been met?

**Williams:** Pursuant to NJSA 10:4-9, I hereby state for the record that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided to the public by posting the notice on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building as well as the timely publication of the Legal Notice in the Official Newspaper of the Borough.

**MAYOR:** Thank you Mrs. Williams.

### ***III. Acknowledgement of Guests***

**MAYOR:**

Before we begin our appointments, I would like to begin by wishing everyone a Happy & Healthy New Year. I would also like to acknowledge some of our distinguished guests in the audience:

We have with us this evening:

1. Superior Court Judge: The Honorable James DeMarzo
2. Father Thomas from Holy Family
3. Mrs. Carole Anderson – wife of Mayor Dale Anderson
4. Former Councilman Stan Wisnewski and Member of the Gazebo Committee and Environmental Commission.
5. Former Mayor Frank Tinari
6. Co-Chair of Planning Board, Jane Margulies
7. Mike Canilla from Planning and Zoning Boards
8. Ray Sarinelli, Borough Auditor
9. Freeholder Tom Mastrangelo
10. Freeholder-Elect Steve Shaw
11. Freeholder Heather Darling
12. Don Dinsmore, running for Freeholder
13. Frank Newman, Pool Manager

Also in attendance this evening are all of our Borough Department Heads and I also see many members of our volunteer organizations, our Senior Citizens, Fire Department, Florham Park First Aid, Recreation Volunteers and of course all of the wonderful volunteers of our boards, commissions and committees.

It is the collective efforts of all of you that make Florham Park such a nice place to live. It really is so nice to see everyone, I really appreciate you all for being here this evening. Before the evening begins, I would like to ask you all to stick around for a while after the meeting and enjoy some refreshments.

**\*\*\***Also, if you are sworn in this evening as a Borough Official, Board or Commission member, you must sign the Oath Book before leaving tonight. The Borough Clerk's Assistant, Lisa DiTaranto, will have the oath book for you to sign on your way out in the hallway outside of the Council Chambers.

**MAYOR:** At this time I would like to recognize the following people who are going to assist us with our ceremony this evening.

We have the Florham Park Police Honor Guard in attendance. They will be with us shortly – As always, thank you to those members of our Police Department.

Also with us this evening is a very talented singer, 9<sup>th</sup> Grader Erin Peters, a student from Hanover Park High School who has very graciously volunteered to sing our National Anthem this evening. Welcome Erin.

Also, Superior Court Judge James DeMarzo will be with us to swear in our elected officials and other Borough Officials. So nice to see you again. We always enjoy and appreciate your friendship with Florham Park and it is nice to keep the tradition going. Thank you so very much!

Last but not least, we have Father Thomas from Holy Family who will provide the invocation this evening.

Thank you and welcome to all of you!

## V. INVOCATION:

**MAYOR:** At this time I would ask Father Thomas to step up to the microphone to provide the invocation. Father, once again thank you for being here. Would everyone **PLEASE STAND.**

Father Thomas Provides Invocation.

**MAYOR:** Thank you Father Thomas. That was wonderful. I appreciate you taking time out of your evening to be here. **PLEASE REMAIN STANDING.**

## V. Opening Ceremony

### **\*\*Pledge of Allegiance – Florham Park Honor Guard.**

**MAYOR:** As mentioned before, we have with us members of the Honor Guard of The Florham Park Police Department who will lead us in the Flag Salute. They have graciously attended our ceremony for many years and always do such a wonderful job. Please join me in welcoming them now.

### **\*\*National Anthem - Star Spangled Banner:**

**MAYOR:** At this time I will ask Erin Peters to come up to the microphone to sing our National Anthem.

**MAYOR:** Thank you so much Erin- that was just beautiful.

## VI. 2018 Old Business

**MAYOR:** At this time I would ask the Borough Council to address some old business from 2018.

➤ PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS:

Malone: I would like to make a motion to approve the current bills list from December 2018 in the amount of \$812,194.20.

Michalowski: I will second that motion.

**MAYOR:** Mrs. Williams, may I have a roll call please?

Roll Call: Germershausen; yes Malone, yes;, Zuckerman, yes;  
Michalowski, yes

**MAYOR:** Seeing that the 2018 unfinished business has been addressed I will now close this portion of the meeting. Can I have a motion of the Council to close this portion of the meeting?

