



Borough of Florham Park Borough Council Meeting Minutes February 20, 2020

Mayor Taylor called the Regular Meeting of the Borough Council to order at 6:30 p.m. He asked the Clerk if the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act had been met. Borough Clerk Sheila Williams stated that adequate notice of the meeting had been made. It was included in the Annual Notice of Meetings published in the Florham Park Eagle. In addition to advertisement, the annual legal notice was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board. Mrs. Williams also stated that a copy is on file in the Clerk's Office in the Borough Hall in accordance with N.J.S.A 10:4-6.

Mayor Taylor asked the Borough Clerk to call the roll as follows:

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

Additional Borough Officials present were Administrator William Huyler, Borough Clerk Sheila Williams and Borough Attorney Joseph Bell.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Taylor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Taylor stated that there were several items of public communications listed on the agenda. He asked if there were any questions on the items. He stated that if anyone would like to review any of the documents, they are on file in the Borough Clerk’s Office. There were no questions on the following communications on record:

- Minutes of the 12/5/19 Morris County Planning Board Meeting

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Mayor Taylor asked for a motion to approve the following meeting minutes:

- February 6, 2020 Work Session
- January 22, 2020 Special Meeting
- January 23, 2020 Regular Meeting

Councilman Germershausen made a motion to approve the minutes as stated above.

The motion was seconded by Council President Malone

Vote:

Council Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Comments
Malone	X				
Germershausen	X				
Cefolo-Pane	X				
Carpenter	X				
Zuckerman	X				
Santoro	X				
Total	6				

COUNCIL PORTFOLIO UPDATES

Council President Charles Malone provided the following report:

Finance:

The Finance Committee has been working on the budget and the process is ongoing. We met prior to our last Council Meeting. Things are moving along.

Recreation Department:

Council President Malone stated that the tennis court and basketball court rehabilitation project at Emmett Park should be commencing shortly.

A Recreation Committee meeting was held last night although only a few members were able to attend. We did discuss the rehabilitation project as well as the Recreation Master Plan report that we received from Borough Planner Katherine Sarmad. The Recreation Committee members are reviewing that. Council President Malone stated that there were a number of recommendations in the plan and he thought it was very well done. It is a little more encompassing than the Recreation Master Plan. It gets into some of the demographics of the town and environmental related issues. There are a couple of recommendations there that are either in the process or I think we should implement. Once that is in its final form it will be brought to the full Council at a later date.

Mayor Taylor stated he had a question regarding the tennis courts. They were dedicated to the memory of Craig Keeler. I think it will remain but I was under the impression it was dedicated to Mrs. Hyland. John Timmons stated it was BJ Hyland. It will remain.

Miscellaneous:

The Academy of St. Elizabeth is located within the Borough. Councilwoman Cefolo-Pane and her daughter are alumni. They are celebrating their 160th Anniversary this year. I am looking for guidance as to what to do. It is actually the only high school within the boundaries of Florham Park. It is also an all girl's school. I was wondering if we should do something to commemorate this. We should probably prepare a Resolution or Certificate.

Borough Clerk Sheila Williams stated she would take care of preparing something for the occasion.

Councilman Germershausen provided the following report:

Board of Chosen Freeholders:

On February 22, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. the Board of Chosen Freeholders will be holding a budget meeting. Councilman Germershausen will be out of town and cannot attend but indicated the public is welcome to attend. The Mayor will be attending.

Historic Preservation Commission:

The Historic Preservation had a meeting last night.

The Commission is also applying for a Grant this year for work on the exterior of the building. We will need a 40% match for that. The Resolution is on the agenda for tonight.

Councilwoman Cefolo-Pane provided the following report:

Senior Citizens:

Since we last time we met both the Seniors Club and the AARP had a meeting. One of the issues that was raised at both meetings was the new compactor ID's. I spoke to Bill Huyler about it and we will have a way to put more than one person on the scan card for a household. Another question that was raised was the limitation of 6X per year at the compactor. I explained that is was being done to control costs and to prevent non-residents from using our facilities. I also explained that it is just for the compactor, it does not have anything to do with the recycling portion of the facility. I encouraged anyone who had any questions or special circumstances to speak to Administrator Bill Huyler.

