



BOROUGH COUNCIL
Borough of Florham Park
Thursday, September 7, 2023

Work Session Minutes

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:

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 Jr.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Mayor Taylor led the pledge of allegiance.

The Borough Clerk stated that all requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act have been met.

CERTIFICATES OF ACHIEVEMENT – FLORHAM PARK 14U BLUE TIDE

Council President Malone presented Certificates of Achievement to the players of Florham Park's 14U Blue Tide for their consecutive wins. The Mayor and Council congratulated the entire team.

Coach Jamie Kelly said he is proud of the team and all they have accomplished and wished them well as they go on to play in high school.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

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

- Minutes of the July 13, 2023 and August 24, 2023 Regular Meetings

Councilman Carpenter 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 for 07/13		X for 08/24	
Germershausen	X			
Carpenter	X			
Santoro	X			
Marchal	X			
Cicarelli				X
Total	5			1

BOROUGH COUNCIL PORTFOLIO UPDATES

Council President Malone:

Finance Committee:

CFO Patrice Visco is working on next year’s budget with department heads and will have meetings in October and November.

Recreation:

Attended the East Hanover meeting recognizing the 12-U Hornets Little League team for their victory as State champions. Florham Park will present certificates to the players at a non-Council meeting. Another soccer team will be recognized by the Mayor and Council soon.

Pickle ball registration is open on Community Pass. Other activities such as country line dancing are being planned and Pilates will begin on September 18. Badges are now required for tennis and pickle ball.

Some upcoming events for the Recreation department in October include a Trunk or Treat and an arts and crafts festival.

The 200 Club is hosting First Responders Day in Florham Park on September 23 from 3:00pm to 7:00pm.

The town-wide yard sale is scheduled for this Saturday.

Fall sports are now in full swing.

Councilman Germershausen:

Historic Preservation Commission:

The LRSH is still closed for the time being due to renovation work. The next HPC meeting is September 27.

Councilman Carpenter:

Police Department:

Sergeant Thomas is retiring on February 1 and the promotional and hiring process to replace Sergeant Thomas is underway.

Safe Night Out will be hosted by the Department on Monday, October 30 at the Florham Park Roller Rink.

Engineering:

Dellwood, Woodbine, Puddingstone, and Rustic sidewalk and repavement project - Tree cutting and stump grinding will proceed this week. NJDOT Grant of \$226,000 for Construction. Pre-project resident notifications have been sent out.

Annual Milling and Paving projects for Manker Drive, Totty Court, Kenneth Court, Knapp Avenue, Lloyd Avenue, Hillside Avenue, and Riverside Ave (West End to Rockwood) will be delayed until later this year due to PSE&G 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 due to unfavorable Co-Op pricing. PSE&G is progressing slowly, and some of these roads may have to be delayed until 2024.

Paving will be complete in front of 251 Brooklake Road due to last month's large water main break.

One price has been received for the installation of two Speed Humps on Crescent Road. Awaiting another price from another vendor.

Borough Engineer Mike Sgaramella stated he is trying to coordinate paving schedules with PSE&G.

First Aid Squad:

The Department is looking to purchase an additional rake.

Fire Department:

The Department is approximately 75 calls ahead of where they were at this time last year.

Councilwoman Santoro:

Planning Board:

Several tenancy changes have been approved around town.

The Sisters of Charity received approval for the meeting room addition.

19 Vreeland Road application was heard and approved for a warehouse facility.

Zoning Board of Adjustment:

The Board heard an application for an assisted living and memory care facility at the corner of Elm Street and Columbia Turnpike.

Building Department:

Construction Official Kevin Guilfoyle spoke about LCS Delaney at the Green, Certificates of Occupancy and inspections needed.

Mr. Guilfoyle advised that framing and inspections are in progress at 147 Columbia Turnpike and there are two more buildings being constructed at Parc North and should be completed sometime next year.

Councilman Cicarelli:

Councilwoman Santoro provided updates on behalf of Councilman Cicarelli.

Florham Park Board of Education:

The referendum project is almost complete. Ridgedale Middle School received a grant for the pollinator garden. The next meeting will be on September 26.

Hanover Park Regional District:

Freshman orientation was held yesterday and the next meeting will be held on September 13.

Environmental Commission:

Routine maintenance is taking place at Spring Garden Lake. A corporate group is looking to hold a volunteer event.

