

# Minutes of the January 4, 2011 Florham Park Borough Council Reorganization meeting

1. Call to Order

**MAYOR:** Happy New Year Everyone and welcome to the 2011 Annual Reorganization Meeting. At this time I would like to call the 2011 Re-organization meeting to order

Mrs. Williams, may I have a roll call of the 2010 Council please?

2. **Clerk:** Roll Call

Germershausen, Boy, Beecher, Huyler

3. Open Public Meetings Act

**MAYOR:** Mrs. Williams have all the requirements of the Open Public Meetings act been met?

**Williams:** Pursuant NJSA 10:4-9, I hereby state for the record that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided to the public via posting the annual notice on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building as well as publication in the official newspaper of the Borough, The Florham Park Eagle.

**MAYOR:** Thank you Mrs. Williams.

4. Invocation:

**MAYOR:** We are pleased to have with us this evening Monsignor Raymond Kupke of Holy Family church who will provide the invocation this evening.

5. Opening Ceremony-Flag Salute:

**MAYOR:** This evening we also have with us members of the Color Guard of The Florham Park Police Department who will lead us in the Flag Salute. Please welcome Sgt. Matt Gatzke, Sgt. Karl Svenningsen, Patrolman Brian Sampson, Patrolman Michael Neilan, Patrolman Joseph Rega and Patrolman Joel Phillips.

**PLEASE STAND.**

**MAYOR:** Please remain standing for the singing of the Star Spangled Banner, which will be sung by Florham Park's own Bonnie Zwigard

**6. Acknowledgement of Guests**

**MAYOR:** At this time I would like to recognize the following guests.  
**(Mayor recognizes various guests in the audience)**

**7. 2010 Old Business**

**MAYOR:** At this time I would ask the Borough Council to address some old business from 2010

**PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS:**

**Boy:** I would like to make a motion to approve the current bills list from December 2010

**Beecher:** I will second that motion.

Roll Call: Germershausen, Boy, Beecher, Huyler

**8. Resolutions:**

**Resolution #10-169**

**Boy:** I would like to make a motion to approve Resolution # 10-169 to authorize budget transfers for 2010 funds

**Huyler:** 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**MAYOR:** Roll Call Please.

**Williams:** Germershausen, Boy, Beecher, Huyler

**MAYOR:** Seeing that the 2010 unfinished business has been addressed I will now close this portion of the meeting. Can I have a motion of the Council to close this portion of the meeting?

**Beecher:** So moved.

**Germershausen:** 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Mayor:** All in favor.

**All:** AYE

**NEW BUSINESS 2011:**

**9. Swearing in of 2011 Council:**

**Mayor:** I will now ask Councilman Mark Taylor and Councilman David Wikstrom to please step forward to be sworn in by the Honorable Kenneth Grispin. Judge Grispin is the Presiding Judge of the Law Division of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Union County. He has a special distinction of being both certified by the Supreme Court in both Civil and Criminal Trial Law. Judge Grispin is a friend and mentor to Councilman Wikstrom. Judge Grispin I thank you for coming and welcome you to Florham Park. Councilman Taylor and Councilman Wikstroms' terms began on January 1, 2011. They were elected to serve three year terms each, which are due to expire on December 31, 2013. Congratulations to you both. It is an honor to serve the people of Florham Park with you both. Will both Council members step forward to be sworn in by Judge Grispin.

Judge Grispin administers the oath of office.

**Mayor:** Mrs. Williams, may I have a Roll Call of the 2011 Council Members please?

**Roll Call:** Councilman Germershausen, Councilman Boy, Councilwoman Beecher, Council President Taylor, Councilman Wikstrom, Councilman Huyler

**10. Nomination of Council President:**

**Mayor:** At this time, I call for a motion of the Council for a nomination for 2011 Council President

**Taylor:** I would like to make a motion to nominate Councilman Bill Huyler to serve as Council President for 2011

**Wikstrom:** I will second that motion.

**Mayor:** Mrs. Williams, may I have a roll call please?

**Roll Call:** Germershausen, Boy, Beecher, Taylor, Wikstrom, Huyler **(HUYLER ABSTAINS)**

**Mayor:** Thanked Mark Taylor for his support in 2010. He indicated that nobody works as hard as Councilman Taylor and he was an invaluable asset to himself and the Council for the past year. Mayor Eveland offered his Congratulations to Council President Huyler and wished him well.

