



## BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK Meeting Minutes January 8, 2015 Reorganization Meeting

### I. Call to Order

**MAYOR:** Happy New Year Everyone and welcome to the 2015 Annual Reorganization Meeting. It is so nice to see everyone and I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. At this time I would like to call the 2015 Reorganization meeting to order.

### Roll Call:

Mrs. Williams, may I have a roll call of the 2014 Council please?

Williams: Carpenter, Cefolo-Pane, Michalowski, Zuckerman

### II. Open Public Meetings Act Announcement

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

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

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

### **III. Acknowledgement of Guests**

**MAYOR:**

Before we begin with our appointments, I would like to begin by acknowledging some of our distinguished guests in the audience:

We have with us this evening:

1. Morris County Freeholder Kathy DeFillippo
2. Sheriff Ed Rochford
3. The Honorable James DeMarzo
4. Freeholder Doug Cabana

Also in attendance this evening all of our Borough Department Heads and I see many members of our volunteer organizations, Fire Department, Florham Park First Aid and of course all of the wonderful volunteers of our boards, commissions and committees.

So nice to see everyone, I thank you all for being here.

**MAYOR:**

At this time I would like to recognize the following people who are going to help us out with our ceremony this evening.

We have the Florham Park Police Honor Guard in attendance who will be with us shortly – As always, thank you to those members of our Police Department.

Also with us this evening is the very talented Billy Huyler, son of our Administrator Bill Huyler, who has very graciously volunteered to sing our National Anthem. Billy is on winter break from the University of Indiana.

Last but not least, we have Deacon Bill Ward of Holy Family Church who will provide the invocation this evening.

Thank you and welcome to all of you.

## V. INVOCATION:

**MAYOR:** At this time I would ask Deacon Ward to step up to the microphone to provide the invocation. Deacon, once again thank you for being here. Would everyone PLEASE STAND.

**MAYOR:** Thank you Deacon Ward. That was wonderful. I appreciate you taking time out of your evening to be here. PLEASE REMAIN STANDING.

## V. Opening Ceremony

### \*\*Pledge of Allegiance – Florham Park Honor Guard.

**MAYOR:** As mentioned before we have with us members of the Honor Guard of The Florham Park Police Department who will lead us in the Flag Salute. They have been graciously attending our ceremony for the past several years and always do such a wonderful job. Please join me in welcoming Lt. Matt Gatzke, Sgt. Karl Svenningsen, Sgt. Chris D'Ambola, Patrolman Brian Mensing, and Patrolman Joel Phillips.

### \*\*Star Spangled Banner:

**MAYOR:** At this time I would ask Billy Huyler to come on up to the microphone to sing the Star Spangled Banner.

**MAYOR:** Thank you so much Billy - that was beautiful.

## VI. 2014 Old Business

**MAYOR:** At this time I would ask the Borough Council to address some old business from 2014

### ➤ PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS:

**Zuckerman:** I would like to make a motion to approve the current bills list from December 2014 in the amount of \$298,353.04

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

Roll Call: Carpenter, Cefolo-Pane, Michalowski, Zuckerman

➤ **RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL:**

**Resolution #14-138** Authorizing the Transfer of 2014 Appropriations

**Zuckerman:** I would like to make a motion to approve Resolution # 14-138 to authorize budget transfers of 2014 funds. I will ask that the Borough Clerk read this Resolution into the record. So moved.

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

**MAYOR:** Roll Call Please.

Roll Call: Carpenter, Cefolo-Pane, Zuckerman, Michalowski

**MAYOR:** Seeing that the 2014 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?

**Germershausen:** So moved.

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

**Mayor:** All in favor.

**All:** AYE

**VII. 2015 NEW BUSINESS:**

**Swearing in of 2015 Mayor & Council:**

**MAYOR:** We will now move in to our 2015 business. First, I would like to congratulate our two recently elected Councilmen, Charlie Malone and Charlie Germershausen. I look forward to working with them in the coming years. We will now proceed with the oath of office for them.

At this time I would like to welcome Sheriff Ed Rochford and ask him to step up to swear in Councilman Germershausen.

Mr. Germershausen, will you please step to be sworn in.

(Sheriff Rochford administers the oath to Mr. Germershausen and he returns to the dais)

**MAYOR:**

Congratulations Councilman Germershausen.

It is an honor to serve the people of Florham Park with you.

**MAYOR:** At this time I would like to once again welcome Judge James DeMarzo and ask him to step forward to administer the oath of office to Councilman Malone as well as some of our Borough Officials.