Malone: So moved.

Zuckerman: 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Mayor:** All in favor.

All: AYE

VII. 2019 NEW BUSINESS:

Swearing in of the Recently Elected Council Members:

**Mayor:** Now that our 2018 business is finished, we will proceed to our 2019 New Business. Please join me in Congratulating Councilman Scott Carpenter and Councilwoman Carmen Cefolo-Pane on their recent re-election. (Applause). Mrs. Cefolo-Pane could not be here this evening and will be sworn in shortly in the Clerk's Office. At this time, I would ask Scott Carpenter to step up to the dais so Judge DeMarzo can administer the oath of office to him.

(Judge DeMarzo administers the oath of office to Councilman Carpenter and he returns to the dais)

**MAYOR:** Councilman Carpenter. Congratulations, it is my continued honor to serve the Florham Park citizens with you.

**VIII. ROLL CALL OF THE 2019 COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

**MAYOR:** Mrs. Williams may I have a Roll Call of the 2019 Council Members please?

**Roll Call:** Council President Cefolo-Pane, absent; Councilman Germershausen, present; Councilman Carpenter, present; Councilman Malone, present; Councilman, Zuckerman, present; Councilman Michalowski, present

**IX. NOMINATION OF 2019 COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

**MAYOR:** At this time, I call for a motion of the Council for a nomination for the 2019 Council President.

**Zuckerman:** I would like to make a motion to nominate Councilman Scott Carpenter to serve as Council President for 2019

**Michalowski:** I will second that motion.

**MAYOR:** Mrs. Williams, may I have a roll call please?

**Roll Call:** Carpenter; abstain, Germershausen, yes; Cefolo-Pane, absent; Malone, yes; Michalowski, yes; Zuckerman, yes

**MAYOR:** I would like to take a moment to thank Carmen for her invaluable support during the past year. I would also like to congratulate Councilman Scott Carpenter on his new appointment as Council President. I look forward to working closely with you this year.

## Borough Council 2019 Portfolio Assignments:

**MAYOR:** I will now announce the portfolio assignments for the Council members for 2019:

### **Council President Scott Carpenter**

**Council Liaison for:**

Department of Public Works, Florham Park Fire Department, Florham Park Police Department, Florham Park First Aid Squad, Office of Emergency Management, Department of Engineering, Recycling

### **Councilman Charles Germershausen**

**Council Liaison for:**

Historic Preservation Commission, Board of Chosen Freeholders

### **Councilwoman Cefolo-Pane**

**Council Liaison for:**

Planning Board, Board of Adjustment, Town Center Task Force, Senior Citizens, AARP, Gazebo Committee, Community TV

### **Councilman Charles Malone**

**Council Liaison for:**

CFO, Tax Collector, Tax Assessor, Recreation, Municipal Parks & Facilities, Florham Park Athletic Foundation, Economic Development & Commerce, Morris County Chamber of Commerce

### **Councilman Thomas Michalowski:**

**Council Liaison for:**

Municipal Court, Sewer Utility, Water Utility, Board of Health, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee, Library Board of Trustees, Project Community Pride

### **Councilman William Zuckerman:**

**Council Liaison For:**

Board of Education, Municipal Pool, Environmental Commission, Open Space Preservation, Grants

## X. APPOINTMENTS AND OATH OF OFFICE:

### Appointment of Borough Officials:

**Malone:** Mr. Mayor I would like to make a motion to appoint the following Borough Officials:

- Sheila Williams, Search Assessment Officer, 1 year term, expiring 12/31/19
- Joseph Guerin, Tax Search Officer, 1 year term, expiring 12/31/19
- Cindy Phillips, Pension Certifying Official 1 year term, expiring 12/31/19
- Maryann Lang, Deputy Borough Clerk, 3 year term, expiring 12/31/21
- Patrice Visco, Chief Financial Officer, Reappointed/Tenured
- Michael Sgaramella, Borough Engineer, 3 year term, expiring 12/31/21

Carpenter: I will second the motion

**Mayor:** Mrs. Williams, may I have a roll call please?

Roll Call: Carpenter; yes, Germershausen, yes; Cefolo-Pane, absent; Malone, yes; Michalowski, yes; Zuckerman, yes

**Mayor:** At this time I would like those officials to step up to be sworn in by Judge DeMarzo.

### Police Department Appointments:

**Mayor:** Next we will move on to some appointments for the Police Department. As I call your name, please step up so that Judge DeMarzo can swear you in.