**11. Appointment of Borough Officials:**

**Huyler:** Mr. Mayor I would like to make a motion to appoint the following Borough Officials:

Borough Clerk	<b>Sheila Williams</b>	<b>3 year term</b>
Search Assessment Officer	<b>Sheila Williams</b>	<b>1 year term, expiring 12/31/11</b>
Borough Administrator	<b>Nancy Gage</b>	<b>1 year term, expiring 12/31/11</b>
Tax Search Officer	<b>Rosemary Schumacher</b>	<b>1 year term, expiring 12/31/11</b>
Pension Certifying Official	<b>Rosemary Schumacher</b>	<b>1 year term, expiring 12/31/11</b>

**12. New Appointments:**

**Boy:** Mr. Mayor I would like to make a motion to make the following appointments:

Jon Rheinhardt as CFO for a four year term expiring 12/31/14 at the salary of \$50.00 per hour not to exceed \$20,000 per annum

Kimberly Kientz as Treasurer at the salary of \$92,000 per annum

**Beecher:** I will second that motion.

**Roll Call:** Huyler, Germershausen, Boy, Beecher, Taylor, Wikstrom

**Mayor:** At this time I would like to welcome Judge Brian O'Toole who was kind enough to attend this evening to swear in some of our Borough Officials.

Judge O'Toole administers the Oath of office to Borough Officials.

**11. Council 2011 Portfolio Assignments:**

**Mayor:** I will now announce the portfolio assignments for the Council members for 2011:

**Dept of Community Services: Council President Bill Huyler**

**Council Liaison to:**

Public Works, Water Department, Engineering, Construction, Sewer Utility,  
Town Center Task Force, Florham Park Fire Department

**Planning & Development – Councilman Mark Taylor**

**Council Liaison to:**

Planning Board Class III Member, Board of Adjustment, Construction Board of  
Appeals, Morris Land Conservancy, SEAMLESS, Environmental Commission  
First Aid Squad

**Public Safety: Councilman Charles Germershausen**

**Council Liaison to:**

Police Department, Project Community Pride, Municipal Alliance Committee,  
Emergency Management Team, Municipal Court

**Finance: Councilman Fred Boy**

**Council Liaison to:**

CFO, Tax Assessor, Capital Improvement Committee,  
Historic Preservation Commission, Library Board of Trustees, Board of Education

**Community Affairs: Councilwoman Judy Beecher**

**Council Liaison to:**

Senior Citizens, Senior Transportation, Board of Health, Community TV, Website,  
Public Information Committee, July 4<sup>th</sup> Committee, Gazebo Committee

**Recreation: Councilman David Wikstrom**

**Council Liaison to:**

Recreation Department, Municipal Pool, Pool Advisory Committee,  
Airport Advisory Committee, Grants Committee

**13. Police Department Appointments:**

**Mayor:**

Next we will move on to some other appointments for the Police Dept.  
I recommend the appointment of the following officers as **INTERNAL  
AFFAIRS OFFICERS** for a term of 1 year:

Captain Frank Yanuzzi  
Captain Robert Treiber  
Lieutenant Louis Bianco  
Lieutenant Mark Garcia  
Sergeant Joseph Orlando

I also recommend the following **School Crossing Guards:**

Charles Malone , Vincent Maggiulli, Patricia Normand, Virginia Thompson, Penny Pryer, Betty Guarino (Substitute)

**Mayor:** I hereby make the following recommendations for the **Office of Emergency Management** for a term of 1 year:

**OEM Coordinator:**  
Chief Patrick Montuore

**Deputy Coordinators:**  
Robert Treiber  
Brian Ahlert  
Chris Markferding  
Michael Sgaramella  
Frank Esposito  
Steve Jones  
Carl Ganger  
Michael Cannilla  
Jonathan Young  
Phil Infantolino

**Germershausen:** I move for confirmation of these appointments.

**Beecher:** I will second that motion.

**Mayor:** Mrs. Williams, may I have a roll call please?

**Roll Call:** Huyler, Germershausen, Boy, Beecher, Taylor, Wikstrom

**Mayor:** Will the **Internal Affairs Appointees and Crossing Guards and OEM Members** please come forward to be sworn in by Judge O'Toole.

