



Florham Park Borough Council
Thursday, November 7, 2019
Work Session Minutes

Council President Carpenter 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 Michalowski	X	
Councilman Zuckerman	X	

COUNCIL PORTFOLIO UPDATES:

Council President Carpenter provided the following report:

Florham Park First Aid Squad:

- The County will be covering Florham Park in November on certain days; will provide GAP coverage
- Currently working on an issue with their alarm system
- Annual tree lighting is this Sunday, November 10th

Fire Department:

- Election process is complete; 3 of 4 positions recommended and 2 of 4 line officers will be recommended to the Council

- Fire Dept. will be holding a food drive in December
- New date for mini-pumper is now December
- Planning a day for the public to attend in May 2020

Police Department:

- Promotional process is complete for Captain, Lieutenants and Seargents; positions will be effective February 1st.
- New Patrol Officer Kile Kepler will come to the next meeting to introduce himself to the Council members. His position will be effective January 1st.
- 26th Annual Safe night out was a big success; over 300 Florham Park kids attended.

Department of Public Works:

- Leaf collection is in full swing
- The chipper will be doing another round due to the storm
- The new bucket truck is still in limbo

Engineering:

- Milling and Paving the rest of Beechwood Road was completed early last month.
- The Contractor for the Columbia/Crescent Road intersection improvement project recently installed all underground wire to all traffic signal foundations, junction boxes, and the Control cabinet. The Contractor is waiting for delivery of the traffic signal structures, control cabinet and equipment. It could be several weeks before the equipment arrives and is installed due to excessive demand.
- The Campus Drive Paving and Intersection Update project has progressed with the completion of paving in early October. Sidewalk and curbing has been installed. Shop drawings for the electric upgrades to the Traffic Signal system have been completed and approved. The work is yet to be scheduled.
- We have received Plans and Specifications for the Emmett Tennis and Basketball courts. Comments from the Engineering Department and Recreation Department have been addressed, however, the Engineer's Estimate came in slightly over budget. We are meeting with Councilman Malone prior to Council meeting to discuss possible cuts. Project will be advertised for bid soon thereafter.

Councilman Germershausen provided the following report:

Historic Preservation Commission:

- The Historic Preservation Commission is going to try and keep the Little Red Schoolhouse open every weekend.

Councilwoman Cefolo-Pane provided the following report:

Senior Citizens:

- Seniors held their Executive Board Meeting last week
- The holiday luncheon will be on Wednesday, December 11th at the Hanover Manor
- The next meeting is November 13; they will have a speaker on “getting organized”
- New activities at the Center on Mondays: 10 am Water Color Class and 2 pm knitting and crocheting class.
- Would like calls to the Senior Center answered by a “live” person

Florham Park Gazebo Committee:

- A Committee meeting is being held tonight at the Community Center. The Committee will be reviewing a list of bands and thinking about a tentative schedule.

Planning Board:

- One application was heard at the Planning Board. The application was for Palmont Associates for 147 Columbia Turnpike. There will be 126 units, 1, 2 and 3 BR.
- John Inglesino explained COAH units and how we go to where we are today.
- Councilwoman Cefolo-Pane stated that she think the draft ordinance for the property maintenance code needs some changes. There were some areas that were pointed out that need to be clarified; language to be tightened up. Planning to Introduce at the next meeting if it is done.
- A resident reported an unmanned Tesla driving around the Walgreen’s parking lot. Chief Orlando said if there is an issue they should call the Police.

Board of Adjustment

- Nothing reported.

Councilman Malone provided the following report:

Recreation:

- The Borough will be going out to bid shortly for tennis and basketball court renovation projects. The Recreation Committee will be given an opportunity to review the plans and provide input.
- Tornado on Halloween claimed two bleachers on Emmett Field. There was no other damage.
- Internal signs in the Borough Complex in process; working to have them installed.
- Stobaues trail in process; some clearing still going on there.

Miscellaeous:

- Budget process continues; have had several meetings
- Box Car – received a note from someone who used it and said they were happy with it. Box Car got 15 more customers from Florham Park.
- A few people reported speeding on Crescent Road

Parks & Recreation Director John Timmons provided the following information:

- Finishing up soccer, football and cheerleading
- Regular basketball registration has begun
- Travel basketbal program starting; will play at Hanover Park HS
- Competition Cheer is now K-12; they will compete all over New Jersey
- Trip to NYC on December 14 – “Twas the Night Before Christmas”
- Ski club almost full; only a few spots left

Councilman Zuckerman provided the following report:

Board of Education:

\$24M Referendum was approved on Tuesday. They will be putting bids together for the work.

Environmental Commission:

- Looking at single-use plastic. The Commission is going to meet with other towns to see what they are doing.
- Boy Scouts may do some projects at Spring Garden Lake

Municipal Pool:

- The pool is still receiving bills for chemicals

Councilman Michalowski provided the following report:

Library:

- The selection Committee for the new librarian have narrowed it down to two candidates. Final interviews will be held on November 18.