Gazebo Committee:

- We are still working on our schedule. There will be a total of seven (7) concerts; no concert on Father's Day weekend. Also, no concert on July 5, because the 4th of July is on Saturday. Donation letters will be going out to corporations. We have one concert set for June 28th which is the David Aaron Orchestra.
- Mayor Taylor stated he would like to implement handicapped only parking at the library during the concerts. Councilwoman Cefolo-Pane said signs will be posted there as well as cones to prevent people from parking there.
- Administrator Bill Huyler stated the DPW is working on some repairs to Gazebo.

Planning Board:

- The Planning Board met on February 10, 2020. Palmont Associates, which is the development at 147 Columbia, corner of Columbia and Hanover was approved for 126 Rental Units; 25 are set aside for affordable housing
- Also on the agenda was a Minor Subdivision and Preliminary & Final Major Site Plan for the Sisters of Charity. Toll Brothers began their testimony. The Minor subdivision was approved, which is carving out a piece of the larger plot where this development is going to be. The development is planned for 150 for sale units, with 30 set aside for affordable housing units. The affordable housing units will consist of 1, 2 and 3 bedrooms and the market rate units will all be 3 bedroom. We only heard testimony for the architect and the civil engineer. The civil engineer will be coming back to the next meeting. There is another meeting on February 24th.

Councilman Carpenter:

Police Department:

- Is exploring a uniform change to an all dark blue solid uniform; will bring the uniform to a Council meeting in March for the Council to see.
- Officers have begun wearing carrier vests to minimize the impact of duty gear on their backs
- PD is exploring the eligibility of a grant which will fund additional officers and will absorb 75% of the cost for each additional officer for 3 years.
- 4 officers were nominated and approved for valor awards by the 200 Club of Morris County with regard to their lifesaving efforts at the fire on Circle Road
- Dispatcher Daniel Fucito is retiring and will be replaced with per diem dispatcher Joe Otto.

First Aid Squad:

- A meeting was held last night with Business Administrator Bill Huyler, Chief Joe Orlando and the Captain and President of the First Aid Squad. The new leadership team has identified a multitude of issues that they are looking into resolving and hope to move forward in a positive manner. They have a few new members who are riding right now and the County is only covering one shift for them.

Florham Park Volunteer Fire Department

- Fire Department Annual Ice Rescue Training was held last week with 12 participants; three new rescuers.
- The new truck is on the production line and is scheduled for April delivery
- 10 new resignations from the Fire Department; although 4 new fireman sworn in
- The Department participated in approximately 47 events regarding recruiting; 1,150 man hours were put forth for that effort
- May 16th open house is on schedule and ready to go

Department of Public Works:

- Started repairs on Garage B, creating additional storage for equipment
- A truck was purchased from the County and is in the process of being converted and painted.
- Working on curbs and grates ahead of the Capital Road List.

- The Police Department has been included in the works website this month. After one year of using the website they have processed close to 1,500 work orders with over 96% completed.

Engineering:

- Columbia/Crescent Road Intersection- NJDOT has been requested to inspect the project which we received a NJDOT grant. The only outstanding item is the training for the Opticom Pre-Emption system. We are awaiting transmitters for vehicles. Once we get transmitters, they have to be installed on the vehicles, and we will set up training classes for Ambulance and Fire Departments. I am receiving 4 transmitters. I assumed installing them on 2 fire trucks and 2 ambulance vehicles. Please let me know if this is adequate or if you want to install on different vehicles.
- Campus Drive punchlist items have been completed except for minor pedestrian signal timing issue.
- Emmett Tennis and Basketball Courts Reconstruction Project- Had a Pre-Construction Meeting on 2/19/2020. Halecon Construction is starting this Monday, 2/24. Contracts have been received and bonds and COI's have been submitted. John Timmons has requested the DPW perform some minor tree trimming and remove the tennis nets. Anticipated completion date is end of May.
- 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 Zuckerman provided the following report:

Board of Education:

- Councilman Zuckerman attended the last Board of Education meeting. They discussed special needs education.