#### ➤ **Appointment of Sergeant**

Carpenter: I would like to make a motion to promote Michael Neilan to the position Sergeant in the Florham Park Police Department effective February 1, 2019. So Moved.

**Malone:** I will second the motion

Roll Call: Carpenter; yes, Germershausen, yes; Cefolo-Pane, absent; Malone, yes; Michalowski, yes; Zuckerman, yes

**Mayor:** Sgt. Neilan, please step up to the Dais to be sworn in.

## Judge DeMarzo swears in Sergeant Neilan

➤ Appointment of Detective

**Carpenter:** I would like to make a motion to approve the appointment of Geoffrey Rothrock to Detective in the Florham Park Police Department effective February 1, 2019. So Moved.

**Michalowski:** I will second the motion

Roll Call: Carpenter; yes, Germershausen, yes; Cefolo-Pane, absent; Malone, yes; Michalowski, yes; Zuckerman, yes

**Mayor:** Detective Rothrock, please step up to the Dais to be sworn in

## Judge DeMarzo swears in Detective Rothrock

➤ Appointment of New Patrolmen

**Carpenter:** I would like to make a motion to approve the appointment of Faith Neimynski to Patrol Officer in the Florham Park Police Department effective January 14, 2019. Patrolman Niemynski will be starting at the Morris County Police Academy on that date. SO MOVED.

**Malone:** I will second the motion

Roll Call: Carpenter; yes, Germershausen, yes; Cefolo-Pane, absent; Malone, yes; Michalowski, yes; Zuckerman, yes

**Mayor:** Patrol Officer Neimynski please step up to the dais with any family members so you can be sworn in.

## Judge DeMarzo swears in Patrolman Neimynski.

Carpenter: I would like to make a motion to approve the appointment of Gregory Dietz as a Patrol Officer in the Florham Park Police Department effective February 1, 2019. So moved.

Germershausen: I will second the motion.

Roll Call: Carpenter; yes, Germershausen, yes; Cefolo-Pane, absent; Malone, yes; Michalowski, yes; Zuckerman, yes

**Mayor:** Patrolman Dietz please step up to the dais with any family members so you can be sworn in.

## Judge DeMarzo swears in Patrolman Dietz

MAYOR TAYLOR: I make the following recommendations to the Office of Internal Affairs Officers in the Florham Park Police Department.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS OFFICERS for a term of 1 year:

- Lieutenant Michael Voitcu
- Lieutenant Matthew Gatzke
- Lieutenant Scott Bartell
- Sgt. Karl Svenningsen
- Sgt. Philip D'Alessio

Carpenter: I move for confirmation of these appointments.

Zuckerman: I will second that motion.

**Mayor:** Mrs. Williams, may I have a roll call please?

Roll Call: Carpenter; yes, Germershausen, yes; Cefolo-Pane, absent; Malone, yes; Michalowski, yes; Zuckerman, yes

**Mayor:** Will all of those named members please come forward to be sworn in by Judge DeMarzo

**OEM Appointments:**

**Mayor:** I hereby make the following recommendations to appoint the following individuals as Deputy OEM Coordinators in **the Office of Emergency Management** for a term of 1 year:

- Joseph Orlando – Deputy Coordinator
- Scott Bartell – Deputy Coordinator
- Kevin Guilfoyle – Deputy Coordinator
- Michael Cannilla – Deputy Coordinator
- Michael Smith – Deputy Coordinator
- Michael Sgaramella – Deputy Coordinator
- Phil Infantolino – Deputy Coordinator
- Paul McGann – Deputy Coordinator

**Carpenter:** I move for confirmation of these appointments.

**Michalowski:** I will second that motion.

**Mayor:** Mrs. Williams, may I have a roll call please?

**Roll Call:** Carpenter; yes, Germershausen, yes; Cefolo-Pane, absent; Malone, yes; Michalowski, yes; Zuckerman, yes

**Mayor:** Will all of those named members please come forward to be sworn in by Judge DeMarzo

## Fire Department Appointments:

**Mayor:** Next, we will move to the Fire Department appointees.

I recommend the appointment of the following individuals to the Florham Park Volunteer Fire Department **Board of Fire Engineers** for a term of one year:

