



**Borough of Florham Park
Borough Council Meeting Minutes
June 17, 2021
Held Via Zoom**

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 within the guidelines for public meetings by the State of NJ during the Pandemic. Information on how to access the meeting, which was previously advertised at the beginning of the year in the annual legal notice, were provided to the public regarding in accordance with State guidelines.

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

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

Additional Borough Officials present were Deputy Clerk Maryann Lang, Administrator William Huyler and Borough Attorney Joseph Bell.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Taylor led the Salute to the Flag.

Opening Statement by Mayor Taylor:

Mayor Taylor stated that the meeting was being recorded; therefore, anyone who did not wish to participate could elect to drop off at any time.

Mayor Taylor asked the Deputy Clerk if the requirements of the Open Public Meetings act had been met. Mrs. Lang stated the Borough was in compliance with the requirements.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

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

➤ Minutes of the May 20, 2021 Regular Meeting

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

The motion was seconded by Councilman Malone

Roll Call Vote:

Council Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Comments
Santoro	X				
Germershausen	X				
Cefolo-Pane	X				
Carpenter	X				
Malone	X				
Zuckerman				X	
Total	5			1	

Councilman Zuckerman dropped off the Zoom call and was not present for the rest of the meeting.

Council Portfolio Updates:

Council President Kristen Santoro provided the following report:

Water Utility:

- Well Rehabilitation and Transmission Projects- Both projects have been awarded at May Council meeting. Contracts have been received by both Contractors. Contractors have started shop drawing submittals. A Pre-Construction meeting for both projects will be scheduled shortly.
- Water Meter replacement project- National Water Meter will be responsible for installing the 1,500 permanent residential meters. Approximately 640 meters have been replaced at this time.
- Water Tank Rehabilitation Design Project- Working with Borough Attorney to revise Antenna leases to place burden of relocating their facilities when the Borough starts a Tank Rehabilitation Project. Updating leases will likely span over several months and could affect income. Lease Amendments have been sent out to all cellular carriers.
- Water Department completed meter readings, exercised valves as part of their valve exercising program, replaced chlorine pump in Well #4, took pool water samples for lab workup, repairing fire hydrants at 12 Rever Court and 177 Brooklake (due to car collision damage), and performed plumbing repairs at various municipal buildings.
- Municipal Pool- Water Department excavated around balance tank for pool to determine source of water leak and are assisting with repair.
- Daily and Weekly Duties completed.

Sewer Utility:

- Sewer Consultant presented a Draft Water Pollution Control Facility Evaluation Report which included Process Optimization recommendations, Plant upgrade evaluation, and Capital Improvement recommendations with costs for a Capital Improvement Plan. We have reviewed and submitted comments to the Consultant so that report may be finalized.
- Carriagan Lane/Burnet Road Sewer and Sewer Pump Station project- Project under final design. Once complete, a Treatment Works Approval will have to be permitted from the NJDEP.
- The Cured-In-Place pipe lining project at Spring Garden Lake is completed. Project closeout commencing.
- Sewer Staff did the following over the past two weeks:
 - Completed quarterly backflows at main plant and pump stations
 - Moved exposed electrical line above carport to underground
 - Installed new wash water pump in gravity filter #1

- New lab construction near completion
- Installed new ceiling tiles
- Upgraded all plumbing fixtures
- Upgraded all electrical fixtures
- Cleaned scum pit #2 and inspected air diffusers
- Cleaned and chlorinated gravity filter #2
- Cleared path to outfall on Passaic River
- Continued to assemble rotor paddles for oxidation ditch #2 upgrade
- Cleaned catch basin and Cubed storm sewer on Cathedral
- Continued sewer jetting and line cleaning throughout the town
- Updated GIS manhole and sewer line locations
- Continued sewer line inspection with Cube
- Met with representatives from Colliers regarding sewer plant upgrades
- Continued preventative maintenance program
- Continued with daily plant operations

Board of Health:

- Tom Canstisano reported FP is in the green for COVID – NJ down percentage wise as well and no newly reported cases for Florham Park
- Discussed the fact that our website has information on when/where to get vaccinated.

4th of July:

- Looking forward to the big day; cups signs, etc. have all been ordered.

Mr. Germershausen provided the following report:

Florham Park Gazebo Committee

- Last week the concert was the Sensational Soul Cruisers; British Invasion next Sunday

Councilwoman Cefolo-Pane provided the following report:

The Historic Preservation Commission:

- The Commission has a meeting scheduled next week

Seniors:

- AARP had their last meeting for the summer and will meet again in September; may look at a hybrid meeting pending conversations with AARP National
- Seniors had their luncheon on the 9th

Planning Board:

- One matter is carried to the next meeting; Blue Foundry Bank; July 12
- There were 2 administratively approved site plan waivers; Bank of America doing some renovations to existing drive-thru also a change in Tenancy for a law firm

Zoning Board:

- Two Zoning Board matters heard; Seeking approval for lot coverage in ground pool; Another initial application to build a pool accessory building close to 1200 Feet. Those applications were denied.