Health Department:

- Free Rabies Clinic will be held at the Borough Garage on November 16

Water Utility:

- Met with Madison Fire Department to review confined spaces at a Water facilities.
- High/Low Pressure alarm installed at the Well Control Room within the DPW building and has been calibrated. This alarm will be monitored daily and provide redundancy and backup to the existing low water level alarm at the Tower Lane Tank which relies on radio communication. If the new High/Low Pressure alarm initiates, then signal is sent to Police Dispatch, and they will notify Water Superintendent. In addition, a new high/low water alarm for the Tower Lane water tank based on cellular communication technology has been installed by Contractor but needs to be configured in order to provide tertiary backup. This alarm and monitor equipment will provide monitor readings directly to Water Superintendent's and on-call person's cell phone. The alarm should be configured in near future.
- An inoperable hydrant was replaced on Hanover Road along Little Duck Day School frontage two weeks ago.
- A County Road Opening Permit will be submitted to repair a water main break within the southwest right turn lane at the Columbia Turnpike/Ridgedale Avenue intersection.

- Well House at Emmett Park has been painted to match the Recreation Building.
- Well House #2 on Columbia Turnpike will be cleared of vegetation, gutters will be cleaned, and wood trim will be painted over the next two weeks.
- A portion of Pollard Avenue and a resident's driveway was repaved due to damage from a water main break this past summer.
- Daily and Weekly Duties completed.

Sewer Utility:

- Met with Madison Fire Department to review confined spaces at the Sewer Plant and Pump Stations.
- Pavement repairs and installation along the driveway and in the parking lot have been completed by a paving contractor.
- Plant crew performed repairs to the Oxidation Ditch #2 including installation of paddles and painting of equipment. Fabricator replaced rusted and deteriorated ditch plates at the paddle motors for Ditch #2. Plant Manager has switched over to Oxidation Ditch #2. This has reduced concentrations of monitored elements. Oxidation Ditch #1 will undergo same rehabilitation by Plant staff and Fabricators as necessary.
- The Plant staff are continuing with the Jet Truck for maintenance cleaning of sewer lines throughout the Borough. A blockage at Mann Avenue has been resolved.
- We are obtaining quotes to upgrade the existing plant SCADA system. Joe, Dean, Suzanne, and myself have met with at three companies who will provide quotes. 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.
- Daily and Weekly Duties completed.

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR:

- Still looking for information for the newsletter. Contact Suzanne with any information.

RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL

➤ # 19-154 Authorizing Budget Transfers, 2019 Municipal Budget

Councilman Malone made a motion to approve Resolution # 19-154

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	6				

PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS:

Councilman Malone made a motion to pay vouchers in the amount of \$623,481.29. The motion was seconded by Councilman Zuckerman.

Roll Call Vote:

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Carpenter	X				
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Council President Carpenter opened the meeting to the Public at 7:00 p.m.

John Winters, 32 Brooklake Road

Mr. Winters asked how long candidates have to take down their political signs?

Mrs. Williams stated they have 5 days to take them down.

Mr. Winters said he thinks the Board of Education needs to take their own signs down.

Maureen Mulligan, Kice Road

Mrs. Mulligan made some comments regarding the property maintenance ordinance. She believes the focus of the regulation has to be to improve the quality of life for residents. She also asked what the process for enforcing it would be.

Borough Administrator Huyler stated that it depends if it is a zoning issue or a violation of an Ordinance.

Mrs. Mulligan asked about the materials on site, for instance the blue tubes. They are taken from site to site.

Mr. Huyler stated that will be address; although you can leave materials on site.

Mrs. Mulligan stated that she thought a contractor at the last meeting was disparaging toward the residents of Florham Park. I would have liked to see someone on the dais say something.

Mrs. Mulligan also asked if we can include one set of street parking; will that be addressed?

Mr. Huyler stated it would only be an issue if they were parking on a side of the street where parking currently is not allowed.

Chief of Police Joseph Orlando stated that if there is a traffic restriction or issues the police should be called and they would ask them to move the vehicles.

Mrs. Mulligan asked about who owns the piece of property behind Palmont?

Councilwoman Cefolo-Pane stated there were several different property owners.

Mrs. Mulligan stated that it is heartbreaking that there is no green space for the children to play in.

Mrs. Mulligan also asked if the Borough had any plans to talk to Florham Park Eagle and ask them to cover the community better?

Jessie Winter, the new Editor of the Eagle, was in attendance and stated that if anyone had anything of interest for the Eagle to email him at jwinter@newjerseyhills.com

Mrs. Mulligan also stated that it has come to her attention that a member with 20 plus years on the Planning Board was not coming back. Where you all in agreement? I believe there was a letter that all said "we".

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

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion made by Councilman Zuckerman and seconded by Councilman Germershausen, the work session was adjourned by a unanimous vote at at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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