



BOROUGH COUNCIL
Borough of Florham Park
Thursday, October 5, 2023

Work Session Minutes

Mayor Taylor called the Regular Meeting of the Borough Council to order at 6:33 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.

COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mayor Taylor led the pledge of allegiance.

BOARD OF HEALTH APPOINTMENT

Councilman Carpenter made a motion to appoint Dr. David Adinaro to a full member of the Board of Health to fulfill the unexpired term of Sabrina Edwards. 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 | 4 | | | 2 |

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

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

- Minutes of the September 7, 2023 and September 21, 2023 Meetings

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

The motion was seconded by Councilman Germershausen.

Roll Call Vote:

| Council Member | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent |
|-----------------------|-------------|-----------|----------------|---------------|
| Malone | X for 09/07 | | X for 09/21 | |
| Germershausen | X | | | |
| Carpenter | X for 09/07 | | X for 09/21 | |
| Santoro | X for 09/07 | | X for 09/21 | |
| Marchal | | | | X |
| Cicarelli | | | | X |
| Total | 4 | | 3 for 09/21 | 2 |

BOROUGH COUNCIL PORTFOLIO UPDATES

Council President Malone:

Recreation:

Fall sports are in full swing. Registration for winter basketball is now open on Community Pass.

The first cornhole season was very successful.

The Rotary Halloween Dog Parade is scheduled for October 14 and the Recreation Department's Trunk or Treat event is scheduled for October 29. Soccer Day will be held on November 18 at Volunteers Memorial Park.

Pilates classes are being held on Mondays and pickleball on Tuesdays. Country line dancing will begin on October 29.

The September 13 Senior Barbeque was well attended. Upcoming Senior trips have been scheduled.

Finance Committee:

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

Councilman Germershausen:

Historic Preservation Commission:

The last HPC meeting was held on September 27. They received approvals to buy used desks. Members are going to classes and they are requesting \$14,000.00 for next year's budget.

They voted on the paint and plaster for the Little Red Schoolhouse.

The November 15 HPC meeting has been cancelled.

The Commission will be applying for grant money.

Councilman Carpenter:

Engineering:

Dellwood, Woodbine, Puddingstone, and Rustic sidewalk and repavement project – Dellwood Sidewalk and Driveway Aprons complete. Project is progressing. NJDOT grant of \$226,000.00 for Construction. Pre-project resident notifications have been sent out.

Annual Milling and Paving projects for this year will likely be delayed until next year due to PSE&G replacing gas mains. PSE&G is progressing slowly.

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

Two speed humps were installed on Crescent Road this week.

Police Department:

Sergeant Thomas is retiring on February 1 and the promotional process has concluded. Officer Daniel Braico will be promoted in Sergeant in February.

There were 124 applicants to the Patrol Officer position that was advertised.

The new dispatcher will be sworn in at an upcoming Council meeting.

Councilman Carpenter on behalf of Councilman Marchal:

Library:

The Library Board of Trustees approved a new version of its personnel handbook at their September 18 meeting.

The handicapped doors at the Library were not operating properly and have been repaired.

The Library is exploring a potential partnership with the Environmental Commission and the Garden Club to make improvements to the Library's exterior.

Gazebo Committee:

The Committee is meeting today, October 5.

Water:

Still addressing intermittent power issues and SCADA.

Well Rehabilitation Project - Minor punch list items still being addressed.

Water Meter replacement project - There are approximately 33 residents remaining that need their water meter replaced. Additional mailings and fines have been sent out.

Water Tank Rehabilitation Design Project – Held kickoff meeting with Cellular Communications Consultant.

Daily and Weekly Duties completed including continued valve exercising, fire hydrant flushing, and repairing water service curb boxes throughout the Borough.

Sewer:

Met with residents in field to discuss the preliminary design of the proposed sewer main extension along Delaware, Minnisink, Arrowhead, and Honeymoon. Eleven (11) homes will have access to public sewer once complete. This information will be used to further refine the design.

Beechwood/Elmwood Cured-In-Place Lining Project (CIPP) is progressing. Approximately 25% complete. No issues. Vitreous Clay pipe being lined to lengthen pipe service life and reduce infiltration into the sewer system.

Wetland Delineation Plan has been approved by the NJDEP with a 150' buffer.

Colliers Engineers continues with Bar Screen and Clarifier designs. Clarifier and Bar Screen construction are unfunded, but the design is 85% complete.

Carrigan Lane/Burnet Road Sewer and Sewer Pump Station project- No update. Awaiting formation of The Green Property Association.

Councilwoman Santoro:

Planning Board:

The Planning Board approved a change of ownership for the former Villa property to Florham Park Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center.

Zoning Board of Adjustment:

The Board has heard applications for residential variances lately.

4th of July Committee:

The 4th of July Committee is looking for volunteers for a halfway event.

Anniversary Committee:

The 125th Anniversary Committee will be meeting on October 25. Communications and community outreach will be going out soon.

Mayor Taylor:

Stated he has received complaints about Brooklake Road and Borough Engineer Sgaramella spoke on this.

Administrator Huyler:

Discussed the future meeting room upgrades and HVAC replacement. Stated he will speak with Public Works Director Mike Smith about room upgrades. We will then move forward with BIS digital on replacing the audio system for the Borough meetings and for the Court.

Administrator Huyler asked for the Mayor and Council’s approval of a block party request for Edgewood Drive on October 22. The Mayor and Council unanimously consented to the request.

PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

Council President Malone read a summary of the current bills list and made a motion to approve it in the amount \$3,664,053.64. The motion was seconded by Councilman Carpenter.

Roll Call Vote:

| Council Member | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent |
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| Carpenter | X | | | |
| Germershausen | X | | | |
| 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 asked questions pertaining to the future air conditioning and heat upgrades for the meeting room. Discussion ensued on same.

Mr. Winters spoke about the new speed tables on Crescent and raised concerns about snow plowing.

Mr. Winters inquired if the Borough is moving forward with the Morris County Co-op for energy aggregation. Mayor Taylor advised that there the rate is not favorable and they intend to change co-ops.

ADJOURNMENT

It was regularly moved by Councilman Carpenter that the meeting be adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Danielle M. Lewis, RMC, CMC, CMR
Borough Clerk
October 5, 2023