



Florham Park Borough Council
Thursday March 3, 2022
Work Session Minutes

Mayor Taylor called the Work Session to order at 6:30 p.m. He asked the Borough Clerk for a roll call:

Governing Body Member	Present	Absent
Mayor Taylor	X	
Council President Carpenter	X	
Councilman Germershausen	X	
Councilman Malome	X	
Councilman Zuckerman	X	
Councilwoman Santoro	X	
Councilman Marchal	X	

Mayor Taylor asked Borough Clerk Willams to enter into the minutes that the statutory requirements of RS 10:4-1, Open Public Meetings Act have been met.

Mayor Taylor stated he would like to read the following Proclamation recognizing people who have be instrumental during the passed two years of the Pandemic. He stated this was passed around for input from the Council.

PROCLAMATION

**PROCLAMATION HONORING FIRST RESPONDERS, FRONT LINE WORKERS,
 TEACHERS, VOLUNTEERS, MEDICAL PERSONNEL, SMALL BUSINESSES, AND
 MANY OTHERS WHO SELFLESSLY ROSE TO THE OCCASSION DURING THE PAST
 TWO YEARS OF THE GLOBAL PANDEMIC IN ORDER TO KEEP RESIDENTS SAFE
 AND THE BOROUGH OPERATIONAL.**

WHEREAS, On March 13th 2020 the Office of Emergency Management of the Borough of Florham Park conducted a meeting with several groups present in the Council Chambers including the Mayor, Council members, Police Chief and OEM Coordinators, Leadership of Fire Department

and First Aid Squad, Borough Hall Department Heads, Florham Park School Superintendent and several others to review and discuss emergency preparedness and plans to shutdown all non-essential services, buildings, and gathering areas in the Borough due to the public safety stemming from the Covid-19 Pandemic. And

WHEREAS, Over time, it was determined that the COVID-19 virus and variants had reached critical mass and was affecting many residents and businesses in town causing many Borough employees and their families to seek medical attention. And

WHEREAS, Many people - including some Borough residents for whom we remember and express our deepest sympathies to - were infected with the highly contagious virus, hospitalized, are continuing to experience long-term effects, or unfortunately succumbed to the effects of the COVID-19 virus and its variants over the past 2 years. And

WHEREAS, over the past 2 years, every profession and volunteer organization including Borough Professionals, Boards and Commissions, teachers and front line workers were forced to pivot towards a 'new normal' that accommodated remote learning, social distancing, quarantines and a new, but hopefully temporary way of life. And

WHEREAS, We had many first responders and volunteers work day and night to keep the municipality open and functioning with the day to day business. And

WHEREAS, We must give thanks that we are finally beginning to see the light at the end of a very long tunnel. And

WHEREAS, We could not have gone through all of this without the help of many First Responders, Police officers, Frontline workers, Borough Professionals, DPW workers, Teachers, Volunteers and Small Business Owners. And

WHEREAS, Many of these Volunteers were able to help so many people in our community by offering assistance with shopping for basic necessities and transporting residents doctor's appointments and more. And

WHEREAS, We should all take a minute to remember all of our family members and friends that were not able to make it through this pandemic and to all those individuals that have lasting issues associated with this pandemic. And

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that I Mark Taylor, Mayor of the Borough of Florham Park, on behalf of the Borough Council, recognize March 13, 2022 as the 2nd Anniversary of the Global Pandemic, appreciate the contributions of so many people over the past 2 years, and hereby Proclaim that March 13th be recognized as First Responder Day here in Florham Park.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Borough of Florham Park, New Jersey to be hereto affixed this 3th day of March.

Mark Taylor, Mayor

COUNCIL PORTFOLIO UPDATES:

Council President Carpenter provided the following report:

Fire Department:

- So far this year the fire Department as responded to 81 calls this year which averages out to more than one per day; 17 more calls then they responded to last year.

Police Department:

Patrolman Richard Wronski is resigning effective May 2nd. The Chief will look to fill that position immediately and will work off the list from last year.

