



**Florham Park Borough**  
**Council Work Session Meeting Minutes**  
**November 4, 2021**

Acting Mayor Kristen Santoro called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm, and asked the Deputy Clerk for a roll call:

Governing Body Member	Present	Absent
<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.

Acting Mayor Santoro asked the Deputy Clerk if the statutory requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act had been met. Ms. Lang responded in the affirmative.

Ms. Santoro announced that due to conflicts of the Council, and in order to have a quorum, tonight's meeting will be shortened. The Council Portfolio Updates and 2021 Best Practices Inventory by Chief Financial Officer, Patrice Visco, will be eliminated from the agenda.

**Consent Agenda – Resolutions of Approval:**

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

- **#21-137** Authorize Tax Overpayment Refunds
- **#21-138** Redemption of Tax Title Lien #21-000005
- **#21-139** Budget Transfers

**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>				
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>2</b>	

**Payment of Vouchers:**

Councilman Zuckerman made a motion to approve the current bills list in the amount of \$865,551.96. The motion was seconded by Ms. Cefolo Pane.

**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>				
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>2</b>	

Before moving on with the privilege of the floor, Acting Mayor Santoro, thanked Borough Engineer, Michael Sgaramella for obtaining a grant from the NJ DOT for sidewalk and roadway improvements for Dellwood Drive, Woodbine Road, Puddingstone Way, Rustic Court and Timber Court. The grant amount is \$226,000.00.

**Privilege of the Floor:**

Acting Mayor Santoro opened the meeting to the public, and the following members of the public wished to be heard:

**Rhett Eveland, 68 Beechwood Road:**

Mr. Eveland stated that he is concerned by the flooding in his neighborhood. It isn't a recent problem, and it seems to be getting progressively worse. Water runs down the middle of the neighborhood down to his house every time it rains. His house has no basement, just a crawl space. The crawl space fills up with water, sometimes up to three feet. He has to pump it out frequently. He looked into a sump pump, but it wouldn't handle this issue. He is not in a flood zone, and his insurance can't help him. He stated that his house now has structural damage, and it is all his responsibility. Mr. Eveland had emailed photos to Mayor/Council.

Mr. Sgaramella was asked if part of the neighborhood is in a flood zone. He responded that the wooded area is a flood zone, but not where the house is located.

Councilwoman Cefolo Pane asked Mr. Sgaramella if there could be an issue with the stormwater system. Mr. Sgaramella responded that he hasn't heard of flooding in the street, so it is probably not blocked.

Acting Mayor Santoro stated that she will speak to Mayor Taylor, and will look into the situation presented by Mr. Eveland.

John Winters, 32 Brooklake Road:

Mr. Winters asked if there has been any movement on the ASCO property. The response was nothing yet.

Maureen Mulligan, 9 Pace Road:

Ms. Mulligan stated that she read an article in the local newspaper about a \$35,000 proposed logo at Volunteers Park. She asked how much money was bonded for Volunteers Park; how much was spent, and how much is left. Mr. Huyler asked Ms. Visco if she had that information. Ms. Visco responded that it was somewhere around three million dollars that was bonded, but would have to look up the details. Ms. Mulligan stated that after hearing about Mr. Eveland's situation, there other things more important than \$35,000 for this logo. Would like a little more thought on this.

Pastor Beau Nelson, Morristown resident and Pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 160 Ridgedale Avenue:

Pastor Nelson stated that there has been so much loss with COVID, but also such a need to give thanks. He extended an invitation to the Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service to be held on November 22, 2021 at 7:30 pm. The service will be live streamed over You Tube. He provided flyers with details of the service.

Steven Gallo, 9 Cathedral Avenue; Parks Strobridge 1 Cathedral Avenue; Gary Tarangelo, 3 Cathedral Avenue:

The residents expressed their concern regarding a 6'x6' utility structure installed by Cablevision across from their homes. There was no notification provided to residents, and asked if it was approved by the town.

Ms. Cefolo Pane responded that utility companies do not need permission to use the public right of way. Mr. Huyler stated that the utility company representative was in a few months ago, and was advised to notify homeowners. The residents responded that even if they were notified, it is a big eyesore in a residential area. Mr. Huyler responded that it probably can't be moved. He asked the homeowners if plantings around the structure would help. The residents responded that it is close to the road, so not sure how much can be planted. Councilman Germershausen mentioned that in Seaside Heights utility boxes sometimes have murals painted on them, to make them look better. The residents were advised that the Borough would look into the matter of plantings.

**Adjournment:**

On a motion made by Mr. Zuckerman, and seconded by Mr. Germershausen, the meeting was adjourned by a unanimous vote at 6:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Maryann C. Lang, Deputy Borough Clerk  
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