- Scott Carpenter, Chief
- Paul McGann, Deputy Chief
- Jeffrey Zuendt, Jr., Asst. Chief
- Steven Balassone, Asst. Chief

**Michalowski:** I move for confirmation of these appointments.

**Malone:** I will second that motion.

**Mayor:** Mrs. Williams, may I have a roll call please?

**Roll Call:** Carpenter; yes, Germershausen, yes; Cefolo-Pane, absent; Malone, yes; Michalowski, yes; Zuckerman, yes

**Mayor:** Congratulations to all of the Fire appointees. Will all of those members step up to be sworn in by Judge DeMarzo.

**Mayor:** Next we will move on to the appointments of our Boards and Commission Members.

## Appointments to Boards & Commissions:

### Planning Board:

**Mayor:** I hereby make the following appointments to the Florham Park Planning Board:

Joseph Guerin

1 year term expiring 12/31/2019

Gary Feith 4 year term expiring 12/31/2022  
(appointed to a current term in progress)  
Kristen Santoro, Alternate 2 year term expiring 12/31/2020

## Zoning Board:

**Mayor:** I hereby make the following appointments to the Zoning Board of Adjustment:

John Novalis 4 year term expiring on 12/31/2022

Carpenter: I move for confirmation of these appointments.

Zuckerman: I will second that motion.

**Mayor:** Mrs. Williams, may I have a roll call please?

Roll Call: Carpenter; yes, Germershausen, yes; Cefolo-Pane, absent; Malone, yes; Michalowski, yes; Zuckerman, yes

**Mayor:** Will those members please step forward to be sworn in by Judge DeMarzo.

## Board of Health:

**Mayor:** Next, I recommend the following appointments to the Board of Health:

Marianne Nucci 3 year term expiring 12/31/21  
Sabrina Edmunds 3 year term expiring 12/31/21

Michalowski: I move for confirmation of these appointments.

Carpenter: I will second that motion.

**Mayor:** Mrs. Williams, may I have a roll call please?

Roll Call: Carpenter; yes, Germershausen, yes; Cefolo-Pane, absent; Malone, yes; Michalowski, yes; Zuckerman, yes

## Library Board of Trustees:

**Mayor:** I recommend the following appointments to the Library Board of Trustees:

Jane Stumpf	Superintendent's Designee	1 year term expiring 12/31/19
Thomas Michalowski	Council Liaison	1 year term expiring 12/31/19
Stacy Saul	Trustee	5 year term expiring 12/31/23

## Historic Preservation Commission:

**Mayor:** I recommend the following appointments to the Historic Preservation Commission:

Pat Chase	3 year term expiring 12/31/2021
Suzanne Herold	3 year term expiring 12/31/2021

## Environmental Commission:

**Mayor:** I recommend the following appointments to the Environmental Commission:

Bill Zuckerman	3 year term expiring 12/31/19
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**Germershausen:** I move for confirmation of these appointments.

**Michalowski:** I will second that motion.

**MAYOR:** Mrs. Williams, may I have a roll call please?

**Roll Call:** Carpenter, yes; Germershausen, yes; Cefolo-Pane, absent; Malone, yes; Michalowski, yes; Zuckerman, yes

**MAYOR:** Will all appointees from those Boards and Commissions please step forward to be sworn in by Judge DeMarzo

After Judge DeMarzo swears them in, the Mayor States:

**MAYOR:**

That concludes the oath of office portion of the meeting. I would once again like to thank the Honorable James DeMarzo for taking time out of his busy schedule to assist us this evening. Let's give him a round of applause.

**Committee Appointments:**

**MAYOR:** Next we will move on to the appointments of our various committee members. Committee members do not have to be sworn in; however, I would like each member to stand up to be recognized after their name is called. Also, I would just like to state for the record how grateful I am for all of the volunteers. Without you, Florham Park would not be the special place it is today. I would just like to say there are people that have been serving on some of these Boards, Commissions and Committees for years with little recognition. Tonight we would like to recognize you all for everything you do. (APPLAUSE) I would love it if you would stay after the meeting for some light refreshments.