Department of Public Works:

- Annual Safety training is underway.
- Doing some Borough wide clean-up after the first two storms we had last week

Engineering:

- Columbia/Park Street Intersection Improvement Project- Awaiting delivery of traffic signal components.
- Briarwood Road & Intersection Improvements- Traffic signal components installed. Signal turn on complete. Contractor scheduled to work on Friday to complete old traffic signal foundation removal and the remaining concrete sidewalk work.
- Elm Street Road and Drainage Improvement Project- Review comments and Resident Survey results to be incorporated into the final plans. Project is scheduled to go out to bid in Spring. NJDOT grant funding is involved (\$411,700).
- Drainage Study at Farr Lane & Murphy Circle- Nothing to report.
- Notified Morris County Cooperative Milling and Paving company. We will meet shortly to review the following roads to be paved: Murphy Circle, Farr Lane, Indian Lane, Cherokee Trail, Overlook Drive, and Driftway.

Councilman Carpenter stated that concludes his report but would like to discuss the letter from the Zoning Board

Councilman Germershausen provided the following report:

Historic Preservation Commission:

- A meeting was held via Zoom on February 22nd.
- The next meeting will be held on April 29th at the Little Red Schoolhouse
- Sunday May 1st will be celebrating Pathways at the Little Red Schoolhouse. It will open 10 am – 4 pm.
- Tonight will be voting on a Resolution for the 2nd half of last year's grant.
- There will be a kindergarden visit to the Little Red Shoolhouse in the spring
- Jonathan Golden and Patrick Dolan continue to work on plans for cemetary. They may present to the Council on April 19.

Councilman Malone provided the following report:

- Councilman Malone thanked Mayor Taylor for bringing forth the Proclamation for the 2nd Anniversary of Covid-19. We will probably have some other public displays at other areas around the Borough; likely to begin around March 11.

Finance:

- Councilman Malone stated not much to mention on the Finance side. Budget introduction slated for March 17th with final adoption on April 21.

Recreation:

- FP Youth Soccer has posted a video with Victor Santillan where he was honored as 2021 youth soccer coach of the year. This is a very nice honor for him and for the Borough. It was presented virtually with an interview by Estelle Johnson who is a professional soccer player for Gotham FC. We extend our congratulations to Victor and FP Soccer Club.

Councilman Malone asked John Timmons if there was anything on the Recreation side that he would like to report on.

Mr. Timmons provided the following report:

- Mr. Timmons met with leaders for spring sport to discuss facility usage. All is coming along.

Councilman Zuckerman provided the following report:

Senior Citizens:

- Seniors Club will hold their next meeting March 9
- AARP next meeting April 19

Environmental Commission:

- The Commission formed a sub-committee to work on plans for Spring Garden Lake
- Earth Day activities scheduled for April 23; The public is invited to participate in all activities.

Board of Education:

- Currently 962 students enrolled
- Large amount of parents attended the last meeting to discuss an incident that happened at Brooklake School. Chief Orlando indicated the matter is still under investigation.

Municipal Pool:

- Ordinance for 2022 fees will be on the next agenda. Per Mr. Timmons fees will have a 5% increase this year although please note that the fees are still less than what the 2019 fees were.
- There was also be an Ordinance to approve \$40k in pool repairs.

Councilwoman Santoro provided the following report:

Planning Board:

- Councilwoman Santoro was not able to attend The Planning Board meeting as she was traveling. She stated she wasn't sure if they discussed the document with the proposed zoning changes that is being prepared by our Planner Katherine Sarmad.
- Mayor Taylor stated that they had not discussed the changes and would do so at the next meeting.

- The Board discussed two applications. One was an extension for St. Elizabeth's
- Project with the 150 condos. Also an application for a temporary sign for the LCS project. Mr. Huyler may be receiving a letter shortly.
- There was also a application for Ceularity for a redundant chiller. The needed sideyard setback relief.
- Coucilwoman Santoro stated that she would share any changes to the zoning document once it is complete.
- Council President Carpenter said he would rather see how the document started and how they got to where they are now.
- Mayor Taylor stated to come to the next meeting. Mayor Tayor stated once they have the document complete, they can share it with the Council.
- Councilman Malone suggested that the Board could prepare a cover letter so we can see what has changed.
- Councilwoman Snatoro think Katherine will be able to do that and will look into it.

Zoning Board:

- No new updates. Appreciated the notes on the letter there. If there is anyone who wants to get together to read, let her know.

4th of July

- Nothing new with the 4th to report. We are working on getting all our scheduling together and will report to the Council soon.

Construction:

Councilwoman Santoro asked Construction Official Guilfoyle for an update.