**14. Fire Department:**

**Mayor:** I recommend the appointment of the following to the Florham Park Volunteer Fire Department **Board of Fire Engineers for a term of one year:**

<b>Fire Chief</b>	Jonathan R. Young
<b>Deputy Chief</b>	Scott Carpenter
<b>Assistant Chief</b>	Chuck Keel
<b>Assistant Chief</b>	Brian Magee
<b>Fire Inspector</b>	Al Kellogg
<b>Fire Official</b>	James Fonzino

**Huyler:** I move for confirmation of these appointments.

**Wikstrom:** I will second that motion.

**Mayor:** Mrs. Williams, may I have a roll call please?

**Roll Call:** Huyler, Germershausen, Boy, Beecher, Taylor, Wikstrom

**Mayor:** Will the Fire Appointees please come forward to be sworn in by Judge O'Toole

Judge O'Toole Administers the Oath of Office

**Mayor:** Thank you very much Judge O'Toole. Next on to appointment of our Board and Commission Members.

**15. Boards & Commissions:**

**Mayor:** I hereby make the following appointments to the Florham Park Planning Board:

Frank Yanuzzi	1 year term	expiring 12/31/2011
Carmen Cefolo-Pane	4 year term	expiring 12/31/2014
Gary Feith	4 year term	expiring 12/31/2014

**Mayor:** I hereby make the following appointments to the Zoning Board of Adjustment:

Russ Corrao	4 year term	expiring 12/31/2014
Martin Chiarolanzio	2 year term	expiring 12/31/2011

**Taylor:** I move for confirmation of these appointments.

**Germershausen:** I will second that motion.

**Mayor:** Mrs. Williams, may I have a roll call please?

**Roll Call:** Huyler, Germershausen, Boy, Beecher, Taylor, Wikstrom

**Mayor:** Will those members please step forward to be sworn in by Mrs. Williams

**Mayor:** I recommend the following appointments to the Board of Health:

Kathleen Solar-Greene	3 year term	expiring 12/31/13
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Michael Moore                      3 year term                      expiring 12/31/13

**Beecher:**                      I move for confirmation of these appointments.

**Boy:**                              I will second that motion.

**Mayor:**                      I would like to mention that Ms. Solar Greene could not be with us this evening, as she is out of the Country but has indicated she will accept the appointment.

Mrs. Williams, may I have a roll call please?

**Roll Call:**                      Huyler, Germershausen, Boy, Beecher, Taylor, Wikstrom

**Mayor:**                      **I recommend the following appointments to the Library Board of Trustees:**

Joseph Guerin                      5 year term    expiring 12/31/15  
Dr. William Ronzitti              1 year term    expiring 12/31/11

**Mayor:**                      **I recommend the following appointments to the Historic Preservation Commission:**

Richard Davidson    3 year term    expiring 12/31/13  
Jonathan Golden    3 year term    expiring 12/31/13  
John Winters              3 year term    expiring 12/31/13  
John Cunningham, Alternate    1 year term    expiring 12/31/11  
(Emeritus)

**Mayor:**                      **I recommend the following appointments to the Construction Board of Appeals:**

Edward Pilot                      4 year term    expiring 12/31/14

**Taylor:**                      I move for confirmation of these appointments.

**Huyler:**                      I will second that motion.

**Mayor:**                      Mrs. Williams, may I have a roll call please?

**Roll Call:**                      Huyler, Germershausen, Boy, Beecher, Taylor, Wikstrom

**Mayor:** I recommend the following appointments to the Environmental Commission:

Blaine Rothauser 3 year term expiring 12/31/2013  
Scott Carpenter 3 year term expiring 12/31/2013  
Anthony Lee to fill the unexpired term of Ed Formicella, expiring 12/31/2012

**Taylor:** I move for confirmation of these appointments.

**Wikstrom:** I will second that motion.

**Mayor:** Mrs. Williams, may I have a roll call please?

**Roll Call:** Huyler, Germershausen, Boy, Beecher, Taylor, Wikstrom

**Mayor:** Will all appointees from those Boards and Commissions please step forward to be sworn in by Mrs. Williams

**16. Committees:**

**Mayor:** Next we will move on the appointments of our various Committee members. Committee members do not have to be sworn in, but I ask that each member stand up to recognized after their name is called.

**Mayor:** I recommend the following appointments to the Airport Advisory Committee:

**Jim Jannicelli, Chair**

Mark Walsh, Wendy Nunn, Kenneth Parker, Jack Dalton, Debbie Bester

**Mayor:** Mrs. Williams, may I have a roll call please?

**Roll Call:** Huyler, Germershausen, Boy, Taylor, Beecher, Wikstrom

**Mayor:** I recommend the following appointments to the **Gazebo Committee:**

**Joseph Jagiello, Jr. & Scott Hibbard, Co-Chairs**

Andrew Williams, Rosemary Roser, Ken Roser, Winnie Shurek, Andrea Thayer, Judy Wisnewski, Stan Wisnewski, Frank Newman, Jim Dirlam, Annemarie Landishman

