



**Florham Park Borough Council
Work Session Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2022**

Mayor Mark Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., and asked the Acting Deputy Borough Clerk for a roll call:

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

Additional Borough officials in attendance were: Borough Administrator William Huyler, Borough Attorney Joseph Bell IV, and Acting Deputy Borough Clerk Tara Pettoni.

The requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act had been met.

The Salute to the Flag was recited.

General Council Portfolio Updates:

Councilman Malone provided the following report:

Recreation Department:

James Dwyer has completed his Eagle Scout project consisting of composting at the Community Gardens. Information regarding his project was provided to gardeners. A new pickleball class is beginning on May 24, 2022.

Finance:

Approximately 160 delinquent water letters were issued to Borough residents. At this time, 4 residents have requested a 12 month payment plan. An online auction selling municipal surplus will take place beginning on June 2, 2022 through June 9, 2022.

Councilman Zuckerman provided the following report:

Seniors:

The seniors hosted two meetings in April. Mayor Taylor spoke at the first meeting while the second meeting was an informative session on how to prevent brain injuries.

Environmental Commission:

Councilman Zuckerman attended the Earth Day event at Spring Garden Lake. The event was well attended and brought individuals from other municipalities.

Board of Education:

Councilman Zuckerman attended the last Board of Education meeting. The Board of Education approved their 2022-2023 budget at the meeting. There is a 2% increase from the prior year. This is equivalent to approximately a \$50 increase per household. He addressed the decrease in the number of students enrolled within the district. There was a decrease of 59 students from 2019 to 2022. The board indicated that they are aware of the decrease in the number of students however, they are expanding services for the students which resulted in an increase to the budget.

Pool:

A new pool director has been hired. Repairs to the pool have commenced.

Councilwoman Santoro provided the following report:

Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment:

The Planning Board has finalized the reviews to the zoning update. Katherine Sarmad will be presenting the changes to the Council at a later date. The next Planning Board meeting scheduled for Monday has been canceled due to lack of agenda items.

Building/Construction:

Councilwoman Santoro asked Construction Official, Kevin Guilfoyle, for a Construction Department update. He reported that the Construction Department issued 78 permits, 23 Certificates of Occupancy and completed 550 inspections in the month of April. Additionally, he reported that he met with SDL with regard to phase II of the online plan review. The SDL portal will allow residents to submit and track applications online as well as giving the public access to records.

Councilman Marchal provided the following report:

Library:

The Library Committee is looking to expand their New to Town event by inviting all residents. This is an opportunity for residents to learn about volunteerism. The Touch-A-Truck event planning has begun.

Board of Health:

The Board of Health had a meeting on April 13, 2022. They are seeing an increase in COVID-19 cases. There seems to be a few false positives due to the at-home testing. The food inspection process was discussed as there is an issue with certain establishments following the proper procedures. The Health Department offers a food handling course. The Health Inspector will be reviewing the current Borough ordinance as it relates to re-inspections and the fees associated with that.

Gazebo Committee:

The Gazebo Committee is meeting tonight. They are in good shape regarding fundraising. Concerts are scheduled for the summer.

Water:

Regarding the well rehabilitation project, the final controls and instruments have been installed, calibrated and are being tested. Regarding the well transmission project, the contractor is working on the last remaining items. Following the water meter letter that was sent out in February, over 65 meters were installed while 76 customers have not responded. Residents who set-up appointments last year, have until June 15, 2022 to complete their meter replacement. At this time, there are 250 households remaining. As far as the water tank rehabilitation design project, the Borough is still updating leases. The Borough Engineer is working with Tank Consultants for proposals regarding tank antennae mapping. The WQAA compliance reports were submitted to the NJDEP last month. Hydrant flushing will continue through May.

Sewer:

Flood hazard area and wetland permit applications have been submitted to NJDEP, for future improvements within the sewer plant, and possible expansion to the adjacent Borough owned property. Colliers Engineering continues to work on the third clarifier, bar screen and generator design. Final plans and specs regarding the Carrigan Lane/Burnet Road sewer and sewer pump station project will be delivered Friday. The Borough will be going out to bid in the coming weeks. CDM is working on the construction plans and specifications for the Beechwood/Elmwood cured in place lining project. Annual sewer jet cleaning has started. Maintenance and repairs to gravity filters #1 and #2, main pump #4 and waste pumps #2 and #3 have been made.

Councilman Marchal provided the following report on behalf of Councilman Carpenter:

Engineering:

Columbia/Park Street intersection improvement project – still waiting for delivery of the traffic signal components. The Briarwood Road intersection improvements are complete. Elm Street Road and drainage improvement project – survey obtained from residents has resulted in the proposed installation of angled granite block curbing along the Elm Street residential frontages. Granite block curb will be installed from the start of the project at Emmett Field, and will extend along the Elm Street Recreation area and DPW storage yard. Project scheduled to go out to bid spring/summer. New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) funding of \$411,700.00 is involved. Farr Lane/Murphy Circle drainage study – stormwater ditch easements have been sent to two residents for sign-off.

Road maintenance – Both the DPW and a private contractor have completed driveway curb repairs. Township Engineer met with Tilcon to discuss the project. The following streets will be milled and paved beginning in late May, early June: Murphy Circle, Farr Lane, Indian Lane, Cherokee Trail, Overlook Drive and Driftway.

Police Department:

The Police Department completed their distracted driving initiative in April. This resulted in 773 motor vehicle stops, 420 summonses issued and 11 arrests including 5 which were driving while intoxicated. The Police Department has applied for a grant for the Click It or Ticket Campaign for the month of May. Chief Orlando spoke about the Attorney Generals' changes to the police pursuit guidelines. They have added 6 offenses to the list of reasons to pursue an individual. Councilman Zuckerman requested information regarding the laws which pertain to off-duty police officers and the legalization of marijuana.

Consent Agenda – Resolutions of Approval:

Councilwoman Santoro made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Resolutions, via single motion of the Council. Councilman Malone seconded the motion.

- #22-71: Redemption of Tax Title Lien #20-000004
- #22-72: Authorizing a Bid Award for Reconstruction of Emmett Park Tennis Courts
- #22-73: Insertion of Item of Revenue, \$7,000.00, from Distracted Driving Grant
- #22-74: Appointment of Acting Deputy Borough Clerk, Tara Pettoni

Roll Call Vote:

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

Payment of Vouchers:

Councilman Malone made a motion to approve the current bills list in the amount of \$6,740,710.44. 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	4			2	

Privilege of the Floor:

Mayor Taylor opened the meeting to the public, and the following members of the public wished to be heard:

John Winters, 32 Brooklake Road:

Mr. Winters requested an update on the Asco property. Mayor Taylor advised Mr. Winters that the Borough is working on site remediation. A letter concerning same was provided to the Township Attorney.

Mr. Winters requested clarification regarding smoking marijuana versus ingesting it and how the police would be able to determine the difference while an individual is driving. Chief Orlando advised that a field sobriety test would be done. Additionally, he mentioned that Drug Recognition Evaluators (DRE) would be trained in doing so.

Pastor Beau Nelson, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 160 Ridgedale Avenue:

Pastor Nelson invited Mayor Taylor and the Council to a prayer service for the armed services as well as the Ukrainian people. The service will be taking place on May 21, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

The public portion of the meeting was closed at 6:49 p.m.

Adjournment:

On a motion made by Councilman Zuckerman, and seconded unanimously, the meeting was adjourned by a unanimous vote at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tara Pettoni, RMC
Acting Deputy Borough Clerk