



BOROUGH COUNCIL
Borough of Florham Park
Thursday, November 30, 2023

Regular 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.

COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

Mayor Taylor led the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Taylor asked for a moment of silence for the current conflict taking place in Israel.

RECOGNITION OF RMS BOYS SOCCER TEAM

Councilman Marchal read a statement into the record to recognize the Ridgedale Middle School Boys Soccer team on winning the 2023 Group 2 Morris County Championship. Certificates were presented and distributed to all team members present.

RECOGNITION OF HANOVER PARK GIRLS SOCCER TEAM

Council President Malone read a statement into the record to recognize the Hanover Park Girls Soccer team on winning the 2023 Group 2, Section 2 Morris County Championship. Certificates were presented and distributed to all team members present.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING TRIBUTE

The following statement was read into the record by Mayor Taylor and a framed certificate was provided to Andrew Williams, the husband of Sheila Williams:

Sheila Williams served the Borough of Florham Park for 19 years and was well known for her kindness to others and her love for celebrating holidays with family, friends and coworkers.

Her laugh, smile and presence touched everyone that she met and she is missed by all.

Sheila especially loved Christmas and Christmas Carols. "The Christmas Song" and "Mary Did You Now" were two of her favorites.

In honor of Sheila, we hereby officially dedicate and change the name of Florham Park's annual Christmas Tree Lighting to *The Sheila Williams Annual Tree Lighting* on this 30th day of November 2023.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

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

- Minutes of the November 2, 2023 Work Session Meeting

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

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Santoro.

Roll Call Vote:

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

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING & ADOPTION

Mayor Taylor stated that Ordinance #23-21, #23-22 and #23-23 were introduced and passed upon first reading at the regular Borough Council meeting held on Thursday, October 19th, 2023 at Borough Hall, 111 Ridgedale Avenue.

The Ordinances were posted and advertised in the official newspaper.

#23-21 An Ordinance of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Florham Park in the County Of Morris, State of New Jersey, Limiting and Reducing the Inflow of Additional Water and Hazardous Substances into the Borough's Sanitary Sewer System

Councilman Marchal read Ordinance #23-21 by title.

Mayor Taylor opened the public hearing on this Ordinance.

No one wished to be heard. Public hearing was closed.

Councilman Marchal made a motion to approve the Ordinance for adoption and the motion was seconded by Councilman Carpenter.

Roll Call Vote:

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

#23-22 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 Ordinances of the Borough of Florham Park to Prohibit Lead Service Lines and to Effectuate the Replacement of All Lead Service Lines in the Water System of the Borough of Florham Park

Councilman Marchal read Ordinance #23-22 by title.

Mayor Taylor opened the public hearing on this Ordinance.

No one wished to be heard. Public hearing was closed.

Councilman Marchal made a motion to approve the Ordinance for adoption and the motion was seconded by Council President Malone.

Roll Call Vote:

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

#23-23 An Ordinance of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Florham Park in the County Of Morris, State of New Jersey, Amending Section 238-27 of Chapter 238 "Vehicles and Traffic" of the Code of Ordinances of the Borough of Florham Park

Councilman Carpenter read Ordinance #23-23 by title.

Mayor Taylor opened the public hearing on this Ordinance.

No one wished to be heard. Public hearing was closed.

Councilman Carpenter made a motion to approve the Ordinance for adoption and the motion was seconded by Councilman Marchal.

Roll Call Vote:

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

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

#23-24 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 228 "Towing/Wrecker Operators" of the Code of Ordinances of the Borough of Florham Park

Councilman Carpenter read Ordinance #23-24 by title and moved for approval of the Ordinance on first reading.

Councilman Marchal seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

#23-25 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 175 Entitled "Peace and Good Order" of the Code of Ordinances of the Borough of Florham Park

Councilman Carpenter read Ordinance #23-25 by title and moved for approval of the Ordinance on first reading.

Councilwoman Santoro seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Mayor Taylor stated that Ordinance #23-24 and #23-25 all passed on first reading and will be scheduled for public hearing and adoption at a Council meeting on December 14, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at Borough Hall. The Clerk will publish the notices and post the Ordinances in the proper places.

CONSENT AGENDA – RESOLUTIONS FOR APPROVAL

Mayor Taylor explained the significance of Resolution #23-178, requesting a delay in the fourth round of affordable housing obligations. He read a statement into the record and urged everyone to reach out to their legislators.

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

- #23-178 SUPPORTING SENATE BILL 3739 DELAYING FOURTH ROUND OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING OBLIGATIONS
- #23-179 APPROVING THE 2024 LICENSE FOR CONSOLIDATED LIMOUSINE, INC.
- #23-180 AUTHORIZING HIRING OF CROSSING GUARDS
- #23-181 AUTHORIZING PROMOTION FROM PER DIEM TO FULL-TIME DISPATCHER
- #23-182 SUPPORTING REVOLUTION NJ
- #23-183 AUTHORIZING TAX OVERPAYMENT REFUND
- #23-184 AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF OEM EMAA SUBGRANT AWARD FFY2023
- #23-185 AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO MORBARK LLC
- #23-186 AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFER
- #23-187 AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER FOR WELL MAINTENANCE PROJECT
- #23-188 AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT
- #23-189 AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF 3RD QUARTER WATER CHARGES
- #23-190 AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF WATER CHARGES DUE TO INCORRECT METER READINGS
- #23-191 AMENDING LIST OF ANNUAL HOLIDAYS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023
- #23-192 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT FOR 165 PARK AVENUE

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

Council President Malone read a summary of the current bills list and made a motion to approve it in the amount \$3,054,421.10. The motion was seconded by Councilman Marchal.

Roll Call Vote:

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

OVERVIEW OF NEW BOROUGH WEBSITE

Borough Clerk Danielle Lewis provided a brief presentation on the process of securing a new web developer for the Borough website and consolidating with the Police and Fire department websites. She provided a demo on the screen to the audience of the current draft of the site and its features.

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 about the energy aggregation co-op, library signage and the Murphy Circle plaque. He was advised that there will possible be two additional municipalities joining the co-op and they have switched to Taurus. Mayor Taylor said there may be favorable rates in February.

Mayor Taylor also advised that the plaque for Skip Murphy, Murphy's Circle was invoiced and is ready.

Mr. Winters inquired about the crossing guard Resolution on tonight's agenda. He was informed that this is a new crossing guard position for the corner of Brooklake Road and Cathedral Avenue.

Discussion ensued on Revolution NJ and PSE&G's progress on Hillside Avenue.

Greg Benacchio:

Mr. Benacchio spoke regarding the filters installed on Mann Avenue and asked about scheduling additional testing.

Borough Engineer Mike Sgaramella said to schedule additional testing with Borough staff Suzanne Herald and said it should take 10-14 days for results.

Ralph DeMasi:

Mr. DeMasi spoke about the fire hydrant on Mann Avenue. Discussion ensued with the Borough Engineer regarding the SCADA system, sediment and manganese.

Mr. Sgaramella and Mayor Taylor spoke about Mott McDonald, improvements to Well #4, which should take place in mid to late January and the DEP permitting process. Mr. Sgaramella noted that Well #2 and Well #3 need to be redeveloped to minimize sediment.

Mr. Sgaramella spoke on the subject of a potential easement from East Hanover to loop to Florham Road.

ADJOURNMENT

It was regularly moved by Council President Malone and approved unanimously that the meeting be adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Danielle M. Lewis, RMC, CMC
Borough Clerk
November 30, 2023