



BOROUGH COUNCIL
Borough of Florham Park
Thursday, May 18, 2023

Regular Session Minutes

Acting Mayor Malone called the Regular Meeting of the Borough Council to order at 6:35 p.m.

Acting Mayor Malone 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.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

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

- Minutes of the April 6, 2023 Work Session
- Minutes of the April 20, 2023 Regular Meeting

Council President Malone made a motion to approve the minutes as stated above.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Marchal.

Roll Call Vote:

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

PRESENTATION – FLORHAM PARK FIRST AID MEMORIAL SQUAD

President Mark Chiarolanza shared that since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Squad has seen a decline in membership and funding from donations.

Mr. Chiarolanza said the Squad is currently operating on a hybrid model, meaning that they are composed of volunteer members as well as per diem employees and have 100% coverage 24/7.

Councilman Carpenter asked how service varies and what is provided. Mr. Chiarolanza explained that the Squad has two EMT’s per ambulance per State guidelines, faster response times as they now leave from the building instead of from their homes, and they are adhering to higher standards with State oversight.

Mr. Chiarolanza explained the difficulties surrounding finding volunteers for the First Aid Squad.

Councilman Marchal wanted to know if there would be an increase in funding to the Squad with the construction of new homes and developments. Mr. Chiarolanza explained that the Florham Park First Aid Memorial Squad is still a nonprofit organization and that they cannot have a slush fund or surplus funds. They will need a new ambulance in the years ahead. Mayor Taylor commented that many of the new developments have their own ambulance services and Mr. Chiarolanza said he thinks the Squad will grow with the town. Mr. Chiarolanza said many communities, such as Del Webb, have provided the Squad with generous donations.

Councilman Germershausen asked how they bill for calls. Mr. Chiarolanza stated that there is a flat fee for an ambulance ride and insurance bills for other services.

Councilman Germershausen requested that the Squad provide their fee schedule to the Council. Mr. Chiarolanza said he can email the schedule to Mayor Taylor.

John Winters, member of the public, asked about billing and funding and if there is the potential for a merger with Madison. Mr. Chiarolanza and Captain Kristen Chiarolanza commented that there will not be a merger but they are a mutual aid town.

PRESENTATION – FOLLOW-UP TO 2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET PRESENTATION

Council President Charles Malone provided a presentation on the Borough’s budget and finances. The presentation is attached at the end of these Minutes.

A member in the audience asked if any surplus money had to be returned to the State or if there were any limitations as to how much can be saved or reserved. He explained that the Board of Education has to give money back to the State. Mayor Taylor responded that that is because the Board of Education receives State aid. Further discussion ensued on the use of fund balance.

ORDINANCE FOR FIRST READING & INTRODUCTION

#23-15 An Ordinance of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Florham Park in the County Of Morris, State of New Jersey, Amending the Code of the Borough of Florham Park to Delete Chapter 150 Entitled “Loitering” in its Entirety

Councilman Carpenter read Ordinance #23-15 by title and made a motion to approve the Ordinance for Introduction on First Reading

The motion was seconded by Councilman Germershausen

Roll Call Vote:

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

The Ordinance is scheduled for public hearing and adoption at the regular meeting of the Borough Council to be held on June 15, 2023. The notice will be published in the newspaper and the Ordinance will be posted in the proper places.

CONSENT AGENDA – RESOLUTIONS FOR APPROVAL

Council President Malone made a motion to approve the presented Resolutions via a single motion of the Council.

- #23-85** **AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT TO A PART-TIME INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY POSITION**
- #23-86** **ESTABLISHING 2023 WAGES FOR SEASONAL EMPLOYEES – MUNICIPAL POOL**
- #23-87** **ESTABLISHING 2023 WAGES FOR SEASONAL EMPLOYEES – SUMMER CAMP**
- #23-88** **APPOINTING SUMMER INTERN FOR THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT**
- #23-89** **AUTHORIZING THE PROVISION OF A LOAN PURSUANT TO THE BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK AFFORDABILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR THE PURCHASER OF AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNIT**

- #23-90 **AUTHORIZING THE PROVISION OF A LOAN PURSUANT TO THE BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK AFFORDABILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR THE PURCHASER OF AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNIT**

- #23-91 **AUTHORIZING TAX OVERPAYMENT REFUND**

- #23-92 **AWARD – DISTRACTED DRIVING STATEWIDE CRACKDOWN GRANT**

- #23-93 **AWARD – OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – EMAA GRANT**

- #23-94 **AWARD – NJDEP STORM WATER ASSISTANCE GRANT**

- #23-95 **AMENDING THE SCHEDULE OF SERVICE CHARGES ADOPTED BY THE FLORHAM PARK SEWER UTILITY**

- #23-96 **AMENDING THE SCHEDULE OF SERVICE CHARGES ADOPTED BY THE FLORHAM PARK WATER UTILITY**

The motion was seconded by Councilman Carpenter.

