



**Florham Park Borough**  
**Regular Council Meeting Minutes**  
**October 21, 2021**

Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm, and asked the Deputy Clerk for a roll call:

<b>Governing Body Member</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Mayor Taylor</b>	x	
<b>Council President Santoro</b>		x
<b>Councilman Germershausen</b>	x	
<b>Councilwoman Cefolo-Pane</b>	x	
<b>Councilman Carpenter</b>	x	
<b>Councilman Malone</b>		x
<b>Councilman Zuckerman</b>	x	

Additional Borough officials in attendance were: Borough Administrator William Huyler, Borough Attorney Joseph Bell, and Deputy Clerk Maryann Lang.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Mayor Taylor asked the Deputy Clerk if the statutory requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act had been met. Ms. Lang responded in the affirmative.

**Minutes for Council Approval:**

Mayor Taylor asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 16, 2021 Regular Council Meeting and the October 7, 2021 Council Work Session Meeting. Councilman Carpenter made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Germershausen.

**Roll Call Vote:**

<b>Council Member</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Santoro</b>				x	
<b>Germershausen</b>	x				
<b>Cefolo-Pane</b>	x				
<b>Carpenter</b>	x				
<b>Malone</b>				x	
<b>Zuckerman</b>	x		x		9/16 abstain 10/7 aye
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>2</b>	

Mr. Huyler advised the Mayor and Council that two options were received for the field logo at Volunteer Park. The first is for a painted logo, 60 feet in diameter, which will cost \$14,684.00. Mr. Carpenter remarked that the company advised that it may last up to two years.

The second option is for a cut out, sewn in logo, which will cost \$35,246.00. This option will last longer, as it is the same technology as the turf field. Mayor Taylor asked if the logo would be “carryable”, if the existing turf needs to be replaced. Mr. Huyler responded that the turf was just inspected, and it is still in very good shape. Ms. Cefolo-Pane asked how long this option will last. Mr. Huyler responded that it should hold up like the rest of the turf. Mr. Huyler recommended this option.

Mr. Zuckerman asked if tax money will be used to pay for the logo. Mr. Huyler responded that it will not.

The consensus from Mayor, and Council, was to proceed with the cut out, sewn in option, as it will have greater longevity.

### **Council Portfolio Updates:**

**Councilman Germershausen provided the following report:**

#### **Morris County Board of Commissioners:**

Nothing to report

#### **Gazebo Committee:**

There is a meeting tonight for Gazebo Committee. Nothing else to report.

**Councilwoman Cefolo-Pane provided the following report:**

#### **AARP:**

The National AARP will now allow in person meetings. The November and December meetings may be a hybrid of Zoom and in person. The meetings will be restricted to members only.

Ms. Cefolo-Pane remarked that Mr. Huyler visited the Senior Center and, contrary to Borough policy, none of the seniors were wearing a mask. Only the Borough employee was wearing a mask.

#### **Planning Board:**

There will be a meeting on Monday, October 25, 2021, with one application on the agenda.

#### **Historic Preservation Committee:**

The Little Red Schoolhouse will begin to be open to the public. The Historic Preservation Committee will have two people present, when open to the public.

Ms. Cefolo-Pane asked if Construction Official, Kevin Guilfoyle, had any information to share. Mr. Guilfoyle responded that he is moving forward with UCC permit legislation. The Building Department plan room has been completed. This was in response to a mandate from the State, for online permitting.

Mr. Guilfoyle shared that Kevin Sitlick, Morris County Planning Board, advised him that Florham Park was number one in new home construction in Morris County in 2020 . There was \$18,000,000 in construction in Morris County.

Over two hundred Certificates of Occupancy were issued in the Del Webb Housing Development, out of 428. The development will be completed in 2022.

**Councilman Carpenter provided the following report:**

**Department of Public Works:**

Grass/garden pick up was concluded this week.  
Received new basin cleaning truck.  
Building Department plan room has been completed.  
One hundred and thirty compactor cards have been issued to residents.  
Vote by mail drop box was installed by doorway to police entrance.  
Purchased zero turn sprayer spreader.

**Police Department:**

The Police Department is accepting applications for a SLEO 3 officer, which provides security for schools. The application is on the Borough website, due November 5, 2021.

There will be a physical fitness test, on October 24, 2021, for Police Department applicants.

**Engineering:**

Columbia/Park Street intersection improvement project - awaiting delivery of traffic signal components.

Briarwood Road and intersection improvements – traffic signal foundation work has been completed. All concrete and paving should be completed by winter. This project involves NJ DOT grant funding of \$350,000.00.

Elm Street Road and drainage improvement project – meeting with design consultant over next two weeks. There will be a public meeting at the end of the year, or beginning of next year. Project is scheduled to go out to bid next spring. This project involves NJ DOT grant funding of \$411,700.00.

