



**BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**Borough of Florham Park**  
**Thursday, February 16, 2023**

**Regular Session Minutes**

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Mayor Taylor called the Regular Meeting of the Borough Council to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

<b>Governing Body</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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.

**MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**

Mayor Taylor asked for a motion to approve the following meeting minutes:

- Minutes of the January 5, 2023 Reorganization Meeting
- Minutes of the January 19, 2023 Regular Meeting
- Minutes of the February 2, 2023 Work Session

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

The motion was seconded by Councilman Carpenter.

**Roll Call Vote:**

<b>Council Member</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Malone				X
Germershausen	X			
Carpenter	X			
Santoro	X			
Marchal	X			
Cicarelli	X			
Total	5			1

**FIRE DEPARTMENT APPOINTMENTS**

Councilman Carpenter made a motion to appoint new volunteer firefighters Dylan Schalago and Manuel Delima. The motion was seconded by Councilman Marchal.

**Roll Call Vote:**

<b>Council Member</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Malone				X
Germershausen	X			
Carpenter	X			
Santoro	X			
Marchal	X			
Cicarelli	X			
Total	5			1

Manuel Delima was sworn in by the Borough Clerk and Dylan Schalago will be sworn in at a later date.

**GAZEBO COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT**

Councilman Marchal made a motion to appoint Joanne Mitchko to the Gazebo Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Carpenter.

**Roll Call Vote:**

<b>Council Member</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Malone				X
Germershausen	X			
Carpenter	X			
Santoro	X			
Marchal	X			
Cicarelli	X			
Total	5			1

## **BOROUGH COUNCIL PORTFOLIO UPDATES**

### **Mayor Taylor:**

Florham Park and other local municipalities with Representative Mikie Sherrill in Hanover Township. We are the recipient of a \$1.5 million grant for flood mitigation and \$300,000.00 from the Army Corp of Engineers. There is snagging and other issues present causing flooding in Florham Park and surrounding municipalities. It is anticipated that the entire cost of the project will be around \$12 to \$15 million.

Mayor Taylor currently serves as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of the New Jersey League of Municipalities and advised that a subcommittee will be formed to discuss the next round of affordable housing, which will happen in 2025.

The New Jersey Coalition 4 Education & Positive Choices event will be held on Wednesday, February 22 at the Jets Facility to discuss mental health and substance abuse issues in the area.

Mayor Taylor thanked the Del Webb community for their significant contributions to the Borough's Police, Fire, EMS, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee and Gazebo Committee.

### **Councilman Germershausen:**

#### **Historic Preservation Commission:**

Next week's Historic Preservation Commission meeting is cancelled.  
The Little Red Schoolhouse will be open on February 25, 2023 from 10:00am to 1:00pm.

#### **Board of Commissioners:**

The next meeting will be held on February 22, 2023.

### **Councilman Carpenter:**

#### **Department of Public Works:**

Four playgrounds were recently inspected by the JIF and two bins were delivered to the Environmental Center for clothing. More information is available on the Borough website.

The Department has started taking 2023 JIF classes for safety.

#### **Engineering:**

Columbia Turnpike/Park Street Intersection Improvement Project – Hiring a landscaper to finish up putting in necessary shrubbery.

Elm Street Road and Drainage Improvement Project – Work will commence in the spring of 2023. We have received \$411,700.00 from New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT).

The Engineering department is working on the plans and specifications for the Dellwood, Puddingstone and Rustic sidewalk and re-pavement project for spring/summer of 2023.

Police Department:

Daniel Hedden will start with the Department in April 2023 and he will graduate from the Police Academy in June.

The Junior Police Academy will return on June 26, 2023.

The Department in conjunction with the PBA has become fundraising efforts for two young residents in Florham Park who are suffering from medical issues. Information will be posted on the Police website and Facebook.

**Councilwoman Santoro:**

Zoning Board:

The 2022 Annual Report was distributed to the Borough Council this evening.

Planning Board:

The Board approved the Open Space and Recreation Master Plan Element. This was completed to review space throughout the town and will help with grant funding. A grant was received that will go towards Spring Garden Lake.

The first preliminary steps have been taken for the investigation report for the 165 Park Avenue area. This is a non-condemnation area of redevelopment. This will be presented to the Council for further action.

**Councilman Marchal:**

Library:

Community Conversations are starting next week and the adult books section has been moved to the middle of the Library.

On February 23, the Library will host a portion of the Chamber of Commerce Leadership Morris Municipal Government Day. There will be a tour of the facility and a presentation by the Director.

The annual State aid report has been completed and submitted.

Gazebo Committee:

The Annual Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner will be held on March 18, 2023 at Holy Family and fundraising has been going well so far.

Board of Health:

The next meeting will take place on March 8, 2023.

