



**BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**Borough of Florham Park**  
**Thursday, May 4, 2023**

**Work Session Minutes**

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Mayor Taylor called the Work Session of the Borough Council to order at 6:34 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 Assistant Borough Attorney Joseph Bell IV.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT**

Borough Clerk Danielle Lewis stated that the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. Chapter 231, have been met.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Taylor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**RECOGNITION & APPOINTMENT – LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Mayor Taylor presented a plaque in honor of outgoing President Donna Rose to Joe Neurin. Councilman Marchal commended Ms. Rose for her over two decades of dedication to the Florham Park Library.

Councilman Marchal made a motion to appoint Megan Mink to the Library Board of Trustees, which 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	6			

Megan Mink was formally sworn in by the Borough Clerk.

**PROCLAMATION**

Councilwoman Santoro read a Proclamation into the record in honor of Ashley and William “Billy” Streiter and presented the same to their parents, William and Deborah Streiter.

**RECOGNITION – HANOVER PARK YOUTH WRESTLING**

*Hunter Ha, Tyler Gieger, Marco Priore, Jake Rowe, Mikey Levine, Joey Martin, Andrew Derose, Frank Dimarzio, Matteo Priore*

Certificates were presented to wrestlers who were in attendance and the Mayor congratulated all.

**BOROUGH COUNCIL PORTFOLIO UPDATES**

**Council President Malone:**

Finance Committee:

Not much to report at this time. The Committee reviewed the proposed bid package for an easement on cell towers prior to tonight’s Council meeting. This presents the opportunity for possible creative financing for some work that needs to be done at the water towers.

Recreation:

Recreation Director John Timmons stated that the Opening Days for softball and baseball were well-attended. Soccer and lacrosse are now in full swing with practices and games. Senior bus trips are scheduled for June and September. A ladder league has been formed for pickle ball players and is free to participate in. A pickle ball social has been scheduled for May 20 and the Jaycees are holding a car show on May 20 as well.

Council President Malone shared that Florham Park football will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year.

**Councilman Germershausen:**

Historic Preservation Commission:

The bid opening for the Little Red School House restoration will be held soon.

**Councilman Carpenter:**

Department of Public Works:

There are currently 6 vehicles out of service in the Department and various other equipment, which will be auctioned off. After 20 years of service, Stuart Denning is retiring this summer.

Police Department:

The speed enforcement initiative has resulted in 740 motor vehicle stops, 350 summonses issued and 3 arrests and will be continuing indefinitely. A Distracted Driving Grant was received recently in the amount of \$7,000. The Department and Borough Administrator are currently working on revisions to the solicitation ordinance.

Engineering:

Elm Street Road and Drainage Improvement Project – Project started in mid-April. Most of stormwater structures and pipe installed. NJDOT grant of \$411,700 was received for construction.

Plans for the Dellwood, Woodbine, Puddingstone and Rustic sidewalk and repavement project were submitted to NJDOT for review, awaiting comments.

Annual Milling and Paving projects will be delayed until later this year due to replacing gas mains on several of the listed streets. This project may be publically bid instead of using the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council Paving Contractor.

First Aid Squad:

The Florham Park Memorial First Aid Squad plans to present the current status of the squad to the Mayor and Council at the regular meeting on May 18.

**Councilwoman Santoro:**

4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee:

There will be a fundraiser at Panera on June 1 and this year's theme is Board Game Bonanza. Letters have gone out for donations and volunteers.

Ms. Santoro asked the Council for approval for a plane flyover at the parade and the Council approved unanimously.

Planning Board:

The second sign for 182 Columbia Turnpike on Ridgedale Avenue was approved.

**Councilman Marchal:**

Board of Health:

The next meeting will be held on May 10 and there have been no changes since the last update.

Library:

Megan Mink was appointed to the Library Board of Trustees this evening. They have a new reciprocation for borrowing privileges with New Providence Library and Raritan Library that has been added to list of existing libraries.

Water:

Hydrant flushing has been completed.

Well Rehabilitation Project - Few minor general punchlist items to be resolved. Project complete and closing out.

Water Meter replacement project - There are approximately 49 residents remaining that need their water meter replaced.

Water Tank Rehabilitation Design Project - No new update

Florham Park Pool - Pool pipe repairs have been completed by Water and Sewer departments. Big thank you to both departments.

Sewer:

Sewer Plant Flood Hazard Area and Wetland Permit applications have been submitted to New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP). We have received the Flood Hazard Area Verification from NJDEP. Await wetland delineation.

