



Borough of Florham Park Borough Council Meeting Minutes January 20, 2022

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 was provided to the public in accordance with State guidelines.

Mayor Taylor asked the Borough Clerk for a roll call 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 Borough Clerk Sheila Williams, Administrator William Huyler and Borough Attorney Joseph Bell.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Taylor led the Salute to the Flag.

Opening Statement – Open Public Meetings Act

Mayor Taylor asked the Borough Clerk if the requirements of the Open Public Meetings act had been met. Mrs. Williams 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 December 9, 2021 Regular Council Meeting
- Minutes of the January 6, 2022 Reorganization Meeting

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

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Santoro

Roll Call Vote:

Council Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Comments
Carpenter	X				
Germershausen	X				
Malone	X				
Zuckerman	X				
Santoro	X				
Marchal	X				
Total	6				

Council Portfolio Updates:

Council President Scott Carpenter had the following update:

Engineering:

- Columbia/Park Street Intersection Improvement Project- Awaiting delivery of traffic signal components. We are being told possibly end February or beginning of March.
- Briarwood Road & Intersection Improvements- Awaiting delivery of traffic signal components. No word on delivery yet.
- Elm Street Road and Drainage Improvement Project- Design of the project is 90% complete. Display boards being created for a future public meeting for the Elm

Street residents in February. Project is scheduled to go out to bid next Spring NJDOT grant funding is involved (\$411,700).

- Drainage Study at Farr Lane & Murphy Circle- GPI Consultants will complete Hydraulic Study with Plan depicting flood elevations. This will present the relationship of flood elevations for different storm events with the fixed floor elevations of 27 Farr Lane which has a history of flooding at its lower floor. Easement descriptions have been forwarded to the Borough Attorney for creation of Easement Agreements between the Borough and two nearby residents that have a drainage ditch within their property.
- Starting to finalize Road Capital Projects for 2022. A large portion of the capital will be designated to the Elm Street Improvement Project. Plan on using the Morris County Cooperative for paving in the Spring.

Police Department:

Two police recruits delayed because of COVID; not only our recruits putm all other towns as well. They were delayed two weeks. Our recruits have completed their in-house training as well as their 911 certification and will begin their training at the Academy on Monday,had.

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- The Squad took on 12 new members. 4 are returning EMTs and some are in the school

Department of Pubic Works

- Leaf collection totaled 323 loads and compiled 895 cubic yards of shredded leaves, 8 vehicles and pieces of equipment were purchased through the County Auction that will be incorporated into the fleet.
- The compactor card system has been in place for about 2 weeks. Approximately two of three residents had to be directed as to where to their cards.

Councilman Germershausen had the following update:

Morris County Historic Preservation

Chairperson Suzanne Herold has set up meetings for 2022. The next meeting will be next week. She also has a spreadsheet for anyone who would like to volunteer for some weekly activities that she will be setting up; more on that at the next meeting.

Morris County Commissioners

Councilman Germershausen stated that he attended the Zoom meetings. Nothing related to Florham Park was reported.

Councilman Malone had the following update:

Finance:

The Budget Committee had a meeting this evening prior to this meeting. We are on track for introduction of budget for the 1st Quarter of this year. I would ask CFO Patrice Visco if she has anything to add?

Ms. Visco stated budget books would be going out shortly. We are shooting for a budget introduction on March 17th with adoption on April 21st. Mr. Malone thanked Mrs. Visco and went on to discuss working to confirm a state reimbursement grant that was applied for resurfacing the Elm Street Tennis Courts. Again, not fully confirmed but working on getting in it confirmed.

Recreation:

Winter sports are in full swing including Basketball and the skating rink is open. Skating is only allowed when the green flag is up. If it is not, it important not to disturb the surface. If objects are thrown into the rink they may freeze anything thrown into partially frozen water and causes issues.. Seeing Mr. Timmons is not here tonight I will defer his updates until the next meeting.

Councilman William Zuckerman

Senior Citizens:

Councilman Zuckerman stated that the January 12th meeting was cancelled. There is a meeting tentatively scheduled for January 20th,

AARP held no meeting in January. Joelyn Hoeferer said membership is dropping and is in danger of closing.

Environmental Commission:

There is a meeting scheduled for January 25th, next week.

Board of Education

I attended the Board of Education reorganization meeting on January 3rd.