**Beecher:** I move for confirmation of these appointments.

**Boy:** I will second that motion.

**Mayor:** Mrs. Williams, may I have a roll call please?

**Roll Call:** Huyler, Germershausen, Boy, Beecher, Taylor, Wikstrom

**Mayor:** I recommend the following appointments to the  
**Capital Improvement Committee:**

**Jeffrey Noss, Chair**

Robert Criswell, Steve Jensen, George McGuirk, William Pellettiere,  
John Prokop, Douglas Stolpe, Lou Nucci, Rudi Bester

**Boy:** I move for confirmation of these appointments.

**Germershausen:** I will second that motion.

**Mayor:** Mrs. Williams, may I have a roll call please?

**Roll Call:** Huyler, Germershausen, Boy, Beecher, Taylor, Wikstrom

**Mayor:** I recommend the following appointments to the **Public  
Information Committee:**

**Sheila Williams, Chair**

Virginia Arnold, Sis Badcock, Eileen Cerrato, Margureite Hupcey, Eileen  
Iantosca, Evelyn Krehley, Florence Parillo, Ann Wallendjack, Jean McGuirk,  
Barbara Nevius, Nancy Sigler

**Beecher:** I move for confirmation of these appointments.

**Huyler:** I will second that motion.

**Mayor:** Mrs. Williams, may I have a roll call please?

**Roll Call:** Huyler, Germershausen, Boy, Beecher, Taylor, Wikstrom

**Mayor:** I recommend the following appointments to the **Florham Park  
Community TV Committee:**

**David Ackerman, Chair**

William Ackerman, Patty Foley, Joseph Guerin, Suzanne Guerin,  
Joseph Jagiello, Jr.

**Beecher:** I move for confirmation of these appointments.

**Wikstrom:** I will second that motion.

**Mayor:** Mrs. Williams, may I have a roll call please?

**Roll Call:** Huyler, Germershausen, Boy, Beecher, Taylor, Wikstrom

**Mayor:** I recommend the following 2 year appointments to the  
**Recreation Committee, which terms will expire 12/31/2012:**

Joseph Guerin  
Chris Healey  
Peggy Simmons  
Rick Zein

And also Adam Lieb, Recreation Director for a term of 1 year

**Wikstrom:** I move for confirmation of these appointments.

**Germershausen:** I will second that motion.

**Mayor:** Mrs. Williams, may I have a roll call please?

**Roll Call:** Huyler, Germershausen, Boy, Beecher, Taylor, Wikstrom

**Mayor:** I recommend the following appointments to the  
**July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration Committee:**

**Rocco Scanniello, Chair**

David Ackerman, Ed Enderle, Patty Foley, Joseph Guerin,  
Suzanne Guerin, Alison Farrell, Linda Michalowski, Tom Michalowski,  
Susan Novalis, Russ Corrao, Karen Corrao, Scott Hibbard

**Beecher:** I move for confirmation of these appointments.

**Boy:** I will second that motion.

**Mayor:** Mrs. Williams, may I have a roll call please?

**Roll Call:** Huyler, Germershausen, Boy, Beecher, Taylor, Wikstrom

**Mayor:** I recommend the following appointments to the  
**Pool Advisory Committee:**

**Jenn Pulice, Chair**

Mike Murphy, Victor Guerra, Tom Padden, Carl Ganger, Frank Newman

**Wikstrom:** I move for confirmation of these appointments.

**Taylor:** I will second that motion.

**Mayor:** Mrs. Williams, may I have a roll call please?

**Roll Call:** Huyler, Germershausen, Boy, Beecher, Taylor, Wikstrom

17. **Borough Employees**

**Mayor:** I recommend the continued employment of all Borough Employees who were on the Payroll on December 31, 2010, except for any employees whose service with the Borough may have been terminated at or on December 31, 2010.

**Wikstrom:** So moved.

**Germershausen:** Second.

**Roll Call:** Huyler, Germershausen, Boy, Beecher, Taylor, Wikstrom

18. ***Announcement of Council Meeting Dates by the Council President:***

**Huyler:** The Open Public Meeting Law, which is commonly referred to as the “Sunshine Law”, establishes the right of all citizens to have adequate advance notice of all public meetings and the right to attend those meetings at which any business affecting the public is discussed or acted upon.