**Gazebo Committee:**

**Mayor:** I recommend the following appointments to the Gazebo Committee:

Joseph Jagiello, Jr., Chair  
John Timmons, Judy Wisnewski, Stan Wisnewski,  
Jim Dirlam, Jenn Pulice, Ron Bauer, Marie D'Amico, Suzanne Herold  
Mike Farrell, John Sugg, Sal Cirrincione, Jessica Cox, John Huelbig

**Malone:** I move for confirmation of these appointments.

**Zuckerman:** I will second that motion.

**Mayor:** Mrs. Williams, may I have a roll call please?

**Roll Call:** Carpenter; yes, Germershausen, yes; Cefolo-Pane, absent; Malone, yes; Michalowski, yes; Zuckerman, yes

## Town Center Task Force:

**Mayor:** I recommend the following appointments to the Town Center Task Force:

Michael Prokop, Chair  
Carole Anderson, Steve Jensen, , Michael Mehl, Lou Nucci,  
Bruce Peterson

**Germershausen:** I move for confirmation of these appointments.

**Malone:** I will second that motion.

**MAYOR:** Mrs. Williams, may I have a roll call please?

**Roll Call:** Carpenter; yes, Germershausen, yes; Cefolo-Pane, absent; Malone, yes; Michalowski, yes; Zuckerman, yes

## Community Television:

**Mayor:** I recommend the following appointments to the Florham Park Community TV Committee:

Joseph Guerin, Chair  
John Timmons, Suzanne Herold, Joseph Jagiello

**Michalowski:** I move for confirmation of these appointments.

**Carpenter:** I will second that motion.

**Mayor:** Mrs. Williams, may I have a roll call please?

**Roll Call:** Carpenter; yes, Germershausen, yes; Cefolo-Pane, absent; Malone, yes; Michalowski, yes; Zuckerman, yes

## Recreation Committee:

**MAYOR:** I recommend the following 2 year appointments to the Recreation Committee, which terms will expire 12/31/2020:

Nicholas Cicarelli  
Chris Healey  
Mark Massarano  
Nick Genoese  
John Timmons

Also John Miscia will be filling a term due to expire on 12/31/19

Malone: I move for confirmation of these appointments.

Germershausen: I will second the motion.

**MAYOR:** Mrs. Williams, may I have a roll call please?

Roll Call: Carpenter; yes, Germershausen, yes; Cefolo-Pane, absent; Malone, yes; Michalowski, yes; Zuckerman, yes

## 4th of July Committee:

**MAYOR:** I recommend the following appointments to the July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration Committee:

Joe Guerin, Chair  
Joseph Guerin III, Linda Michalowski, Tom Michalowski,  
John Novalis, Dallas Herold, Suzanne Herold, Gary Fiore,  
Alexis Suebert, Nancy Lack

Carpenter: I move for confirmation of these appointments.

Zuckerman: I will second that motion.

**MAYOR:** Mrs. Williams, may I have a roll call please?

Roll Call: Carpenter; yes, Germershausen, yes; Cefolo-Pane, absent; Malone, yes; Michalowski, yes; Zuckerman, yes

## Municipal Pool Advisory Committee:

**MAYOR:** I recommend the following appointments to the Pool Advisory Committee:

Richard Zuckerman, Frank Newman, Myron Kleban  
Steve Zuckerman

Germershausen: I move for confirmation of these appointments.

Carpenter: I will second that motion.

**MAYOR:** Mrs. Williams, may I have a roll call please?

Roll Call: Carpenter; yes, Germershausen, yes; Cefolo-Pane, absent; Malone, yes; Michalowski, yes; Zuckerman, yes

## Affirmation of Current Borough Employees

**MAYOR:** I recommend the continued employment of all Borough Employees who were on the Payroll on December 31, 2018, except for any employees whose service with the Borough may have been terminated at or on December 31, 2018

Malone: I will move that motion.

Carpenter: Second.

