



BOROUGH COUNCIL
Borough of Florham Park
Thursday, February 2, 2023

Work Session Minutes

Mayor Taylor called the Work Session of the Borough Council to order at 6:31 p.m.

Mayor Taylor asked Borough Clerk Danielle Lewis to call the roll as follows:

Governing Body	Present	Absent
Malone	X	
Germershausen	X	
Carpenter	X	
Santoro	X	
Marchal	X	
Cicarelli	X	
Mayor Taylor	X	

Additional Borough Officials present were Administrator William Huyler, Borough Clerk Danielle Lewis, and Borough Attorney Joseph Bell.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT

Borough Clerk Danielle Lewis read the following into the record:

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975 Chapter 231, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided to the public by posting a meeting notice on the bulletin board in the municipal building, publishing the agenda to the Borough website, and the publication of the annual meeting dates in the Daily Record and the Florham Park Eagle.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Taylor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

BOROUGH COUNCIL PORTFOLIO UPDATES

Council President Malone:

Finance Committee:

The introduction of the 2023 Budget will be held at the March 16, 2023 Borough Council meeting and public hearing and adoption will be scheduled for the April 20, 2023 Borough Council meeting.

The GovDeals Spring Auction will be held from May 5, 2023 through May 12, 2023 to sell old and obsolete trucks and equipment.

Recreation:

The Spring Newsletter has been released.

Camp, clinics, little league, softball and lacrosse sign-ups are in progress.

The Rutgers Safety Clinic is on February 21.

Councilman Germershausen:

Historic Preservation Commission:

The first meeting was held on January 25 at 7:00pm. There will be an open house at the Little Red Schoolhouse on February 25 and February 26, 2023. They will not be applying for any grants this year.

Councilman Carpenter:

Police Department:

The department will be interviewing for Lieutenant D'Alessio's replacement and there will be promotions for Sergeant and Lieutenant. Sergeant Thomas will retire at the end of the year.

The first Junior Police Academy since 2019 will begin soon.

Coffee with a Cop with the Del Webb community will take place soon.

Engineering:

Columbia Turnpike/Park Street Intersection Improvement Project – Morris County will close out and the Borough will pay its fair share cost for the project.

Elm Street Road and Drainage Improvement Project – Work will commence in the spring of 2023.

The Engineering department is working on the plans and specifications for the Dellwood, Woodbine, Puddingstone and Rustic sidewalk and re-pavement project. They are looking to submit to NJDOT for approval in early 2023 for spring/summer construction. They have applied to NJDOT for a construction grant in the amount of \$226,000.00.

Borough Engineer Michael Sgaramella attended a Microsoft Teams meeting on the Columbia Turnpike Bridge Replacement Project over the Black Brook on January 31. The bridge will be widened to accommodate two travel lanes and there are some other issues to work through. The final design is scheduled to be completed in late 2025 and tentative construction for 2026.

First Aid Squad

They received confirmation of licensure from the State which will allow them to start billing. They should be up and running by mid-summer.

Department of Public Works:

They have completed minor refurbishment projects in the Police department and Recreation building. They will complete the locker room in the pool building in the near future.

The annual Recycling Tonnage Report went out in January and they are expecting a grant for some time later this year.

Councilwoman Santoro:

Planning Board & Zoning Board:

Both Boards have full agendas over the next two months.

4th of July Committee:

They are hopefully starting meetings next month and will work on outreach for fundraising.

Councilman Marchal:

Library:

The Library will be closed on February 3, 2023 for a Staff Education Day.

The Community Conversation Series will take place for the third year in a row and the book for discussion this year is called The Connected Community.

Library patrons can now use an LED sketch pad, retro videogame consoles and a pickleball set.

Gazebo Committee:

A new volunteer will be appointed to the Committee in the near future and a lot of fundraising is underway for the St. Patrick's Day dinner.

Water:

Well Rehabilitation Project – Water department is continuing training for Well #5 operation. The project is complete.