It also requires the official announcement during the first ten days of the New Year of all the official meeting dates. We have scheduled the Council Meetings as follows:

**Regular Monthly Public Council Meetings in 2011:**

The Public meetings will be held at 6:30 p.m. prevailing time on the following dates:

January 18th, February 15th, March 15th, April 26th, May 17th,  
June 21st, July 26th, August 16th, September 20th, October 18th,  
November 22nd, December 20th

**Council Work Sessions for 2011 are as follows:**

February 1st, March 1st, April 5th, May 3rd, June 7th, July 12th,  
August 2nd, September 6th, October 4th, November 8th, December 6th

All Tuesday work sessions will be held in the Council Conference Room beginning at 6:30 p.m. Business conducted at the work sessions will include such matters as may come before the Council, including the taking of official action when deemed necessary by the Governing Body. Work Sessions are open to the public for comment.

I would like to mention at this time that the law specifies nine exceptions to the requirements for admitting the public to meetings. These exceptions would allow the Governing Body to enter into a closed session. They are:

1. Matters ruled confidential by law.
2. Matters that would impair monies.
3. Matters constituting invasion of individual privacy.
4. Matters involving collective bargaining, including negotiations.
5. Tactics and techniques involving protection, public safety and property as well as investigations of possible violations.
6. Matters involving acquisition of real property and investment of funds.
7. Litigation, contract negotiations, or matters involving attorney client relationships.
8. Personnel matters such as hiring, firing, disciplinary action, etc.
9. Deliberations after public hearing that may result in civil penalties or loss of a license or permit.

**Huyler:** I move that the meeting dates for public meetings and work sessions be accepted as read.

**Beecher:** I will second that motion.

**Roll Call:** Huyler, Germershausen, Boy, Beecher, Taylor, Wikstrom

**Mayor:** At this time I will ask Mrs. Williams to notify the proper newspapers of the meeting dates for 2011.

**Clerk:** So noted.

**19. Resolutions – Consent Agenda**

**Mayor:** I ask the Council for a motion to allow the resolutions listed on the agenda to be approved by consent agenda of the Council. If there are any questions from the public regarding them, please ask them at this time.

**Taylor:** I would like to make a motion to allow the resolutions listed on the agenda to be approved by a consent of the Council via a single motion

**Boy:** Second

**Roll Call:** Huyler, Germershausen, Boy, Beecher, Taylor, Wikstrom

Taylor: Motion to approve those resolutions as listed. I will ask the Borough Clerk to read those into the record. So moved.

**Beecher:** Second

**Roll Call:** Taylor, Germershausen, Boy, Beecher, Wikstrom, Huyler

**20. Mayoral Address**

After Mayoral address:

**21. Adjournment:**

**Huyler:** I would like to make a motion to adjourn the 2011 Reorganization meeting.

**Germershauesn:** So moved.

**Mayor:** All in favor.

**Everyone:** Aye.

**Mayoral Annual Address:**

Good evening. I would like to welcome everyone to our 2011 Re- Organization Meeting. Thank you for joining us tonight.

As is my custom for the annual address, I typically like to talk about what we have been doing over the past year and what each Councilperson has been working on in each of their various portfolios. And by telling you what we have been doing,

you can also see where we are going and what our goals are for the next year. This really is a team effort and I am proud of the collaborative team effort of this Governing Body. You don't see this in every community and its something that is special here in Florham Park and something that I am extremely proud of. I am very proud of how each Councilperson is so dedicated and committed to the greater goals of the community over any individual or political self interest. We all understand that, at the end of the day, only by working together, can we move forward. I applaud this Council for maintaining that focus and their commitment to each other in moving this community forward, even in these challenging financial times.

The Council members have continued to work to improve the quality of life in Florham Park while maintaining low taxes, a feat which is no easy task these days. I would be remiss without acknowledging that I am particularly proud of our Borough Staff who have spent countless hours keeping our municipal budget and expenditures down so that we can pass the tax savings on to you. As a result, this year we had a very modest increase in the municipal tax rate without any reduction of services. This was a significant accomplishment, but it's certainly not going to get any easier for 2011.

Although hard financial times continue to plague the economy, Florham Park is not just "weathering the storm" but "bucking the trend". Our ratable have actually increased, we have reduced tax appeal liabilities, and our residents have continued to come together to preserve our proudest traditions while also paving the way for an even brighter future. This doesn't happen by accident and the buzz around the County and State is that Florham Park is the place to be.

**Councilwoman Judy Beecher:**

I think that Judy will agree that one of her crowning achievements this year was being a part of the Senior Center Project. I would like to recognize all the members of the building committee for their part in this endeavor. We finally made good on a promise that was made over 20 years ago and this October we were elated to dedicate the Senior Center. The design is one to be proud of, and has been well received by those who are taking part in exercise classes, card games ,board games, crafts, and the new "movie Fridays" at the Center. If you get a chance to visit, you will notice right away its home away from home feel. The building is open to all Florham Park seniors. Judy was instrumental in establishing the non-profit Senior Foundation. The Sr. Foundation enables people to make tax deductible gifts (money or items) to help furnish and equip the building and also to confidentially help any Florham Park senior with special needs or struggling financially.