**MAYOR:** Mrs. Williams may I have a roll call please?

Roll Call: Carpenter; yes, Germershausen, yes; Cefolo-Pane, absent; Malone, yes; Michalowski, yes; Zuckerman, yes

## Announcement of 2019 Meeting Dates by the Council President:

**Carpenter:** The Open Public Meetings Act establishes the right of all citizens to have adequate advance notice of all public meetings and the right to attend those meetings at which any business affecting the public is discussed or acted upon. The Legal Notices for these meetings have been posted in the official newspaper of Florham Park Borough in accordance with current laws. The Open Public Meetings act also requires the official announcement during the first ten days of the New Year of all the official meeting dates of the Governing Body which is being done here tonight. The 2019 meetings are as follows:

**Regular Monthly Public Council Meetings in 2019** will be held in the Municipal Building, 111 Ridgedale Avenue at 6:30 p.m. prevailing time on the following dates:

January 17, February 21, March 21, April 18, May 16, June 13, July 18,  
August 15, September 19, October 17, November 21, December 12

**Regular Council Work Sessions for 2019** will also be held in the Municipal Building and will begin at 6:30 p.m. Business conducted at the work sessions will include such matters as may come before the Council, including the taking of official action when deemed necessary by the Governing Body. Work Sessions are open to the public for questions and comments. The Work Session dates for 2019 are as follows:

February 7, March 7, April 4, May 2, September 5, October 3, November 7

I would like to mention at this time that the law specifies nine exceptions to the requirements for admitting the public to meetings. These exceptions would allow the Governing Body to enter into a closed session. They are:

1. Matters ruled confidential by law.
2. Matters that would impair monies.
3. Matters constituting invasion of individual privacy.
4. Matters involving collective bargaining, including negotiations.
5. Tactics and techniques involving protection, public safety and property as well as investigations of possible violations.
6. Matters involving acquisition of real property and investment of funds.

7. Litigation, contract negotiations, or matters involving attorney client relationships.
8. Personnel matters such as hiring, firing, disciplinary action, etc.
9. Deliberations after public hearing that may result in civil penalties or loss of a license or permit.

**Carpenter:** I move that the meeting dates for public meetings and work sessions be accepted as read.

**Germershausen:** I will second that motion.

**MAYOR:** Mrs. Williams, may I have a roll call please?

**Roll Call:** Carpenter; yes, Germershausen, yes; Cefolo-Pane, absent; Malone, yes; Michalowski, yes; Zuckerman, yes

**MAYOR:** At this time I will ask our Borough Clerk to notify the proper newspapers of the meeting dates for 2019

**Williams:** So noted.

## XII. Resolutions – Consent Agenda

**MAYOR:** Can I have a motion to allow the Resolutions listed on the agenda to be approved by consent agenda of the Council please? If there are any questions from the public regarding them, please ask them at this time.

**Germershausen:** I would like to make a motion to allow the resolutions listed on the agenda to be approved by consent of the Council via a single motion as follows:

- # 19-1 Authorizing Depositories for Borough Funds
- # 19-2 Authorizing Signatures for Checks, Drafts & Withdrawals
- # 19-3 Authorizing 2019 Borough Holiday Schedule
- # 19-4 Authorizing Appointment of a Pension Certifying Officer
- # 19-5 Authorization for Transfers of Overpayments
- # 19-6 Authorization of Professional Service Contracts
- # 19-7 Authorization of Interest Rates for Delinquent Taxes
- # 19-8 Authorization of the Official Newspapers of Florham Park
- # 19-9 Notice of Official Newspapers to Receive Meeting Notices
- # 19-10 Charges for Mailing Meeting Notices

- # 19-11 Appointment of Insurance Fund Commissioner
- # 19-12 Petty Cash Account Re-affirmation
- # 19-13 Appointing a Public Agency Compliance Officer
- # 19-14 Appointing 2019 Community Development Advisory Committee
- # 19-15 Authorizing 2019 Office of Emergency Management Appointments
- # 19-16 Appointing Hiring of New Patrolman, Florham Park Police Dept.
- # 19-17 Authorizing a 2019 Temporary Budget
- # 19-18 Authorizing a Risk Management Consultant
- # 19-19 Authorizing Hiring a DPW Driver/Laborer
- # 19-20 Authorizing the re-appointment of Chief Financial Officer
- # 19-21 Authorizing the re-appointment of the Borough Engineer
- # 19-22 Authorizing the re-appointment of the Deputy Clerk
- # 19-23 Authorizing the Appointment of Tax/Search Assessment/Officers
- # 19-24 Authorizing of a Sergeant in the FP Police Department
- # 19-25 Authorizing a Lateral Transfer to Detective, FP Police Department