Water:

Well Rehabilitation Project – Water department is continuing training for Well #5 operation. The project is complete and they are closing out the punch list items.

Water Meter replacement project - There are about 62 residents who still need their meters replaced.

Water Tank Rehabilitation Design Project – No new updates to report.

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 bar screen and clarifier designs.

The liquid sludge transport contract to the Passaic Valley Sewer Commission facilities in Newark is ending this year. The project has been advertised for a bid opening on March 7, 2023.

Carrigan Lane/Burnet Road Sewer and Sewer Pump Station Project – The project has been approved by the Green’s Engineer. They are working with the Green’s new development association on an agreement to share costs associated with the project.

Mr. Marchal asked Mr. Timmons for an update on Community Calendar.

**Councilman Cicarelli:**

Hanover Park Regional District:

Mr. Cicarelli stated that the District is recommending that senior residents attend the March 1 Dress Rehearsal of the Chicago musical.

The next meeting will be on March 15, 2023.

Environmental Commission:

Visited Spring Garden Lake with Kayla Kaplan and Mike Smith.

Environmental Commission will host their Earth Day event on April 22, 2023 and their next regular meeting will be on February 28.

Florham Park Pool:

Discussed recent updates with John Timmons.

Senior Citizens Club:

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

Mayor Taylor asked the Council for consensus that the banner from Hanover Park High School for Chicago be displayed on Borough property. The Council approved this request.

**ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING & FINAL CONSIDERATION**

- #23-01** An Ordinance of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Florham Park in the County Of Morris, State of New Jersey, Amending Chapter 250 Zoning, Section 30.1, Zoning Permit Fees, of the Borough Code

Councilwoman Santoro read the following Ordinance #23-01 by title as follows:

**BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK  
ORDINANCE #23-01**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF  
FLORHAM PARK IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING  
CHAPTER 250 ZONING, SECTION 30.1, ZONING PERMIT FEES, OF THE BOROUGH CODE**

Mayor Taylor asked the Borough Clerk to read a summary of the legal notice into the record.

The meeting was opened for a public hearing on Ordinance #23-01. No one wished to be heard.

Mayor Taylor asked Councilwoman Santoro for a motion to approve Ordinance #23-01 as read by title on second reading.

Councilwoman Santoro made a motion to approve and adopt Ordinance #23-01, which was seconded by Councilman Marchal.

**Roll Call Vote:**

<b>Council Member</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Malone				X
Germershausen	X			
Carpenter	X			
Santoro	X			
Marchal	X			
Cicarelli	X			
Total	5			1

Mayor Taylor declared Ordinance #23-01 as adopted and finally passed and requested the Borough Clerk publish proper notice of the adoption in the newspaper and to record the Ordinance in the proper places.

**#23-02** 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 108, Dogs, Article II, Licenses, Section 108-2, Fees, Subsection A, of the Borough Code

Councilman Marchal read the following Ordinance #23-02 by title as follows:

**BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK  
ORDINANCE #23-02**

**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 108, DOGS, ARTICLE II, LICENSES, SECTION 108-2, FEES,  
SUBSECTION A, OF THE BOROUGH CODE**

Mayor Taylor asked the Borough Clerk to read a summary of the legal notice into the record.

The meeting was opened for a public hearing on Ordinance #23-02. No one wished to be heard.

Mayor Taylor asked Councilman Marchal for a motion to approve Ordinance #23-02 as read by title on second reading.

Councilman Marchal made a motion to approve and adopt Ordinance #23-02, which was seconded by Councilman Gemershausen.

**Roll Call Vote:**

<b>Council Member</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Malone				X
Germershausen	X			
Carpenter	X			
Santoro	X			
Marchal	X			
Cicarelli	X			
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>			<b>1</b>

Mayor Taylor declared Ordinance #23-02 as adopted and finally passed and requested the Borough Clerk publish proper notice of the adoption in the newspaper and to record the Ordinance in the proper places.

**#23-03** 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 96, Cats, Section 96-3, License Requirements, Subsection G, License Fee Schedule, of the Borough Code

Councilman Marchal read the following Ordinance #23-03 by title as follows:

**BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK  
ORDINANCE #23-03**

**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 96, CATS, SECTION 96-3, LICENSE REQUIREMENTS,  
SUBSECTION G, LICENSE FEE SCHEDULE, OF THE BOROUGH CODE**

Mayor Taylor asked the Borough Clerk to read a summary of the legal notice into the record.

The meeting was opened for a public hearing on Ordinance #23-03. No one wished to be heard.

Mayor Taylor asked Councilman Marchal for a motion to approve Ordinance #23-03 as read by title on second reading.