Also under Judy's portfolio, the Gazebo Concerts celebrated their 30<sup>th</sup> year and added an extra concert to their summer schedule. All of their varied artists were well received and Judy helped set up another 501 c (3) foundation for tax deductible private donations to help support these outstanding community events. It is great to see so many of our residents enjoying this great tradition. For 2011, the Gazebo Committee is already planning an exciting 31<sup>st</sup> season based on the support of Florham Park residents and corporate sponsors.

Also in Judy's portfolio is the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee. 52<sup>nd</sup> annual parade celebrated 100 years of Scouting. We were proud to have Florham Park's own Dave Setzer as Grand Marshal and Forester Newick as the Honorary Grand Marshal. It was a great opportunity to honor the two men for their extensive service to Boy Scouts of America and Florham Park's youth.

Judy also worked closely with our Borough employees to improve our health services for the town. The Health Department established pre-school vision screening and immunization compliance tool kit programs. The Health Department also increased the vaccination program, offering vaccines for pneumonia, tetanus, gardasil, meningitis and more than 200 flu vaccinations. The rabies vaccine clinic continued to be a great success, vaccinating more than 100 animals. In addition, they worked closely with our retail business to ensure age appropriate tobacco sales and proper food handling. Those are just a few of the highlights that kept Judy busy this year.

### **Councilman Mark Taylor:**

No one works harder than Mark Taylor. He just does a tremendous job and did an outstanding job as Council President. Under Mark's leadership in his portfolio, Florham Park has worked to remain a responsible steward of our environmental resources and to create spaces for active and passive recreation. In Mark's portfolio this year, our Open Space projects included the completion of the purchase of 3 of the 5 properties between Stobaeus Field and Brooklake and Briarwood schools. This will integrate the Borough ball fields and playgrounds at Stobaeus Park with the two schools and their facilities.

More space for passive and active recreation was created with the completion of the deed transfer to Florham Park of the 100 plus acres of open space on Elm St. This property includes the 28 acres slated for the new Elm St. recreation facility. Mark is

also in the midst of working on an Open Space mapping project with the Morris Land Conservancy so we can remap our Open Space Master Plan in 2011.

Mark is also liaison to the Environmental Commission. The Environmental Commission remains an integral part of our community, whose members dedicate countless hours to improving our open space and preserving it for the future. At Spring Garden lake, there were 3 workday events sponsored by the Morris Land Conservancy generating more than 2,000 volunteer hours in the clean up and restoration of the lake. Countless hours have also been put into the continued restoration of Germershausen Park. In 2011, Mark and the Environmental Commission will be involved with plans for constructing a dock, a bridge and other improvements to the Spring Garden Lake area. For many years this was a hidden treasure in Florham Park and Mark, along with Blaine Rothhauser and the EC are making this something that now the entire community will enjoy for many years.

Mark sits on the Planning Board. The Planning Board completed applications for the Green at Florham and approved construction of a hotel on the site. Also approved were several other commercial buildings. Consequently, we were proud to welcome the North American Headquarters of BASF Corp. to Florham Park in late June. The groundbreaking event signified Governor Christie's efforts to bring economic development to New Jersey right here in our little old community. We were proud to work with the Governor and the developer on that. And some good news; The BASF ratable alone is estimated to bring at least a half-million dollars per year in revenue to the Borough by 2012. Also adding to the commercial tax base, the Planning Board approved 27 tenants to move into town which put vacant space to use.

In the center of town, just a few weeks ago, we were proud to witness the completion and grand opening of the Florham Park Plaza, including Trader Joe's and Walgreens, renovating a portion of our town center which had not had a facelift since the 1970s. Those are just some of the highlights that Mark has been working on, but if I were to list them all, we would be here all night. In 2011, we are certainly far from done and Mark will be working on the remaining projects in the Center.

### **Councilman Charles Germershausen:**

Under Councilman Germershausen's portfolio and the leadership of Chief Patrick Montuore, the Florham Park Police Department has continued to protect and serve the Florham Park residents in a variety of ways. You might be surprised to know they answered 8500 service calls and 900 medical calls. Our officers made nearly 300

arrests and received nearly \$10,000 in grant money. Throughout 2010, the police helped to safely install 130 car seats in Florham Park. The Detective Bureau was part of nearly 300 adult and juvenile investigations, which led to a significant number of arrests and they acted in cooperation with other law enforcement agencies. They were able to help keep Florham Park safe by stopping drugs from being brought into town and ending an identity theft operation.