Environmental Commission:

- There will be a public meeting of the Commission next week. Councilman Zuckerman will report back to the Council on that at the next meeting.

Municipal Pool:

- There is an Ordinance on the Agenda tonight to establish Pool Fees for 2020.

Councilwoman Santoro provided the following report:

- The Library Board met on Monday.
- Considering bringing in Special Needs adults in addition to high school students to help them.

Water Utility:

- Alex and I met with our Water Consultant, Mott MacDonald, to review the Well Rehabilitation Project on the Rockefeller property. They are on schedule for the design to be complete by the summer/early fall. We discussed the new SCADA system that will be incorporated into this project and will cover the entire water system. A field review was done with Alex to determine our needs and preferred setup of the system.
- 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 3,300 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 also in the process of testing a 730 LF of 10" main from the former Exxon well to the Connector Road on the Rockefeller site that traverses under wetlands. This pipe is scheduled for a hydrostatic test today and a CCTV inspection tomorrow. 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. This will require a transfer of easement from NJAW to the Borough on the NJSEA (Jets) property. We are close to formulating an official request to NJAW to formalize the agreement.

- 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. We are updating an existing SCADA system at the plant to include information from the Borough's pump stations. 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.

Mayor Taylor thanked everyone for the updates. He stated that he would like to mention that everyone should have received some potential updates to the Tree Ordinance from Kayla. We have some ongoing issues with developer's clear cutting properties without any permits and then just paying the whole fee. We think they should fill out a permit and go through the process. I suggest that we double the fine in our Ordinance for violating that.

ORDINANCE FOR SECOND READING

20-1 Establishing 2020 Municipal Pool Registration Fees

Councilman Zuckerman read a summary of Ordinance # 20-1 and moved for its adoption. He stated that the Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a regular meeting of the Borough Council held on January 23, 2020 as follows:

BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK ORDINANCE # 20-1

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 216 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK TO REVISE REGISTRATION FEES FOR THE 2020 FLORHAM PARK MUNICIPAL POOL

Mayor Taylor asked Borough Clerk Sheila Williams to read a summary of the legal notice.

Borough Clerk Sheila Williams read a summary of the legal notice and stated that the Ordinance had been published as required by law, posted on the bulletin board in Borough Hall and that copies had been made available to members of the general public desiring same.

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The following persons wished to be heard:

Paul Chase, 48 Orchard Road

Can you tell us what the differences are in the individual fees for 2019 vs. 2020?

Councilman Zuckerman stated that the rates are:

Resident Senior Citizen (62+)	\$80
Resident Individual (12-17)	\$175
Resident Individual (18+)	\$225

The Senior fee is the same as last year. Residents paid \$68 last year if they paid before June 1, after that it was \$80. We eliminated the early registration fee as well as the late fee.

Mayor Taylor stated that the rates are \$11.00 per hour for the employees, which is minimum wage. It goes up \$1.00 per hour per year, each year until it reaches \$15.00.

Mrs. Wilson, 6 Crane Lane

Mrs. Wilson asked why the guest pass was going up to \$20.00?

Councilman Zuckerman stated the Committee thought \$10.00 was too low.

Mrs. Wilson asked how much Madison charges?

Councilman Zuckerman charges \$15.00 and you need to buy a package of 10.

Mrs. Wilson stated she has 8 grandchildren. That would cost her too much. Maybe you can do a different kind of package.

Bob Wilson, 6 Crane Lane

Mr. Wilson said \$20.00 is way too much. Most people won't be able to afford it so they won't come.

Council President Malone stated that a six pack of guests passes costs \$75.00, which is \$12.50 per pass.

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Councilman Zuckerman read the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, that the Ordinance, as read by title, on second reading, at this Regular meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

The motion was seconded by Council President Malone

Roll Call Vote:

Vote:

Council Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Comments
Malone	X				
Germershausen	X				
Cefolo-Pane	X				
Carpenter	X				
Zuckerman	X				
Santoro	X				
Total	6				

Mayor Taylor declared that the Ordinance was finally adopted and asked the Borough Clerk to print the notice of adoption in the proper places.