Councilwoman Kristen Santoro provided the following Update:

- Councilwoman Santoro stated that the Planning Board held their annual Reorganization Meeting.
- Michael D'Angelis was voted in as chair and Joe Guerin as Vice Chair
- All Borough Professionals were re-certified; i.e Planner, Engineer
- Meetings were certified for 2022 Calendar year
- There are a few vacancies if anyone knows someone who is interested
- Councilwoman Santoro asked if Construction Official Guilfoyle could provide a brief update 'Mr. Guilfoyle stated:

So far this year 89 permits have been issued, 12 CO's ; looks like another 360 permits will be issued. Del Web still has another 75 Units also to be co'd. Lots of activity there. It looks to be another prosperous year.

Councilman Joshua Marchal provided the following update:

Library Board:

- Attended a meeting regarding The Library Board holdin a program in partnership with the Florham Park Education Foundation regarding their February 15 meeting . The meeting will be the 2nd Communal Conversation Program. The meeting will be held virtually and they ask that the Governing Body Members attend if they can. The conversation starter will be a book called Palaces of the People
- Foot traffic at the library was 65% in 2021 despoite being shut down for 10 weeks and was AT 85

Were at 85'4

Libraries I general have decreased foot traffic in the area

Book Vendor has been changed to Libby; which is

New Catalog Search Experience

Water Utility

- Well Rehabilitation Project- Materials and equipment which have been delayed are slowly being delivered. Contractor installing as soon as they arrive. Council to consider resolution for Change Order #1 which is the separation of the SCADA(Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) system. Still on schedule for the Well to be fully operational by 3/31/2022 (Milestone #1) but will be manually

operated just like the Borough's existing wells. SCADA for the entire water system which provides for off-site monitoring and control will be installed by 5/31/2022 (Milestone #2), and the emergency generator will be installed by 8/31/2022 (Milestone #3).

- Well Transmission Project- Contractor will address punch list items likely between now and the Spring.
- Water Meter replacement project- National Metering Services responsible for installing the 1,442 permanent residential meters. Approximately 1,004 meters were replaced by National Metering between March and 12/31/2021. The Contract has ended and is now being closed out. The Florham Park Water Department will be responsible for the replacement of the remaining 438 meters. The Water Department will begin reaching out to residents that require their water meter changed next month. There are still approximately 148 accounts that made no effort to contact National Metering Services for meter replacement after four National Metering Services notification letters, one Borough notification letter, and placement of door placards by Water Department. We are at point where a decision has to be made to issue violations with penalties for these accounts.
- Water Tank Rehabilitation Design Project- Updating leases continues and will likely span over several months and could affect income. Lease Amendments have been sent out to all cellular carriers. Joe Bell, Patrice, and myself will be meeting with the Livingston Administrator to discuss their dealings with the cellular carriers during their tank rehabilitation projects.
- Municipal Pool- We have received one repair quote for the planned early Spring repairs which include re-caulking the pool and repairs to the balance tank. Awaiting another quote.
- Daily and Weekly Duties completed. Repaired three water main breaks at 125 Rockwood, 161 Rockwood, and 115 Cathedral. Repaired main valve and hydrant valve for the Brandywyne community and will be billing them for work. Replaced water meter at 97 Ridgedale to address possible pressure issues. Prepared year end NJDEP Reports.

Sewer Utility

- Colliers Engineers continues to work on the 3rd Clarifier and Bar Screen design. Sewer Plant Generator design scope consisting of adding new natural gas generator to Sewer Plant, relocating one Plant Generator to replace generator at Well #4, and keeping other Plant Generator as backup still being discussed.
- Carrigan Lane/Burnet Road Sewer and Sewer Pump Station project- Treatment Works Approval Permit was received from the NJDEP just prior to Christmas. GPI Consultants will now finalize plans for construction for bid in late Winter or early Spring. Coordination with the utilities continues to provide gas and electric service to the proposed pump station.

- Beechwood/Elmwood Cured-In-Place Lining Project- CDM obtaining latest pipe videos produced by the Boro’s Sewer Department to assess. Sewer Utility is CUBING the area in order to obtain pipe videos, but has been delayed due to weather.
- Daily and Weekly Duties completed.

Florham Park Board of Health:

COVID 19 information has been posted on our website. I will have additional information after our first meeting on February 9th.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION – FIRST READING

- # 22-1 Amending Chapter 134, Section 12, Entitled “Fees”

Council President Carpenter read the following Ordinance # 22-1 by title as follows and moved to present the Ordinance by for Introduction on First Reading

**BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK
COUNTY OF MORRIS STATE OF NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE # 22-1**

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 CHAPTER 134, SECTION 12 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK, ENTITLED, “FEES”

The motion was seconded by Councilman Zuckerman

Roll Call Vote:

Council Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Comments
Carpenter	X				
Germershausen	X				
Malone	X				
Zuckerman	X				
Santoro	X				
Marchal	X				
Total	6				

Council President Carpenter stated that the above Ordinance was introduced and read by title at this Council meeting held January 20, 2022. He further stated that the Council would consider this Ordinance for a second reading and final passage on February 17, 2022

at 6:30 p.m. prevailing time at a regular Council meeting. He asked the Borough Clerk to publish the proper notice and to post the ordinance on the bulletin board in the Municipal building.