We have a Community Policing Unit second to none and in 2010 it continued to aggressively establish and maintain strong relationships with children and the community. In this regard, the DARE program was continued with all of our school children. They were educated about the dangers of gangs, drugs, alcohol and violence. Councilman Germershausen is a huge supporter of National Night Out and Safe Night Out. These two events offered opportunities for our families and children to come together in a safe environment with the staff and members of our Police Department. The Florham Park Office of Emergency Management (FPOEM) is a cooperative effort involving resources from the Police Department, Fire Department, First Aid Squad, Department of Public Works, Department of Community Services and the Florham Park Public School System. During 2010 the FPOEM continued to meet its goal of providing a high level of emergency preparedness for the residents of the Borough. This included a full scale exercise at the New York Jets Atlantic Health Facility. Again, I would like to recognize and thank the Jets for the unique opportunity they gave us to train for an emergency at their facility. I can't say enough about what great community members they are. And finally, Councilman Germershausen is overseeing the State accreditation process for our Police Department. Once we are fully accredited, this will be extremely beneficial in terms of uniform policies, efficiencies and reduced liabilities for the Borough.

**Councilman Fred Boy:**

The foundation of anything we can do here in the Borough is built upon finance. As I said in the beginning, because of the efforts of this Governing Body and Councilman Boy as Finance Liaison, even in the face of tough financial times last year, and despite record cuts in State aid to the Borough, we only had a .97% increase in taxes last year. Councilman Boy and the others worked hard on this and also took into consideration what was going on economically and realized that people needed as much tax relief as possible. At the same time, we were careful to ensure that there weren't any losses in municipal services that Florham Park residents have come to deserve and expect. I commend Councilman Boy for his work on last year's budget and believe me, he has already begun sharpening his pencil for 2001, which will prove to be even more challenging.

Also in Councilman Boy's portfolio is the Library. Even though you may have read some recent articles heralding the demise of libraries due to technology, I strongly believe they have an important place in a community – especially our community. Laura Bush once noted, "Libraries allow children to ask questions about the world and find the answers. And the wonderful thing is that once a child learns to use a library, the doors to learning are always open." Our library was used extensively throughout the year and In Florham Park, we are fortunate to have a Library which serves the needs of our children and adults. People came through the library doors more than 104,000 times in 2010, checking out more than 85,000 books, CDs, and movies, in addition to asking more than 3500 questions. The meeting rooms were regularly used by community groups. More than 58 programs for adults were offered and the Summer Reading Program taught more than 160 children the importance of reading. Throughout the year, more than 64 children's programs were offered, and stories were read to children 725 times and 160 6<sup>th</sup> graders visited in October. In 2010, the Florham Park Public Library was selected to be an **Outspoken Library!** The Library is one of 42 libraries in the State that participate in a special program from the NJ Talking Book and Braille Center to provide a free service to residents. As part of the program, the Library can provide free digital readers for residents who are no longer able to read a book, whether it is because of vision loss or other impairment. The digital readers read the book out loud to the user. Users may also listen to an audio feed of local newspapers. Congratulations to the Library for this great new service.

In 2010, we were sad to see our longtime director, Barbara McConville, retire at the end of last year and Irene O'Toole, our Supervising Library Assistant, retired at the end of this year after 25 years of service to the Borough. We wish them the best in their retirement and at the same time, welcomed Joan Hipp as our new director and Donna Nafie to replace Irene.

Councilman Boy has also been working on a plan for improvements at the Little Red Schoolhouse. This plan will include new landscaping, a renovation of the old Borough garage to resemble an historical building while maintaining its storage capacity. It is our goal to return the Little Red Schoolhouse to a condition where schools can plan fieldtrips to visit a museum which showcases Florham Park's history. For 2011, Councilman Boy is working on bringing this symbol of our community to the prominence it deserves.

**Councilman Bill Huyler:**

I would like to start out by recognizing the Frank Esposito and the Department of Public Works for the amazing job they did on the last snowstorms. I had many comments on how fast our road conditions improved. How they handled this challenge exemplifies the Department and its leadership with Frank Esposito -- these guys and this Department are outstanding and I am very proud of the work that they do for this community. Bill and Frank have worked all year long on increasing efficiencies, sharing services with the Board of Education and, in short, doing more with less. Frank is a master of that. He is old-school and is unbelievable at finding ways of fixing things and getting the most out of his men and equipment. Bill and Frank have also worked hand-in-hand with the Recreation Department in addressing many upgrades to our fields and facilities. I can't tell you how many compliments that I got this last season from the heads of various sports programs and parents on the responsiveness of Frank and his men and their attention to addressing the needs of our fields and facilities. This also is a testament to the collaboration and teamwork between Bill, Frank and Dave Wikstrom.

