



Florham Park Borough Council
Thursday, September 5, 2019
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 Michalowski	X	
Councilman Zuckerman	X	

COUNCIL PORTFOLIO UPDATES:

Council President Carpenter provided the following report:

Florham Park First Aid Squad:

- The Squad is now using the County EMS two days per week on Thursday and Friday

Fire Department:

- Engine 26 is back in service.
- Ladder 24 out of service; parts are needed

Police Department:

- Completed the search for two patrol officers to hire. They will be sworn in at the September 19, 2019 meeting.
- A per diem dispatcher will also be sworn in on 9/19/19
- All three SLEO II officers started in the schools on September 5

Department of Public Works:

- Department currently working on fields for fall sports
- Leaf vacs are being prepared for leaf pick-up
- The new chipper was delivered 8/27
- The Dept. is still awaiting receipt of the new bucket truck

Quarterly Newsletter:

- The Quarterly newsletter is 95% complete. It will most likely be sent out at the end of September.

Councilman Germershausen provided the following report:

Historic Preservation Commission:

- Pathways to History will be held at the Little Red Schoolhouse on September 21 & 22

Councilwoman Cefolo-Pane provided the following report:

Senior Citizens:

- An Executive Board Meeting was held; Councilwoman Cefolo-Pane was unable to attend
- The fall Senior Picnic will be held on September 25 at the Senior Center; all Seniors welcome
- AARP will be starting up their meetings again

Florham Park Gazebo Committee:

The Committee will hold their first meeting next month. We have already received some recommendations from residents for bands.

Planning Board:

Nothing really significant to report; Pulte broke ground.

Board of Adjustment

Nothing to Report

Councilman Malone provided the following report:

Recreation:

- Stobaeus Trail has been marked out; need trees to be removed in the fall
- Tennis & basketball court renovation projects now have a concept plan
- New internal roadway signs have been ordered; hopefully will be installed soon

Parks & Recreation Director John Timmons provided the following information:

- Soccer, Football and Cheerleading are all up and running
- Cheerleaders had a meet and greet with the Jets Flyte Crew Cheerleaders
- Drive-in movie will be held on 9/20; *Goonies* will be shown. A food truck and an ice cream truck will be available at the site.

Councilman Zuckerman provided the following report:

Board of Education:

- There will be 2 referendum questions on the ballot in November for improvements to the schools; total of \$24M. State will pay a percentage of the costs.

Environmental Commission:

- The commission will discuss the use of plastics at its next meeting on 9/24

Municipal Pool:

- Expects to have final numbers shortly

Councilman Michalowski provided the following report:

Library:

- Librarian Joan Hipp is retiring at the end of the year.

Water Utility:

- On the evening of September 2, low water pressure was noted by several residences. For the second time in one month, a low water pressure switch failed to communicate with the control room in the DPW building, and the well pumps were not signaled to turn on. Service was affected to residences on Monday evening, but was addressed early on Tuesday. We have obtained prices for a back-up alert system based on cellular technology in order to prevent this from happening again. System will be installed in near future.
- Water design Consultant (Mott MacDonald) confirmed that the Borough requested cost reduction modifications can be implemented into the well transmission design plan without significantly affecting flow or capacity of the former Exxon well. The Borough's interconnection with NJ American Water is proposed to be moved onto the ASCO property in order to avoid installing 2,000 LF of pipe. I have shared the Borough's updated conceptual plan for the well transmission project with the new Director of Facilities for ASCO, and are awaiting a response for a meeting to review project with the Borough's Water Consultant. I will be reaching out to Rockefeller Group in the near future to discuss the acquisition of their abandoned 750 LF pipe, and NJ American to further discuss the acquisition of their 2,000 LF pipe. A Utility Consultant is proposed to be hired to help with dealing with both entities.
- Meetings were held with two Water meter manufacturers regarding replacing water meters and installing a Borough wide fixed network system that could automatically read each meter and provide customers with real-time data related to their water usage. Both manufacturers are part of the Morris County Co-Op, and their equipment could be purchased via discounted Co-Op prices. The installation of the meters would have to be publically bid out. This will be advanced and discussed during the upcoming budget process.
- Daily and weekly duties completed.

Councilman Malone stated that regarding the water tower on Tower Lane, a couple of residents had raised concerns about what they believe is mold on the underside of the round-style tower. Councilman Malone asked for an update on the possibility of power washing the tower on Beacon Hill.

Borough Engineer Michael Sgaramella advised the schedule to repair the tower is 5 years out and the cost to power wash something of that height would be very expensive.

Borough Administrator Huyler suggested we have the discoloration tested to determine if it is mold or moss.

Sewer Utility:

- Sewer staff using Sewer Jet Truck to perform maintenance cleaning of sewer mains for entire town and known problem areas. The entire town is jetted every two years. Problem areas are jetted every year.
- Beechwood sewer main replacement project has commenced and is approximately 75% complete. 450 linear feet of vitreous clay pipe that has partially collapsed and deteriorated has been replaced between 63 and 81 Beechwood Road. The rest of the Beechwood Road subdivision will be milled and paved after the sewer construction is complete.
- Keller & Kirkpatrick has presented a concept design for the Carrigan-Burnet Sewer Service design that will connect into an existing sewer manhole on the ASCO property. I have shared plans with the Director of Facilities at ASCO and have requested a meeting to review project with the Borough's Sewer Consultant.
- Daily and weekly duties completed.

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR:

Mr. Huyler asked the Council for their consent to a clom party on Shetland/Midwood.

Council gave their consent to hold the block party.

Mr. Huyler also stated that Prose Nail Salon would like to put a 4' x 8 banner that indicates they are NOW OPEN at their location.

Council gave their consent for 30 days.

CONSENT AGENDA - RESOLUTIONS OF APPROVAL

- # 19-141 Authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with the Borough of Madison For Confined Space Rescue Services
- # 19-142 Authorizing the hire of Watts Consulting for Utilities Coordination

Council President Carpenter made a motion to approve the two Resolutions on the Consent Agenda via a single motion of the council.

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 \$690,632.90. The motion was seconded by Council President Carpenter.

Roll Call Vote:

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Mayor Taylor opened the meeting to the Public at 7:00 p.m.

John Winters, 32 Brooklake Road

Mr. Winters asked if there were any final numbers on revenues for the pool.

Councilman Zuckerman stated that he didn't have numbers yet.

Mr. Winters asked how the Activities Director at the Pool worked out.

Mr. Timmons stated that she did a great job; many activities were offered and members were pleased with her. They will do it again next year.

Mr. Winters asked how many active members the Fire Department currently has.

Council President Carpenter stated that they currently have 40 active members with varying degrees of activity.

Seeing no more members of the Public who wished to be heard, Mayor Taylor closed the meeting to the public: 7:05 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion made by Councilman Zuckerman and seconded by Councilman Michalowski, seconded by Councilman Malone 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
September 13, 2019