Councilman Marchal made a motion to approve and adopt Ordinance #23-03, which was seconded by Councilman Cicarelli.

**Roll Call Vote:**

<b>Council Member</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Malone				X
Germershausen	X			
Carpenter	X			
Santoro	X			
Marchal	X			
Cicarelli	X			
Total	5			1

Mayor Taylor declared Ordinance #23-03 as adopted and finally passed and requested the Borough Clerk publish proper notice of the adoption in the newspaper and to record the Ordinance in the proper places.

**#23-04** An Ordinance of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Florham Park, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, Amending Chapter 216, Section 216-32, of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Florham Park

Councilman Cicarelli read the following Ordinance #23-04 by title as follows:

**BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK  
ORDINANCE #23-04**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF  
FLORHAM PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING  
CHAPTER 216, SECTION 216-32, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE  
BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK**

Mayor Taylor asked the Borough Clerk to read a summary of the legal notice into the record.

The meeting was opened for a public hearing on Ordinance #23-04. No one wished to be heard.

Mayor Taylor asked Councilman Cicarelli for a motion to approve Ordinance #23-04 as read by title on second reading.

Councilman Cicarelli made a motion to approve and adopt Ordinance #23-04, which was seconded by Councilman Marchal.



**Roll Call Vote:**

<b>Council Member</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Malone				X
Germershausen	X			
Carpenter	X			
Santoro	X			
Marchal	X			
Cicarelli	X			
Total	5			1

Mayor Taylor declared Ordinance #23-04 as adopted and finally passed and requested the Borough Clerk publish proper notice of the adoption in the newspaper and to record the Ordinance in the proper places.

**CONSENT AGENDA – RESOLUTIONS FOR APPROVAL**

Councilman Germershausen made a motion to approve the presented Resolutions 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.

- #23-38**            **AMENDING RESOLUTION #23 01, ESTABLISHING BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023, TO REMOVE SECOND JUNE MEETING DATE**
  
- #23-39**            **A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIPS OF EAST HANOVER, HANOVER, AND PARSIPPANY-TROY HILLS AND THE BOROUGHS OF FLORHAM PARK AND MORRIS PLAINS BY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPLEMENTING A MULTI-PHASE PROJECT TO STABILIZE THE STREAMBANKS OF THE WHIPPANY RIVER AND ITS TRIBUTARIES AND REMOVE OBSTRUCTIONS AND DEBRIS TO PREVENT FLOODING**
  
- #23-40**            **ESTABLISHING 2023 MEMBERSHIP FEES AND OTHER FEES ASSOCIATED WITH THE MUNICIPAL POOL OF THE BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK**
  
- #23-41**            **ESTABLISHING 2023 FEES ASSOCIATED WITH THE BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK SUMMER PROGRAM**
  
- #23-42**            **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE FLORHAM PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK FOR SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS (SLEO III)**
  
- #23-43**            **REDEMPTION OF TAX TITLE LIEN #22-00009**
  
- #23-44**            **REDEMPTION OF TAX TITLE LIEN #22-00003**
  
- #23-45**            **AUTHORIZING TAX OVERPAYMENT REFUND**
  
- #23-46**            **AUTHORIZING TAX OVERPAYMENT REFUND**

**#23-47 AUTHORIZING TAX OVERPAYMENT REFUND**

**#23-48 AMENDING RESOLUTION #23-34, RESOLUTION TO APPOINT TEMPORARY, PART-TIME, AT-WILL INSPECTORS; TO REPLACE ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR**

The motion was seconded by Councilman Carpenter.

**Roll Call Vote:**

<b>Council Member</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Malone				X
Germershausen	X			
Carpenter	X			
Santoro	X			
Marchal	X			
Cicarelli	X			
Total	5			1

**PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS**

Councilman Carpenter read a summary of the current bills list and made a motion to approve it in the amount \$3,438,349.53. The motion was seconded by Councilman Marchal.

**Roll Call Vote:**

<b>Council Member</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Malone				X
Germershausen	X			
Carpenter	X			
Santoro	X			
Marchal	X			
Cicarelli	X			
Total	5			1

**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 what river Resolution #23-39 pertains to and was told the Passaic River.

Mr. Winters asked Recreation Director John Timmons how much the camp fees are being increased by, to which Mr. Timmons replied approximately at 10% increase.

Mr. Winters if Resolution #23-45, #23-46, and #23-47 were refunds to residents, and Chief Financial Officer Patrice Visco advised that they are resident refunds.

Mr. Winters inquired about the renaming of the Library and Mayor Taylor stated that they are working with a vendor for the signage.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

It was regularly moved by Councilman Carpenter and seconded by Councilwoman Santoro that the meeting be adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Danielle M. Lewis, RMC, CMC  
Borough Clerk  
February 16, 2023