Drainage study Farr Lane/Murphy Circle – GPI Consultants are working on formalizing stormwater easements. Hydraulics study is near completion.

**Florham Park Fire Department and First Aid Squad:**

Nothing to report.

Mayor Taylor thanked Police Chief, Joseph Orlando, for sending out texts to residents regarding locking their cars, as there have been break-ins.

**Councilman Zuckerman provided the following report:**

**Board of Education:**

The Board of Education will hold a meeting on October 25, 2021. Board President, Yvonne Cali, was present at the Council meeting and provided a brief synopsis: Curriculum and professional development will be discussed at Board meeting. Will begin “Start Strong” testing for grades four through six. Hopefully, test scores won’t show a decrease due to the pandemic.

Mr. Carpenter asked Mr. Zuckerman to provide school enrollment figures. They are as follows: School enrollment in 2017-18 was 849 (Hanover Park); in 2020-21, it is 760. Enrollment at the elementary schools is 961.

**Environmental Commission:**

Working on 2022 budget.

**Pool:**

Discussed plan to upgrade the pool house, inside and outside. Will meet on November 4<sup>th</sup> with Chief Financial Officer, Patrice Visco, to discuss 2022 budget.

**Ordinance for Second Reading:**

#21-17        An Ordinance to amend Ordinance #21-11, to increase amounts to reflect funds received from Morris County.

Councilman Carpenter read a summary of Ordinance #21-17, 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 September 16, 2021 as follows:

**BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK  
COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
ORDINANCE #21-17**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #21-11 ADOPTED MAY 20, 2021 AND ENTITLED, “AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR GENERAL CAPITAL PROJECTS ENUMERATED WITHIN FOR THE BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK, COUNTY OF MORRIS AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE FUNDING THEREOF” TO INCREASE THE AMOUNTS LISTED THEREIN TO REFLECT FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE COUNTY OF MORRIS.**

Mayor Taylor asked the Deputy Clerk to read a summary of the legal notice. Ms. Lang 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.

Mayor Taylor opened the meeting to the public on the Ordinance and stated that any taxpayer of the Borough of Florham Park, or any interested persons, could be heard. Seeing no members of the public who wished to be heard, Mayor Taylor closed the meeting to the public.

Councilman Carpenter read the following resolution and moved its adoption:  
 I offer the following Ordinance and move its adoption. I hereby resolve that this Ordinance as read by title on second reading be adopted and finally passed.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Germershausen.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Council Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Comments
Santoro				x	
Germershausen	x				
Cefolo-Pane	x				
Carpenter	x				
Malone				x	
Zuckerman	x				
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>2</b>	

Mayor Taylor declared that Ordinance #21-17 was finally adopted and asked the Deputy Clerk to publish the notice of adoption in the proper places.

**Consent Agenda – Resolutions of Approval:**

Councilwoman Cefolo-Pane made a motion to approve the following Consent Agenda Resolutions. The motion was seconded by Councilman Carpenter.

- #21-133 Appointment of Kevin Guilfoyle as Construction and Subcode Official
- #21-134 Authorize agreement with New Horizons Day Camp, storage on Borough property
- #21-135 Authorize release of safety and stabilization guarantee cash bond, PSI Atlantic Florham Park, LLC
- #21-136 Authorize full performance bond release, Christopher Coccia, Allerton Associates, LLC

**Roll Call Vote:**

Council Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Comments
Santoro				x	
Germershausen	x				
Cefolo-Pane	x				
Carpenter	x				
Malone				x	
Zuckerman	x				
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**Payment of Vouchers:**

Councilman Germershausen made a motion to approve the current bills list in the amount of \$2,579,815.71. The motion was seconded by Councilman Zuckerman.

**Roll Call Vote:**

<b>Council Member</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Santoro</b>				<b>x</b>	
<b>Germershausen</b>	<b>x</b>				
<b>Cefolo-Pane</b>	<b>x</b>				
<b>Carpenter</b>	<b>x</b>				
<b>Malone</b>				<b>x</b>	
<b>Zuckerman</b>	<b>x</b>				
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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 questioned longevity of logo for turf field. The response was that the field has been there almost nine years, and is in good shape, so logo should hold up well.

**Joshua Marchal, 109 Edgewood Road:**

Mr. Marchal asked when the sidewalks on Briarwood Road will be completed. Borough Engineer, Michael Sgaramella, responded that the project should be completed by the end of the week.

Mayor Taylor closed the public portion of the meeting.

**Adjournment:**

On a motion made by Mr. Carpenter, and seconded by Councilwoman Cefolo-Pane, the meeting was adjourned by a unanimous vote at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryann C. Lang, RMC  
Deputy Borough Clerk  
October 21, 2021