Colliers Engineers continues with bar screen and clarifier designs. The generator project has been awarded. Clarifier and bar screen are unfunded, but the design will be complete in mid-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.

Gazebo Committee:

Fundraising flyer was mailed out to raise money for the summer series.

**Councilman Cicarelli:**

Board of Education:

Attended the budget presentation for Florham Park Board of Education and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation will be held on June 20, which coincides with the last day of school. The next meeting for Florham Park Board of Education will be held on May 30 at 7:00 P.M. and the next meeting for Hanover Park Regional will be May 24 at 7:30 P.M.

Environmental Commission:

The Earth Day event was a huge success and Mr. Cicarelli expressed thanks to several individuals and groups on behalf of the Environmental Commission.

The southwest corner clean-up project is near completion and will be maintained.

The contract with Princeton Hydro has been confirmed. Water samples and other lake maintenance has been started.

They are still working to find funds for the pollinator garden at Ridgedale Middle School.

Municipal Pool:

Repairs and painting of the bathrooms and locker rooms have been completed. Plumbing repairs are near completion and new lounge chairs have been purchased. Registration is on the rise.

**Mayor Taylor:**

Mayor Taylor attended the congratulatory luncheon for Building Official Kevin Guilfoyle in Atlantic City today. Mr. Guilfoyle was awarded Building Inspector of the year.

Mayor Taylor thanked Administrator Huyler, Police Chief Orlando and Lieutenant Bundschuh for administering the Cyber Security Training to staff and elected officials. He reminded all that anyone who has not completed the course will not be permitted to utilize their Borough email account.

**CONSENT AGENDA – RESOLUTIONS FOR APPROVAL**

Council President Malone made a motion to approve the presented Resolution via a single motion of the Council. The Resolution listed below is appended hereto.

- #23-82** AMENDING RESOLUTION #23-74, 2023 SALARIES FOR NON-UNION FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES
- #23-83** AMENDING RESOLUTION #23-38, ESTABLISHING BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING DATES, TO RESCHEDULE JUNE 2023 MEETING DATE
- #23-84** AUTHORIZING THE PROVISION OF A LOAN PURSUANT TO THE BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK AFFORDABILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR THE PURCHASER OF AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNIT

The motion was seconded by Councilman Germershausen.

Roll Call Vote:

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**PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS**

Council President Malone read a summary of the current bills list and made a motion to approve it in the amount \$5,195,456.72. The motion was seconded by Councilman Carpenter

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**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Mayor Taylor opened the meeting to the public. The following members of the public wished to be heard:

**Jamie Kelly:**

Asked the Mayor and Council about the possibility of the Borough creating a second turf field, perhaps at the Volunteers Memorial Park complex. He explained that soccer and lacrosse have to compete to use one turf field. He asked if he had a contractor who could complete the project, could it be done. He added that the soccer and lacrosse clubs would be willing to assist with finances.

Assistant Borough Attorney Joseph Bell IV explained that a bid process must be adhered to for projects, which is mandated by State law. He added that this would increase the costs significantly. Mayor Taylor elaborated on this process.

Discussion ensued about the possibility of updating the existing turf field to comply with new size and lining regulations. The newer rules were not in place when the turf field was built.

Councilman Marchal explained the new regulations pertaining to field lining.

Mayor Taylor told Mr. Kelly that he could email him to set up a meeting to discuss future plans for a turf field and updating the lining on the existing turf field for the time being. Mayor Taylor commented that the budget cycle for this year has already been completed but that they will begin meeting in the fall to plan the 2024 budget.

Council President Malone stated that a Recreation Committee meeting would be an appropriate place to start the dialogue.

Discussion ensued on the process for scheduling use of Borough fields for the following year.

**John Winters:**

Mr. Winters asked when the June 2023 Borough Council meeting date was rescheduled for, to which he was told June 15, 2023.

Mr. Winters asked if Resolution #23-84 was the same standard Resolution that has been recently adopted for other properties.

Mr. Winters asked about condo services listed in the municipal budget. CFO Visco explained that the Borough reimburses all condominium associations in Florham Park annually for services such as snow plowing, street lighting, etc. and this is mandated by State law. The Borough's contribution increased due to the new community known as Del Webb.

Ms. Visco explained that the contribution to the First Aid Squad decreased and they were given a donation for equipment for next year but the volunteers will receive a new clothing allowance.

It was regularly moved by Council President Malone with Council consensus that the work session be adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Danielle M. Lewis, RMC, CMC  
Borough Clerk  
May 4, 2023