



Florham Park Borough
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2021

Mayor Taylor called the Work Session to order at 6:34 pm, and asked the Deputy Clerk for a roll call:

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 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 August 19, 2021 Regular Council Meeting and the September 2, 2021 Council Work Session Meeting. Councilman Carpenter made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Council President Santoro.

Roll Call Vote:

Council Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Comments
Santoro	x				
Germershausen	x				for 9/2
Cefolo-Pane	x				
Carpenter	x				
Malone				x	
Zuckerman				x	
Total	4			2	

Council Portfolio Updates:

Mayor Taylor asked the Council if they had any portfolio updates.

Councilwoman Cefolo-Pane stated that the Senior Citizens Club picnic is scheduled for September 22, 2021, at 11:30 at the Community Center Pavillion.

Councilman Carpenter stated that Safe Nite Out will be held on October 30, 2021. In 2019, the Council approved the purchase of two bicycles for a raffle. He asked the Mayor and Council if they would like to do the same this year, and the consensus was yes. Borough Attorney Joseph Bell advised to approve this matter by vote. Councilman Carpenter made a motion to approve the purchase of two bicycles. Councilwoman Cefolo-Pane seconded the motion, and all Council members present voted "aye".

Council President Santoro stated that the library will be hosting a "new to town" event on Saturday, September 18, 2021 from 1:00-3:00 pm.

Ordinance for First Reading:

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

Councilman Carpenter read the following Ordinance #21-17 by title as follows, and moved to present the Ordinance for Introduction on First Reading:

**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

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	4			2	

Councilman Carpenter stated that the above Ordinance was introduced and read by title at this Council meeting held on September 16, 2021. He further stated that the Council would consider this Ordinance for a second reading, and final passage, on October 21, 2021 at 6:30 pm prevailing time at a meeting held at the Municipal Building, 111 Ridgedale Avenue. He asked the Deputy Clerk to publish the proper notice, and post the Ordinance on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building.

Councilman Carpenter moved for approval of the Ordinance on first reading. 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	4			2	

Consent Agenda – Resolutions of Approval:

Council President Santoro made a motion to approve the following Consent Agenda Resolutions. The motion was seconded by Councilman Germershausen.

- #21-128 **Authorizing police officers to participate in the Policy Unity Tour**
- #21-129 **Authorizing a new deferred compensation plan**
- #21-130 **Requesting insertion of an item of revenue in 2021 budget**
- #21-131 **Rejecting all bids for HVAC upgrades**
- #21-132 **One hundred dollar application fee for screening police officer candidates**

Roll Call Vote:

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

Payment of Vouchers:

Councilwoman Cefolo-Pane made a motion to approve the current bills list in the amount of \$4,048,72.72. The motion was seconded by Councilman Carpenter.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Mayor Taylor asked Borough Administrator, William Huyler, if he had anything for discussion prior to opening the meeting to the public. He responded that he did not.

Ms. Lang advised Mayor Taylor that she had an item for discussion. She advised the Mayor and Council that sidewalk café renewals for 2022 will be mailed shortly. In 2021, the \$100.00 renewal fee was waived, due to the pandemic. She asked if the fee should be waived for 2022. The Mayor and Council agreed to waive the fee.

Councilwoman Cefolo-Pane brought to the Council’s attention that handicapped parking spaces by Pastosa and Thirsty Turtle are impacted by the tent. Mr. Huyler responded that he thought the spaces were relocated. Mayor Taylor stated that Bill Kussler, Zoning Enforcement, will need to look into the matter.

Privilege of the Floor:

Mayor Taylor opened the meeting to the public at 6:42 pm. The following members of the public wished to be heard:

John Winters, 32 Brooklake Road:

Is Resolution 21-129 due to an adjustment in an employee contract? Mayor Taylor responded that it was not. Mr. Huyler added that it is a new program offered to employees.

What is the outcome of Resolution 21-131? Mayor Taylor responded that the lowest bid came in much higher than expected. Mr. Huyler added that he spoke to Chief Financial Officer, Patrice Visco, and this project will be put on hold beyond next year as it would severely impact the capital budget.

Can you provide clarification on Resolution 21-130? He was advised that it was grant money received that was added to the budget.

Has the Briarwood Road project been delayed due to a delay in grant money? Borough Engineer, Mr. Sgaramella, responded in the affirmative.

Is there any new information on the ASCO project? Mayor Taylor responded that they are working through some issues, and will be back to us.

Joshua Marchal, 109 Edgewood Road:

Mr. Marchal praised the town for their response to Hurricane Ida. Mayor Taylor commented that the town was very fortunate, in light of the amount of rain that fell, which was almost 8.5".

The public portion of the meeting was closed at 6:45.

Adjournment:

On a motion made by Councilman Carpenter and seconded by Council President Santoro, the meeting was adjourned by a unanimous vote at 6:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryann C. Lang, RMC
Deputy Clerk
September 16, 2021