Senior Citizens:

Had a telephone meeting on August 16 and discussed two proposed programs.

Councilman Marchal:

Library:

The Library had its busiest summer on record in terms of summer reading and foot traffic

Gazebo Committee:

Two concerts were rescheduled due to inclement weather.

Board of Health:

Updates from Health Officer Thomas Cantisano were posted the Borough website.

Water:

Still addressing intermittent power issues and SCADA issues at all Wells which have occurred over the past two months. SCADA Integrator working with the Borough's Water Consultant and the Borough's Water Superintendent to remedy.

Well Rehabilitation Project - Minor punch list items still being addressed. Project complete. Closing out project.

Water Meter replacement project - There are approximately 38 residents remaining that need their water meter replaced. Additional mailings and fines have been sent out.

Water Tank Rehabilitation Design Project - No updates.

Sewer:

Met with residents in field to discuss the preliminary design of the proposed sewer main extension along Delaware, Minnisink, Arrowhead, and Honeymoon. Twelve (12) homes will have access to public sewer once complete. Preliminary design has indicated that the 12 homes can be served. Met with several residents to determine accurate sewer outlet point. This information will be used to further refine the design.

Sewer Plant Flood Hazard Area and Wetland Permit applications have been submitted to NJDEP. We have received the Flood Hazard Area Verification from NJDEP. Await Wetland Delineation.

Colliers Engineers continues with Bar Screen and Clarifier designs. Clarifier and Bar Screen are unfunded, but the design is 80% complete. Generator project has been awarded, and we had a Pre-Construction Meeting with Contractor. Lead time for getting new Generator is about 550 days. This project will also eliminate an underground fuel storage tank at Sewer Plant, relocate one of two sewer generators to replace a generator at Well #4.

CONSENT AGENDA – RESOLUTIONS FOR APPROVAL

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

- #23-150** AUTHORIZING THE PROVISION OF A LOAN PURSUANT TO THE BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK AFFORDABILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR THE PURCHASER OF AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNIT
- #23-151** IMPOSING PROCESSING FEE FOR SCREENING OF CANDIDATES FOR POSITION OF BOROUGH POLICE OFFICER
- #23-152** APPROVING AMENDMENT TO DEVELOPER'S AGREEMENT – THE DELANEY AT THE GREEN
- #23-153** AUTHORIZING TAX OVERPAYMENT REFUND
- #23-154** AUTHORIZING TAX OVERPAYMENT REFUND
- #23-155** AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF TAXES FOR THREE (3) BLOCK AND LOTS THAT WERE MERGED

#23-156 AUTHORIZING A DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AND MONITORING A BOW HUNTING PROGRAM

#23-157 AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT CONCERNING PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD)

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Santoro.

Roll Call Vote:

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

PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

Councilman Marchal read a summary of the current bills list and made a motion to approve it in the amount \$3,862,840.43. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cicarelli.

Roll Call Vote:

Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Carpenter	X			
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Malone	X			
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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:

John Winters:

Mr. Winters raised concerns about off-street parking.

Chief Orlando stated that a list is maintained for approved overnight parking.

Mr. Winters asked how many ash trees have been removed in the Borough. Mayor Taylor shared that around 500 ash trees have been removed. Discussion ensued regarding private tree removal.

Mr. Winters inquired about HVAC upgrades and possible renovation of the meeting room. He was told that the intention would be to make Council chambers into a multi-purpose room.

Mr. Winters asked about the financial state of the pool and was told that the Borough as a self-sufficient pool utility.

Mr. Winters asked questions regarding Resolutions #23-150, #23-153, #23-154, #23-155 and #23-157.

Mr. Winters questioned regarding sewer mains on Delaware Road.

David Fox:

Asked about the former ASCO property on Hanover Road. Mayor Taylor said nothing is happening with that property yet.

Mr. Fox asked for clarification in the fire calls reported. He was told that the 75 more fire calls did not include for first aid and that the First Aid Squad is still averaging approximately 4 calls per day.

Mr. Fox asked why the Police vehicles are a dark color and Chief Orlando said they put ghost lettering on the vehicles and they need to be darker for this.

ADJOURNMENT

It was regularly moved by Councilman Carpenter that the meeting be adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Danielle M. Lewis, RMC, CMC
Borough Clerk
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