Councilman Carpenter Provided the following report:

Engineering:

- Columbia/Park Street Intersection Improvement Project- This was advertised by the County. Bid Opening was last week. Cost is lower than Engineer's Estimate. Due to start soon.
- Briarwood Road & Intersection Improvements- This project has been advertised by the Borough for a July 7 Bid Opening. Plans and Specifications submitted to NJDOT for review and approved since NJDOT grant funding is involved (\$350,000).
- Borough Hall HVAC Improvements- Review comments on 90% design submittal for the HVAC construction drawings for the Borough Hall have been sent to Consultant. Once possible state funding is finalized, then Plans and Specifications will be advertised for bid. This may move to a Spring 2022 project, but may be beneficial since cost of materials is currently very high

Quarterly Newsletter:

- Quarterly Newsletter was sent out; Mark Taylor and Charlie Malone graciously added content. For the next newsletter it would be nice if two more Council people could add some content on some things they have been doing. Get in touch with Suzanne if you would like to comment.

Police Department:

- The Police are planning National Night out with the Fire Department. They would like to make it as big as possible.

Department of Public Works:

- The DPW purchased a new compressor with the money they made on the recent auction
- Prepping for 4th of July
- Heaters have been installed in the garage
- The last auction netted a profit of \$44,300 for DPW
- Working on removing infected or dead Ash Trees

Fire Department:

- Recruiting efforts are back in full swing.

First Aid Squad:

- Squad had a meeting with a quorum, which was the 1st time in several months.

Councilman Malone provided the following report:

Recreation:

- Hanover Park Boys Baseball team won the Sectionals at the State level and also won another game at the group level. They will play on Saturday in Hamilton against Voorhees for the Group Championship. A real credit they made it this far and continue to wish them well.

Councilman Malone asked Recreation Director John Timmons to provide an update:

Mr. Timmons reported:

- There are 128 Campers registered; a little smaller group this year, which is good
- Opened up cheer registration
- Tennis registration will open August 2nd; residents required to pay a small fee which will give them access to the locked courts

- Fred Stobaues and Lou Boyd awards have been selected. They will be presented at Middle School graduation as well as 4th of July. We have invited to 2020 and 2021 winners to ride in the Parade.

Finance:

- The auction of surplus equipment ended on May 21; police items sold there as well. A total of 71 items sold for a total of \$84,329.00
- 2020 Audit field work ended last week; should receive audit report before the end of July

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING – FINAL ADOPTION

- # 21-14 Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Section 14, Ch. 238, Prohibited Parking on Certain Streets.

Councilman Carpenter read a summary of Ordinance # 21-14 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 May 20, 2021 as follows:

**BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK
COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE # 21-14**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING SECTION 14 OF CHAPTER 238 OF THE BOROUGH CODE, ENTITLED “PARKING PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES ON CERTAIN STREETS”

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.

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:

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 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	
Total	5			1	

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

CONSENT AGENDA –RESOLUTIONS FOR APPROVAL

Council President Santoro made a motion to approve the presented Resolutions via a single motion of the Council. She asked the Borough Clerk to read the Resolutions into the record. All Resolutions listed below are appended hereto.

- # 21-95 Authorizing an Agreement with the County of Morris for Traffic Signal and Roadway Improvements for Ridgedale Avenue and Briarwood Road
- # 21-96 Authorizing 2021-22 Alcoholic Beverage Control Licenses
- # 21-97 Authorizing 2021 Seasonal Day Camp Hires
- # 21-98 Authorizing a Salary Change to the Asst. Plant. Mgr., Sewer Utility
- # 21-99 Authorizing a Salary Change to the Laboratory Mgr., Sewer Utility
- #21-100 Authorizing Cancellation of Interest, 120 Ridgedale Avenue
- #21-101 Authorizing a Chapter 159 for Clean Communities Fund
- #21-102 Authorizing a Chapter 159 for Morris County Historical Preservation Fund
- # 21-103 Cancelling Incorrect Water Charges, 33 Murphy Circle
- # 21-104 Authorizing a Design Services Change Order for HVAC System
- # 21-105 Authorizing an Agreement with Diamond Gymnastics for For Use of the Municipal Pool

The motion was seconded by Councilman Malone

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 Malone read a summary of the current bills list and made a motion to approve it in the amount \$4,042,341.27. The motion was seconded by Councilman Carpenter.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Winters had the following questions/comments:

Kristen, when will the shovel hit the ground on the water and sewer projects?

- Councilwoman Santoro stated they are due to start soon; Mr. Sgaramella did not give timeframes for them, but she will follow-up.

Regarding Resolutions 21-98 & 21-99 – were those normal increases?

- They both already worked here and they received certification upgrades and their manager moved up as well.

Sun Valley, glad you are holding the line. NO additional housing until after 2025. Compliment you on that.

Paul Chase, 48 Orchard Road

Mr. Chase had the following questions/comments:

I got my water bill last week and looked at it; again my bill was estimated and the previous 5 bills were estimates. I noticed my actual was higher. Over the past 15 months the billing was incorrect. Concerned that when the Borough does an actual meeting there will be a shortfall.

The Mayor stated the problem is localized and only a few a having the issue. The Department is currently working to try and determine what that issue is.

Patrice Visco stated that Mr. Sgaramella sent some crew out there to take a look at the meter. She doesn't know what the outcome was but Mr. Sgaramella will be contacting Mr. Chase.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

It was regularly moved by Councilman Zuckerman and seconded by Councilman Malone that the meeting be adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Sheila A. Williams, R.M.C.
Borough Clerk
July 14, 2021