Water Meter replacement project - There are approximately 69 residents remaining that need their water meter replaced. Calls for appointments have increased since the beginning of the year and as a result of another door hanger. Meter replacement fines will go out with the next water bill.

Water Tank Rehabilitation Design Project – No update

Florham Park Pool – Awaiting warmer days to empty the pool, clean the hydrostatic valves and pressure test the main drain.

Daily and weekly duties continue.

Sewer:

Sewer Plant Flood Hazard Area and Wetland Permit applications have been submitted to New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP). The Flood Hazard Area Verification has been received from NJDEP and we are waiting on wetland delineation.

Colliers Engineers continues with generator, bar screen, and clarifier designs. The generator project has been advertised for bid this week for a bid opening on March 7, 2023.

The Liquid Sludge Transport contract to the Passaic Valley Sewer Commission facilities in Newark ends this year. Specifications for a new 2-year contract have been completed and have been advertised for bid this week. The bid opening will be on March 7, 2023.

Carrigan Lane/Burnet Road Sewer and Sewer Pump Station Project – The project has been approved by the Green's Engineer. Working with the Green's new development association on agreement to share sewage transmission costs from this project. A bid advertisement will be soon thereafter.

Councilman Cicarelli:

Florham Park Board of Education:

Attended the meeting on January 30, 2023, where a STEM presentation was held regarding updates to the program and their new teacher.

Referendum updates were provided and there will be more walkthroughs soon.

The District is looking for a new principal for Brooklake Elementary School.

The next meeting will be on February 27, 2023.

Hanover Park Regional District:

The next Board meeting will be held on February 8, 2023.

Environmental Commission:

The Environmental Commission will meet again on February 28, 2023. Will be meeting with Assistant Engineer Kayla Kaplan to go do a site observation at Spring Garden Lake.

Senior Citizens Club:

Spoke with Paul Chase and the next meeting is on February 22, 2023.

Florham Park Pool:

Will continue to try to reach Richard Zuckerman.

CONSENT AGENDA – RESOLUTIONS FOR APPROVAL

Council President Malone made an opening statement regarding the Florham Park Police Department. He stated that they are an extremely well-run team. When there was a recent opening in the Department, over 300 people applied to join our team.

Borough Council members are volunteers who are not compensated for their role and one’s love of the Borough has to be great to serve in this role. Mr. Malone paid tribute to Administrator Huyler, Councilman Carpenter, Mayor Taylor and the rest of the governing body for their work during the contract negotiations.

Mr. Malone stated that Police department salaries and wages is the largest line-item of the municipal budget and rightfully so; and stressed financial responsibility.

Council President Malone made a motion to approve the presented Resolutions via a single motion of the Council, which was pulled. All Resolutions listed below are appended hereto.

- #23-36 AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF A PART-TIME RECREATION BASKETBALL SITE SUPERVISOR**
- #23-37 APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK AND PBA LOCAL 78 FOR CONTRACT YEARS BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025**

The motion was seconded by Councilman Carpenter.

Roll Call Vote:

Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Malone	X			
Germershausen	X			
Carpenter	X			
Santoro	X			
Marchal	X			
Cicarelli	X			
Total	6			

PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

Council President Malone read a summary of the current bills list and made a motion to approve it in the amount \$2,903,338.55. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cicarelli.

Roll Call Vote:

Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
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Germershausen	X			
Carpenter	X			
Santoro	X			

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Cicarelli	X			
Total	6			

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 Road:

Mr. Winters asked about the Sonesta property. Mayor Taylor advised that an auction was held about a week prior and the bid was over \$14 million. The new owner is not known yet.

Mr. Winters asked if there are any plans for the Villa at Florham Park. Mayor Taylor stated that there is the possibility that it will be used for a for-profit nursing home or assisted living facility.

It was regularly moved by Council President Malone and seconded by Councilman Carpenter that the work session be adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Danielle M. Lewis, RMC, CMC
 Borough Clerk
 February 2, 2023