Malone: Second

**MAYOR:** Mrs. Williams, may I have a roll call please?

Roll Call: Carpenter; yes, Germershausen, yes; Cefolo-Pane, absent; Malone, yes; Michalowski, yes; Zuckerman, yes

### XIII. Mayoral Address to the Citizens

Mayor Taylor addressed the citizens of Florham Park as follows:

#### Annual Reorganization Meeting - January 3rd 2019

Good Evening and Welcome to the Annual 2019 Re-Organization meeting. Thank you all for taking time out of your busy schedules to attend this evening. We are blessed this evening to have such nice weather for our re-organization meeting. I would like to thank all of the family members, visitors and friends that have joined us this evening to welcome in a new year for the Borough of Florham Park. Please stay after the meeting to enjoy some refreshments and meet and greet all the members and employees.

As we once again change the calendar to a New Year, I must look back and reflect on how well Florham Park progressed in 2018 and the plans that we have for this year and beyond. I am truly honored and blessed to stand before you this evening as I begin my 7th

year as Mayor of this great Borough. I would like to first thank my wife Janet and my children Erin and Christopher for their continued support. Being Mayor does take countless hours away from our time together and it is a labor of love. Please know that I, along with the entire Council, continue to work every day to do our absolute best for all the residents of this great Borough as we move forward together.

I would like to take a minute to congratulate Carmen Cefolo-Pane and Scott Carpenter on their recent re-elections to serve on the Borough Council. I would like to Thank Carmen Cefolo-Pane for serving as my Council President this past year. Carmen's family is all on different schedules this was the only week they could get away, hence she is not here this evening.

As we look back on 2018 and all that we have accomplished, I must highlight that Florham Park continues to be the best place in New Jersey to live and raise a Family... that is my most humble opinion. I cannot convey to you how proud I am to be a part of our continued success. As we move into 2019 we as a governing body will be working very hard to tell the story of our successes. That being said, I have had dialog with Councilman Carpenter and Councilwomen Cefolo-Pane on increasing the awareness of just how fiscally responsible we are as a municipality and how this governing body will address the future as we work forward to keep our property taxes as low as possible and to keep intact the services we all expect.

We continue to work very closely with the Board of Education as partners on issues that will affect the school funding and the increase in school age children here in Florham Park. Affordable housing, or Fair Share Housing as it is now referred to, will impact Florham Park and its school age population. I have been personally working with Superintendent Melissa Varley, Board President Nick Retrivi, Vice President Alita Thomas and BOE member Skip Shanley on state aid and the formula that applies to the Borough. Our group has conducted several conference calls with the Governor's office in the effort to start the dialogue on delivering more state aid for the BOE here in Florham Park. The Board of Education and the Borough of Florham Park are walking lock step together as we petition state representatives for more help on the finance side and we work together as a business unit on a day to day basis to the betterment of our community. In the recent election Chief Orlando and John Csatos worked as a team to put together the Class 3 Officers referendum. These officers will be deployed in Brooklake, Briarwood and Ridgedale schools in the next few months. Team work is the key... between the Borough of Florham Park and the Board of Education.

In this community of volunteers, the accomplishments continue to be realized due to the efforts of so many people. One of the most important factors in this accomplishment are the dedicated Employees of Florham Park Borough. I would like to wish all the best to all of our employees and thank them for a job well done. I also would like to wish at this

time my heartfelt appreciation to the staff in Borough Hall, Our Administrator Bill Huyler and our Clerk Sheila Williams, who always does a great job putting this meeting together, the Police department under the direction of Chief Joseph Orlando, Captain Michael Voitcu all the employees of Department of Public Works under the direction of Mike Smith, supervisors Andrew Williams and George Stiner, our Library employees directed by Joan Hipp, the Water department and Sewer department directed by Mike Sgaramella, water superintendent Alex Zipeto, acting sewer plant manager Joseph DePasquale, Recreation department directed by John Timmons our Zoning department, Construction Official Kevin Guilfoyle and Zoning officer Janet Doherty. In our engineering department Mike Sgaramella. Our CFO Patrice Visco, our tax Assessors office John Murray, Jim Gibbs our Board secretary Marlene Rawson, If there is anyone else I have missed... I apologize, but thank you all for a great job well done.