Council President Carpenter moved for approval of the Ordinance on first reading.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Zuckerman

Roll Call Vote:

Council Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Comments
Carpenter	X				
Germershausen	X				
Malone	X				
Zuckerman	X				
Santoro	X				
Marchal	X				
Total	6				

➤ # 22-2 Amending Chapter 250, Section 24 Entitled “Visibility At Street Intersections (Sight Distance)”

Council President Carpenter read the following Ordinance # 22-2 by title as follows and moved to present the Ordinance by for Introduction on First Reading

ORDINANCE # 22-2

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 CHAPTER 250, SECTION 24 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK, ENTITLED, “VISIBILITY AT STREET INTERSECTIONS (SIGHT DISTANCE)”

The motion was seconded by Councilman Zuckerman

Roll Call Vote:

Council Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Comments
Carpenter	X				
Germershausen	X				

Malone	X				
Zuckerman	X				
Santoro	X				
Marchal	X				
Total	6				

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The motion was seconded by Councilman Zuckerman

Roll Call Vote:

Council Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Comments
Carpenter	X				
Germershausen	X				
Malone	X				
Zuckerman	X				
Santoro	X				
Marchal	X				
Total	6				

CONSENT AGENDA –RESOLUTIONS FOR APPROVAL

Mayor Taylor stated that Resolutions 22-30 and 22-31 were being removed from the Agenda pending further discussion by the Council.

Council President Carpenter made a motion to approve the presented Resolutions # 22-24 thru #22-29 via a single motion of the Council. He asked the Borough Clerk to read the Resolutions into the record. All Resolutions listed below are appended hereto.

- # 22-24 Authorizing a Sidewalk Café License for Angelina’s Trattoria
- # 22-25 Authorizing a Tax Lien Redemption for 42 Brandywyne Drive
- # 22-26 Re-establishing Professional Fees for the Borough Engineer

- # 22-27 Authorizing a Soil Removal Permit to AWT Environmental Services, Inc. on Behalf of Asco Valve Manufacturing
- # 22-28 Authorizing a Temporary Municipal Budget
- # 22-29 Authorizing a Change Order for the Exxon Well Rehabilitation Project

The following Resolutions were removed from the Agenda pending further discussion by the Council and were not presented for Council approval:

- # 22-30 Authorizing a Settlement between Wyndham Hotel Group and the Borough of Florham Park
- # 22-31 Authorizing the Hire of a Fire Inspector

The motion was seconded by Councilman Germershausen

Roll Call Vote:

Council Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Comments
Carpenter	X				
Germershausen	X				
Malone	X				
Zuckerman	X				
Santoro	X				
Marchal	X				
Total	6				

PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS:

Councilman Malone read a summary of the current bills list and made a motion to approve it in the amount \$5,153,532.71. The motion was seconded by Councilman Zuckerman.

Roll Call Vote:

Council Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Comments
Carpenter	X				
Germershausen	X				
Malone	X				
Zuckerman	X				
Malone	X				
Marschal	X				
Total	6				

Councilwoman Santoro wanted everyone to know that some residents were very pleased that they got up and running with water service in Brandywyne. A January 7 post made by one of the Brandywyne Board members was very complimentary to the Mayor and Water Department should be noted by all.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Mayor Taylor opened the meeting to the public.

The following members of the public wished to be heard:

Doreen Cali, Brooklake Road

Would like to address the lights on Brooklake Road. Too spaced out not comfortable getting out of her car.

Mayor Taylor stated that he and Borough Administrator Bill Huyler have discussing a plan for this area and other areas in Florham Park. Chief Orlando is going to get the additional over there to get them fixed.

Jennifer McDonald, 26 Afton Drive

Mrs. McDonald was in to discuss lighting that she would like to have more on her street Afton Drive. She got some pole numbers because originally she thought there were 3 but there were 6. She also wants sidewalks.

The Mayor stated sidewalks are very expensive.

Mrs. McDonald stated she has a petition and Mr Huyler instructed her on the correct way to submit it.

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 Germershausen and seconded by Councilman Zuckerman that the meeting be adjourned at 7:50 p.m. ,

Sheila A. Williams, R.M.C.
Borough Clerk
January 21, 2022