



**Borough of Florham Park
Borough Council Meeting Minutes
July 15, 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 June 17, 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	

Council Portfolio Updates:

Councilwoman Cefolo-Pane provided the following report:

The Historic Preservation Commission:

➤ The Commission

Seniors:

Planning Board:

Zoning Board:

Councilman Carpenter Provided the following report:

Engineering:

- Columbia/Park Street Intersection Improvement Project- Attended Pre-Construction Meeting with County last week. Contractor will submit shop drawings for equipment ASAP so that the traffic signal equipment can be ordered immediately. We anticipate a long lead time. Contractor will start concrete foundation, curb, and sidewalk work within next two weeks. The concrete work has to be completed prior to the County paving Columbia Turnpike from James Street westward this year.
- Briarwood Road & Intersection Improvements- This project had a bid opening on July 7. The award of project is on tonight's Council agenda. NJDOT grant funding is involved (\$350,000).
- Borough Hall HVAC Improvements- Design is complete. The project will proceed this fall, and will be advertised next week. A Pre-bid meeting is scheduled for 8/18. Bid Opening scheduled for 9/2. Possible award of contract scheduled for 9/16 Council meeting.
- I submitted two projects for 2022 NJDOT Local Aid funding which are on agenda for tonight. Project #1 is Dellwood, Woodbine, Puddingstone, Rustic, and Timber Court for milling and paving, sidewalk reconstruction, and associated curb work. Project #2 is Manker Dr., Totty Ct., Farr Lane, and Murphy Circle for milling and paving, base pavement repairs, sidewalk repairs, and associated curb work. Usually we will find out grant awards in October or November.

Police Department:

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

Department of Public Works:

Fire Department:

First Aid Squad:

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Councilman Malone provided the following report:

Recreation:

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

Mr. Timmons reported:

Finance:

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING - INTRODUCTION

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.

- # 21-106 Authorizing the Display of Fireworks for National Night Out
- # 21-107 Reappointing Maryann Lang as Registrar for Borough of FP
- # 21-108 Appointment of an Assistant, Department of Public Works
- # 21-109 Authorizing Seasonal Municipal Pool Hires
- # 21-110 Authorizing Submittal of a Municipal Grant for Roadway and Sidewalk Improvement Project #00623
- # 21-111 Authorizing Submittal of a Municipal Grant for Roadway and Sidewalk Improvement Project #00676

- # 21-112 Authorizing a Contract Award for Traffic Signal and Roadway Improvement Project; Ridgedale Avenue & Briarwood Road.
- # 21-113 Appointing a Part-Time Assistant to the Construction Official
- # 21-114 Authorizing Execution of an Easement Agreement with Rock-GW LLC and to Accept a Deed of Conveyance From Rock GW-LLC
- # 21-115 Authorizing Execution of a TWA-1 And WQM-3 For Sanitary Pump Station within Carrigan Lane Right-of-Way

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	

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	
Total	5			1	

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