20-02 Establishing Recreation Summer Program Fees

Council President Malone read a summary of Ordinance # 20-2 and moved for its adoption. He stated that the Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a regular meeting of the Borough Council held on January 23, 2020 as follows:

**BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK
ORDINANCE #20-2
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SUMMER PROGRAM FEES FOR THE YEAR 2020 IN THE
BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK**

The motion was seconded by Councilman Zuckerman.

Vote:

Council Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Comments
Malone	X				
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Carpenter	X				
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Germershausen	X				
Cefolo-Pane	X				
Carpenter	X				
Zuckerman	X				
Santoro	X				
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CONSENT AGENDA – RESOLUTIONS FOR APPROVAL

Council President Malone made a motion to approve the presented Resolutions via a single motion of the Council. He asked the Clerk to read the Resolutions into the Record.

- # 20-42 Authorizing the Grant Application to the NJ Historic Trust Preserve Grant Program for Preservation of the Little Red Schoolhouse
- # 20-43 Authorizing Cancellation of Taxes, 80 Lincoln Avenue
- # 20-44 Authorizing Cancellation of Taxes, 25 Brooklake Road
- # 20-45 Authorizing Issuance of Certificate of Redemption, 20 Afton Drive

- # 20-46 Authorizing Cancellation of Taxes, 208 Ridgedale Avenue
- # 20-47 Authorizing Cancellation of Taxes for Exempt Veteran, 307 Brooklake
- # 20-48 Authorizing Cancellation of Added Taxes, Tax Appeal, 5 Afton Ct.
- # 20-49 Authorizing Cancellation of Taxes, 92 Edgewood Drive
- # 20-50 Authorizing Lien Redemption, 6 Beacon Hill Road
- # 20-51 Authorizing Cancellation of Taxes, Tax Appeal, 11 Cherokee Trail
- # 20-52 Authorizing Tax Lien Redemption, 65 Ridgedale Avenue
- # 20-53 Authorizing a Temporary Budget for 2020 Municipal Budget
- # 20-54 Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement for SLEO III Officers with the Florham Park Board of Education
- # 20-56 Authorizing a Developer's Agreement for Palmont Associates

The motion was seconded by Councilman Carpenter

Roll Call Vote:

Council Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Comments
Malone	X				
Germershausen	X				
Cefolo-Pane	X				
Carpenter	X				
Zuckerman	X				
Santoro	X				
Total	6				

Payment of Vouchers:

Council President Malone read a summary of the current bills list and made a motion to approve it in the amount \$562,476.90. The motion was seconded by Councilman Germershausen.

Vote:

Council Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Comments
Malone	X				
Germershausen	X				
Cefolo-Pane	X				
Carpenter	X				
Zuckerman	X				
Santoro	X				
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PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Mayor Taylor opened the meeting to the public. The following members of the public wished to be heard:

John Winters, 32 Brooklake Road

Mr. Winters had some questions regarding items on the Agenda. He asked if the Council was going to inform the public that the reason the summer fees are going up is due to minimum wage increase.

Mr. Malone indicated that is why he outlined the reason for the fee increase in his preamble.

Mr. Winters questioned the increases in salaries. Mr. Huyler stated they had to increase the dispatcher's salaries, because they were not staying employe with the Borough because the salaries were too low. Also, the Assistant to the Clerk salary was adjusted due to inequities with other administrative staff.

Mr. Huyler stated regarding the DPW Field Supervisor position has been vacant for 2 years. Joe Bassolino went to school to obtain the required certifications and has now been placed in that position.

Seeing no more members of the public who wished to be heard, Mayor Taylor closed the meeting to the Public.

Mayor Taylor stated that Carol Bianchi from JCP&L was in attendance just to say hello. Ms. Bianchi introduced herself. She left her contact information in case anyone needs to get in touch with her in the future.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was regularly moved by Council President Malone and seconded by Councilwoman Cefolo-Pane that the meeting be adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila A. Williams, R.M.C.
Borough Clerk
February 18, 2020