Bill is also the liaison to the volunteer Fire Department. Bill was instrumental in making sure that we finally delivered on a promise that was made to them 8 or 10 years ago when we delivered the new fire and rescue truck. This new vehicle will enable us to take two old obsolete trucks out of service and combine their capabilities into one truck. I want to thank Bill and the Fire Department for helping us "make good" on that promise while maintaining the continued safety and security of the Borough.

**Councilman David Wikstrom:**

I saved Councilman Wikstrom last for a reason. His portfolio will be the focus and a centerpiece of my second term as Mayor. I want to see us work together for the Elm Street facility to become a reality and that doesn't mean that I also want to stop improvements to Emmett Park and our other existing facilities, including passive recreation on the Fish Property and Spring Garden. I would like that to continue as well. We owe it to our children and everyone of every age that can enjoy both passive and active recreation areas. This is the legacy that I want to leave this community and be a part of for my second term in office.

In the past year, we installed a paved walking/running track around the Recreation Complex as well as additional field lights. We also installed Dugouts at Borough Field and the Baseball Club renovated Stobeaus Field. Lights were put under the Pavilion near the Recreation Building to make it safer at night. In the

upcoming year, we are looking forward to repaving the access driveway between the upper and lower parking lots in the Borough Complex and installing sidewalks to link the two lots. We will also be installing additional lights on Emmett 2 where the soccer fields are located and a sidewalk and bridge leading to the soccer fields closest to Elm St. Dave and I would like to see the practice field next to the paddle tennis courts re-designed for expansion and the installation of field turf and fencing for a practice area.

Dave worked with Carl Ganger, Frank Newman and the Pool Committee in order to address the many challenges facing the pool this year; especially in financing and continued membership struggles. However, under the continued leadership of Carl Ganger and Frank Newman, with the assistance of some wonderful weather, membership was up in 2010. Membership categories were streamlined to allow more residents to join the pool. The pool committee was active in raising funds and helping to implement new rules which increase the enjoyment of all pool members. Carl Ganger was instrumental in helping to lease the pool to local swim clubs during off hours. He, Frank Newman, the Pool Committee and Councilman Wikstrom will continue to think outside the box in 2011 to generate new sources of income for the pool to keep membership rates affordable. They will also continue on their vision of long-term renovations and improvements for the pool. Dave also wanted to make sure that we recognize the two people he works hand-in-hand with in the Recreation Department. I would like to send a big thank you out to our Recreation Director Adam Lieb and Assistant Director Carrie Kenner who have continued their tireless efforts to keep recreation and the Senior Center running smoothly. They continue to offer new programs to all members of our community.

2010 was not without its losses. In this past year, our community lost Jean Beck, wife of Stan Beck, Pat Longley, devoted Borough artist, and Lucille Gaydosh, a long-time dedicated Borough employee. These women have left an indelible mark on our community and through their varied examples of business and service to Florham Park they demonstrated the many ways in which we can become involved in our community life. Also, former Councilman Ed Balzaratti, Ernie Zarra, Florence Ravo and Mike Desisen. They will all be missed.

So that's a little of what we've done and where we have been this past year. But like Ronald Reagan said, "While I take inspiration from the past, like most Americans, I live for the future." I can tell you that I am excited about the future of Florham Park and the direction we are going. I am excited and honored to continue serving as your Mayor and as part of this team that sits before you with the Council.

For 2011, I invite you to take up this New Year's resolution for you and your children: pick one aspect of life in Florham Park, and get involved. Make it your own, take ownership of making a difference in some aspect of our community. Let's teach our children together the importance of volunteering, stewardship and taking pride in one's community. Another great quote from Ronald Reagan was, "All great change in America begins at the dinner table." Let's make that commitment to each other and to our families to take that to heart this year.

As 2011 begins, I would like to encourage each and every resident of Florham Park to remain confident in the high quality of services that our town is able to provide to you due to the efforts of our volunteers, Council members and employees. Keep in mind that just as we are successful today because of the foundations that have been laid for us by generations past, so we too must continue to teach our children the value of community service in order that they will build even stronger foundations for the future. The example of our service will not only strengthen Florham Park in these difficult financial times, but will also foster the bonds of our community for future generations.

Happy 2011 and God Bless.

Councilman Wikstrom made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m., seconded by Councilwoman Beecher. All Council in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Borough Clerk