- Mr. Guilfoyle stated 112 permits issued in February
- 11 new homes
- Inspectors did over 600 inspections; compared to 300 this time last year

Councilwoman Santoro said that there will be life at the ADP Property soon; all called back to work on March 21.

Councilman Josh Marcal provided the following report:

Library Board of Trustees:

- The Community Conversation continues and will wrap up at the end of March, Councilman Carpeneter will be there next keynote speaker next Tuesday and invited the Council on Sunday March 13th at 2 pm if they have time. There will be a performance by Ronda Dennett for in honor of Women's History Month. She will be singing songs from the 30's to the 90's.
- Next Library Board Meeting is March 21.

Gazebo Committee:

- The Gazebo has no new updates. We will be meeting tonight at 7:30 pm

Board of Health:

- No new updates; some mandates may be lifted soon,

Water Utility:

- Well Rehabilitation Project- The 60" diameter chlorine contact pipe has been completed. The connection to the Water Transmission Main will be completed once the pressure test passes. Still on schedule for the Well to be fully operational by 3/31/2022 (Milestone #1).
- Well Transmission Project- No change. Met with Contractor to discuss remaining punchlist items, including permanent trench pavement repairs.
- Water Meter replacement project- Letters have been sent to 438 residents that need their water meter replaced. Council will consider ordinance revision to establish installation fee in March and April.
- Water Tank Rehabilitation Design Project- Updating leases continues and will likely span over several months and could affect income. No additional updates.
- Daily and Weekly Duties completed. Repaired fire hydrant along new water main transmission line purchased from NJAW. Repaired fire hydrants at 236 Ridgedale, 206 Ridgedale, and 165 Ridgedale. Began water meter installations. So far approximately 30 appointments have been made. Continued with lead service inventory.

Sewer Utility:

- Colliers Engineers continues to work on the 3rd Clarifier and Bar Screen design.
- Carrigan Lane/Burnet Road Sewer and Sewer Pump Station project- GPI Consultants finalizing 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.
- Daily and Weekly Duties completed. Installed new sodium bisulfite tanks, removed grit from influent channels at Main Plant, and installed new fan motors at the Black Brook Pump Station.

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS

Mayor Taylor asked Council President Carpenter to make a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Resolutions as follows:

Council President Carpenter made a motion to approve the following Resolutions. He asked the Borough Clerk to read them in their entirety into the record.

- # 22-45 Authorizing Submittal of a Grant for Little Red Schoolhouse
- # 22-46 Authorizing a Tax Title Lien #19-00005 on Block 2001, Lot 8.1022 known as 123 Columbia Tpke. Unit 102B
- # 22-47 Authorizing Tax Title Lien #21-000009 on Block 4001, Lot 58 known as 97 Beechwood Rd.
- # 22-48 Authorizing the Hire of Per Diem Paddle Ball teacher in the Florham park Recreation Department

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				

PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS:

Councilman Malone made a motion to pay vouchers in the amount of \$4,455,335.47. The motion was seconded by Councilman Carpenter.

Roll Call Vote:

Council Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Comments
Carpenter	X				
Germershausen	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 pulish wished to be heard:

John Winters, 32 Brooklake Road

Mr. Winters asked if the first two tax liens on the Consent Agenda meant that theu owned the town money and now there is a lien on the property.

Mayor Taylor stated that was correct.

Mr. Winters asked about the Paddle Ball instructor. I wasn't aware we had paddle ball courts. Mr. Timmons and Mayor Taylor stated that the paddle ball courts had been there fore Over 40 years. Mr. Timmons stated we are going to roll out a program to teach paddle ball.

Mr. Winters asked what the rate would be.

Mr. Timmons stated that the hourly rate was \$75.

Mr. Winters asked what the timeframe on the ASCO Property was. Shortly they will be putting back dirt and gravel. Once they finish their due diligence we will hear from them. Mr. Winters asked if a pilot program had been worked out yet.

Mayor Taylor stated nobdy is a consignee yet.

Mr. winters asked if other boards will be going back to live.

I hope so. The Council is going back the next meeting.

Mr. Winters asked about the Fish property.

Mayor stated they will be busy working on there in the spring; Also a boy scout project is happening there as well.

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

Mr. Zuckerman announced he well not be seeking reelection when his term ends.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion made by Councilman Carpenter and seconded by Councilman Zuckerman the Work Session was adjourned by a unanimous vote at at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila A. Williams, R.M.C.
Borough Clerk
March 2, 2022