



Florham Park Borough Council
Thursday, January 21, 2016
Work Session Minutes

Mayor Taylor called the Work Session to order at 5:00 p.m. He asked the Borough Clerk for a roll call:

Governing Body	Present	Absent
Mayor Taylor	X	
Council President Michalowski		X
Councilman Germershausen	X	
Councilwoman Cefolo-Pane	X	
Councilman Carpenter	X	
Councilman Malone	X	
Councilman Zuckerman	X	

I. RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

- #16-19 Resolution Authorizing Executive Session Malone

Councilman Carpenter made a motion to approve Resolution # 16-19 to enter into Executive Session at 5:05 p.m. to discuss COAH Litigation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Malone. All Council in favor; none opposed.

At 6:30 p.m. Council returned to open session on a motion by Council Gemershausen seconded by Councilman Carpenter.

Mayor Taylor Update:

- Mayor Taylor stated he was approached by a photographer to see if the Council would like to have their own trading cards. He asked them to think about it and get back to him.
- He will be attending Conference for Plansmart NJ shortly

Council Portfolio Updates:

Councilman Gemershausen provided the following report:

Historic Preservation Commission:

- Attended the monthly meeting. New Chair is Suzanne Herold and Dallas Herold is the secretary.
- Little Red Schoolhouse looking for ideas for 150 year celebration for 2017
- Hancock Cemetary stone repair to continue
- February 7, exhibit regarding women's haircare of the era at the Schoolhouse
- Bid documents should be received for the roof at the Little Red Schoolhouse; will send to Carl Ganger for review. Also working on a grant for \$173,000 for windows to be repaired, cleaned and painted. Looking for Council to put up \$34,000 share
- February 4th, Patrick Dolan will attend a grant writing course
- Pathways program – Columbus Day Weekend. Towns will open up historic buildings.

Councilwoman Cefolo-Pane provided the following report:

- Seniors had an Executive Board meeting.; the will try to use Florham Park vendors for all of their meetings; Holiday luncheon under contract with Hanover Manor and will consider looking in Florham Park; a large enough venue is needed.
- Gazebo Committee will have a donation letter going out; Asco and a private donor will sponsor two concerts this season. We have seven concerts in

total and are looking for performers for six more. Concerts will start June 12 ending July 31 with the exception of 4th of July weekend.

- Planning Board had a reorganization meeting. The Chair is Mike DeAngelis and the Vice-Chair is Jane Margulies. The meetings will now begin at 6:30 p.m. instead of 7:00 and no new testimony will be heard after 9:30 p.m.
- Eagle Scout approached Senior to do a project of building some shelving in Senior Center; copier had to be moved out.
- Ordinance on tonight's agenda regarding Zoning Board Fees.
- Last night BOA meeting; Shaan Realty, LLC application. This is the former Gulf Station. There was a standing room only crowd. Mike Cannilla did a great job of handling the crowd and giving them ample time to speak. They are proposing a eight pump gas station; no retail and a drive-thru for a Dunkin' Donuts. They are looking for 8 variances. D-2 for a canopy and a D-1 for a drive-thru. Meeting was carried until February 17, 2016.

Councilman Carpenter provided the following report:

Department of Public Works:

- DPW is ready for snow; salt shed is complete
- Trucks have been fitted with compliant mufflers on a state funded program
- Have assisted Engineering with some pre-road rehabilitation issues
- Installed ice rink

Police Department

- Lt. Gatzke will be attending the FBI Academy – 10 week assignment
- Police Department completed taser training
- Police Department holding Red Cross Blood drive between 1 and 6 p.m. on February 1st at the Community Center
- Dispatcher Tom Belli graduated with “academic excellence” from SLEO class on December 30th
- Police working with Knights of Columbus to bring back the Trading Card Program

Florham Park First Aid Squad:

- Everything is status quo; moved into their new building

Fire Department:

- Annual awards dinner tomorrow night at Hamilton Park
- Sent out a survey to members to gage the quality of the current leadership
- One member being sworn in tonight and another member in the pipeline
- Applied for a grant to update alarms through state FEMA program;

Engineering Dept.:

- All 2015 project have been completed
- Borough Engineer Sgaramella needs some guidance from the Council on the 2016 projects

Borough Engineer discussed streets that are scheduled for repair this year and will be able to proceed if he has the funding. Park Street is one of the streets for paving this year.

He stated Park Street is a Municipal collector road used a cut through. Some potential fixes were discussed to fix it. Police have been doing studies over approximately eight years; identified that there is a speed issue there. He recommends elevating the island that is currently there. He would also like to ask the County to push the speed limit reduction back further west to 35 MPH. Also, put traffic devices such as a speed table there. He stated that it could be an asphalt speed table or removable rubber one. He asked the Council to weigh in on that.

Police Chief Treiber stated that the speed trailers slow it down; however, as soon as you remove it they will speed up again. He thinks calming devices may work.

Councilwoman Cefolo-Pane stated "*Reduce Speed Ahead*" signs might be good.

Administrator Huyler said he remembered talking about closing the road. He asked what the goal is. Is it just to calm down the traffic, reduce traffic?

Mr. Sgaramella stated it is just to calm it. The street is a bypass around the downtown area. He stated that it is his opinion that you should never take a road away. He thinks closing it will create a big traffic problem.

Councilman Zuckerman asked about the cost.

Mr. Sgaramella stated that a rubber speed table would cost approximately \$8,000. He thinks the speed table is warranted because of the history of speeding. It will force people to drive the speed limit.

Mr. Zuckerman stated that it should be tried and should be done in asphalt. Council agreed.

Council discussed some miscellaneous projects that would occur in 2016.

Councilman Malone provided the following report:

- The budget process is underway; Council liaisons and department heads have reviewed all budgets with Patrice and Bill. Finance Committee met to discuss the consolidated budget. Finance Committee will meet again February 4th
- New ice skating rink in place; looking forward using that; Frank and his team have done a great job putting this together. Using Community Pass to register.

Councilman Zuckerman provided the following report:

Municipal Pool:

- Ordinance on Agenda to approve 2016 Pool Fees; no increase
- Have enough money to make the note payment this year
- Reduced the age for singles from 18-16 for in town residents
- Letter is ready to go out

Mayor Taylor opened the meeting to the public.

John Winters, 32 Brooklake Road

- Asked about COAH numbers? Do we have any information at this time?
- Mayor Taylor indicated that is a litigated matter and the Council is not ready to share that yet.
- The library work, was that budgeted for?
- Mayor Taylor stated that was a donation from the Sun family.

Mr. Winters inquired about the Borough seeking grant money from the State?

Mayor Taylor stated that grant monies have really diminished over the years. It is very difficult to try and obtain monies for grants these days.

Seeing no more members of the public who wished to be heard, Mayor Taylor closed the meeting to the public.

ADJOURNMENT:

Council returned to the work session after the Executive Session was adjourned at 6:59 p.m. On a motion made by Councilman Malone seconded by Councilman Germershausen, the work session was adjourned by a unanimous vote at 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila A. Williams, R.M.C.
Borough Clerk
February 14, 2016