Roll Call Vote:

Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Carpenter	X			
Germershausen	X except for Resolution #23-85	X for Resolution #23-85		
Malone	X			
Santoro				X
Marchal	X			
Cicarelli	X			
Total	5			1

MAYOR TAYLOR

Mayor Taylor stated the Council received information regarding the garden homes being built at 147 Columbia Turnpike. The developers have offered to screen their fencing and display a rendering of what the completed homes will look like. Borough Council expressed consensus to allow for this.

PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

Council President Malone read a summary of the current bills list and made a motion to approve it in the amount \$3,327,405.32. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cicarelli.

Roll Call Vote:

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

ADMINISTRATOR HUYLER

Administrator Huyler announced that the town-wide garage sale will be held on September 9, 2023 until noon. The hosts of the garage sale are requesting that permits be issued so they can keep track of what homes are participating but that the garage sale permit fee be waived. Heavy item pick-up will be on September 11, 2023.

Mr. Huyler asked the Borough Council for their approval for a fireworks display on June 3 at Brooklake Country Club for a wedding. The display will be put on by Garden State Fireworks and should last approximately 10 minutes. The Council was all in favor of this request. Residents will be notified of this display on the Borough Facebook page.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MALONE

Council President Malone acknowledged the repeat State champions in soccer and repeat flight one champions.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mayor Taylor opened the meeting to the public.

The following members of the public wished to be heard:

Joe Nemchik:

Inquired about the proposed sidewalk installation on Hanover Road. Mr. and Mrs. Nemchik expressed concerns about sidewalk maintenance, particularly in the event of heavy snow.

Mayor Taylor explained that the intention of the proposed sidewalks is for school children to walk safely to and from school and confirmed that the residents would be responsible for maintaining and clearing the sidewalk.

Borough Engineer Mike Sgaramella said that the residents of Shetland and Midwood have shared that they want to be connected to the rest of the neighborhood. People using the sidewalks would cross the street at HSBC Bank.

Mr. Sgaramella said they will notify and survey residents to see if they want the sidewalks, likely later in the summer.

Kyle Post:

Mr. Post informed that drivers are not obeying the stop signs and are speeding in the areas of Afton Drive coming off of Edgewood and from Afton Drive to Woodcrest.

Police Chief Orlando said he will look into enforcement in these areas. Mr. Post added that the speeding and going through stop signs without stopping is regularly an issue but is particularly bad after church and school let out.

Borough Engineer Sgaramella suggested the installation of “slow” triangle signs in those areas.

Chief Orlando advised that he will post a warning on the Borough Police Department Facebook account tonight or tomorrow.

Maureen Mulligan:

Asked the Mayor and Borough Council to stream Borough Council meetings in Zoom.

Mayor Taylor noted that the meeting room would have to be wired to accommodate for Zoom meetings, it currently is not.

Ms. Mulligan credited Chief Orlando for sharing communications on the Borough Police Department Facebook page and Council President Malone stated that there is a new Borough Facebook page for non-Police matters.

Discussion ensued on forms of communication and Florham Park TV.

The Mayor and Council said they will look into options for streaming Borough Council meetings and financing.

John Winters:

Mr. Winters asked for confirmation that Hanover Road is a County road. He was told that Hanover Road is a County road, but the County will not finance the installation of sidewalks.

Mr. Winters asked if Resolution #23-85 and Resolution #23-88 pertained to new positions.

Mr. Winters asked if the rates were remaining the same in regards to Resolution #23-95 and Resolution #23-96 and was told yes.

Mr. Winters asked about Resolution #23-97, which was in an earlier version of the agenda and subsequently pulled.

Discussion ensued regarding ash tree removal last year.

Mr. Winters asked Councilman Germershausen for an update on the sign for the Library.

Mr. Winters asked Mr. Germershausen about senior housing for Florham Park. Discussion ensued on COAH, low-moderate income housing and senior housing. Mayor Taylor clarified that the two acres of property on Park Avenue is designated for a fire house.

Mayor Taylor described the difference between interveners before the Superior Court Judge and developers coming before the Borough Planning Board.

Ryan Sabino:

Mr. Sabino spoke about the proposed sidewalks for Hanover Road and expressed concerns about headlights on James Street. He wanted to know if some of his landscaping would have to be removed for the installation of sidewalks.

ADJOURNMENT

It was regularly moved by Council President Malone and seconded by Councilman Carpenter that the meeting be adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Danielle M. Lewis, RMC, CMC
Borough Clerk
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