We will be seeing some long time employees retiring in the next few weeks and months. I would like to thank in no certain order in the Fire Department Al Kellogg, Sheryl Edwards and in our Public Works department Vera Crouthamel. In the Police department I would also like to thank Sergeant Glen Johnstone and Patrolman David Rubelowsky for their dedicated years of service to this community. I would like to give a big round of applause to all the employees that are here this evening.

Thank you to our Volunteers on the Fire Department and First Aid Squad. These are the people who sever on the front line 24 hours a day 7 days a week. A big round of applause to them as well. Our Recreation volunteers, from those on the Recreation Committees, coaches, parent coordinators and all others who assist in our many sporting activities here in Florham Park and East Hanover on our joint programs. I would also like to thank all of our volunteer board members, commissions and committee members that take time out of their daily lives to serve this Borough in whatever capacity they can to make a difference. I would like all members here this evening to please stand for a round of applause. Thank you.

Florham Park had a very busy year as we continue to chip away at lowering our debt and strive to do the best we can with the very smallest increase in taxes in spite of health care and other costs that continue to increase year after year. I am very proud of my team on the finance side directed by our CFO Patrice Visco. We continue to receive the blessing from Moody's with an AAA bond rating. This quote from Moodys in their very extensive report is a very telling story and I quote "The credit position for Florham Park is exceptional, and its AAA rating is significantly above the median rating of Aa3 for US Cities. Key credit factors including a very healthy financial position, a sizeable tax base with an extremely strong wealth and income profile and a low debt burden" unquote. Florham Park continues to be one of a very few towns in New Jersey to hold this rating. When you consider the fact that Florham Park is one of 565 municipalities in New Jersey and we have held this AAA bond rating for all these years, this is a great accomplishment.

Again, thank you's go out to team members, Jon Rheinhardt, Ray Sarinelli, Patrice Visco, Bill Huyler, Council Liaison Charlie Malone, Councilman Scott Carpenter and all the Council members that worked so hard to achieve this goal. We have a great financial team in place and we also have an aggressive plan in place as we move forward. We continue to see new projects from the Rockefeller Group at the "Green at Florham Park", with the latest MD Anderson and the Archer Hotel opening this past summer and early fall. The Green continues to evolve with more new and exciting projects that will be before the Planning Board in January and early spring.

We are all very proud that Florham Park will become the home to the Bergen County United Way project of supportive housing. This project has been very well received in the area and we look forward to its completion. We also recently cut the ribbon on the latest of new apartments at Sun Valley at Florham Park. The vast majority of these new apartments will be one bedroom units offering shuttle service daily to the Chatham train station and cutting down on commuters and traffic.

As we begin 2019, I am very hopeful for the future of our Town. I, the Council and our hardworking Borough employees continue to strive to make Florham Park the greatest place to live and work. I would like to stress to each Florham Park resident that they can be confident that the Council Members and I will always do our best to keep Florham Park the greatest town that we all love and respect.

In closing, I would just like to say I am proud of this Borough, proud to be your Mayor I look forward to running for another term as your Mayor this spring in order to complete the projects that we have started during my tenure. We can all look to the future for more amazing things here in our Borough. I would like to thank the entire council for their dedication to this Borough and for their continued support as we move forward in 2019.

God bless the Borough of Florham Park and God Bless America. Thank you.

Mark Taylor, Mayor

#### **XIV. Privilege of the Floor**

- The Mayor will open the meeting for public comments.

## XV. Adjournment:

**MAYOR:** At this time, I would like to remind anyone who has been sworn in to a Board or Commission this evening to see the Clerk's Assistant Lisa DiTaranto before you leave to sign the Oath of Office Book. I would also like to invite you at this time to stay and share in refreshments directly after the meeting in the conference room next door.

**MAYOR:** Can I have a motion to adjourn?

Carpenter: I would like to make a motion to adjourn the 2019 Reorganization meeting.

Malone: So moved.

**MAYOR:** All in favor.

Everyone: Aye.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheila A. Williams, RMC  
Borough Clerk  
January 10, 2019