Mr. Malone, will you please step to be sworn in.

(Judge DeMarzo administers the oath of office to Councilman Malone and he returns to the dais)

**MAYOR:** Councilman Malone it is my continued honor to serve the Florham Park citizens with you.

## VIII. ROLL CALL OF THE 2015 COUNCIL MEMBERS:

**MAYOR:** Mrs. Williams, may I have a Roll Call of the 2015 Council Members please?

**Roll Call:** Council President Carpenter, Councilman Germershausen, Councilwoman Cefolo-Pane, Councilman Malone, Councilman Michalowski, Councilman Zuckerman

## IX. NOMINATION OF 2015 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

**MAYOR:** At this time, I call for a motion of the Council for a nomination for the 2015 Council President.

**Carpenter:** I would like to make a motion to nominate Councilman Charles Malone to serve as Council President for 2015

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

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

**Roll Call:** Germershausen, Cefolo-Pane, Carpenter, Malone, **(Malone ABSTAINS)**  
Michalowski, Zuckerman

**MAYOR:** I would like to take a moment to thank Scott Carpenter for his invaluable support during 2014. Your assistance and diligence was very much appreciated. I would also like to congratulate Council President Malone and I look forward to working closely with him this year.

### Council 2015 Portfolio Assignments:

**MAYOR:** I will now announce the portfolio assignments for the Council members for 2015:

#### **Council President Charles Malone**

**Council Liaison for:**

CFO, Tax Collector, Tax Assessor, Recreation, Municipal Parks & Facilities, Florham Park Athletic Foundation, Economic Development & Commerce, Morris County Chamber of Commerce

#### **Councilman Scott Carpenter**

**Council Liaison for:**

Department of Public Works, Florham Park Fire Department, Florham Park Police Department, Florham Park First Aid Squad, Office of Emergency Management, Department of Engineering

#### **Councilman Charles Germershausen**

**Council Liaison for:**

Senior Housing, Water Utility, Recycling, Board of Chosen Freeholders

## **Councilwoman Carmen Cefolo-Pane**

### **Council Liaison for:**

Planning Board, Board of Adjustment, Town Center Task Force, Senior Citizens, AARP, Gazebo Committee, Community TV

## **Councilman Thomas Michalowski:**

### **Council Liaison for:**

Municipal Court, Sewer Utility, Board of Health, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee, Library Board of Trustees, Project Community Pride

## **Councilman William Zuckerman:**

### **Council Liaison For:**

Board of Education, Municipal Pool, Environmental Commission, Historic Preservation Commission, Open Space Preservation, Grants, Rotary Club

## **X. APPOINTMENTS AND OATH OF OFFICE:**

### **Appointment of Borough Officials:**

**Malone:** Mr. Mayor, I would like to make a motion to appoint Gary Troxell as Municipal judge for a 3 year term expiring December 31, 2017. Judge Troxell presides over the Municipal Court in Chester and they have Court Sessions this evening so he will be sworn in by Mrs. Williams prior to the next court session.

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

**Roll Call:** Malone, Germershausen, Cefolo-Pane,  
Carpenter, Michalowski, Zuckerman

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

Search Assessment Officer, Sheila Williams, 1 year term, expiring 12/31/15

Tax Search Officer & Pension Certifying Official Joseph Guerin, 1 year term, expiring 12/31/15

Patrice Visco, Chief Financial Officer, for a term of 4 years, expiring in 2018

Zuckerman: I will second the motion

Roll Call: Malone, Germershausen, Cefolo-Pane,  
Carpenter, Michalowski, Zuckerman

**Mayor:** At this time Judge DeMarzo will swear in those Borough Officials.

### Police Department Appointments:

**Mayor:** Next we will move on to some appointments for the Police Dept. As I call your name please step up so that Judge De Marzo can swear you in.

I recommend the appointment of the following officers as **INTERNAL AFFAIRS OFFICERS** for a term of 1 year:

#### **Internal Affairs:**

Captain Robert Treiber  
Lieutenant Mark Garcia  
Lieutenant Mike Voitcu  
Lieutenant Matthew Gatzke

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

Penny Pryer  
Vinnie Maggiulli

#### **Police Matrons:**

Penny Pryer  
Dara Foxall

### OEM Appointments:

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

- Pat Montuore - Coordinator
- Robert Treiber - Deputy
- Scott Bartell - Deputy

- Dan Bunsdschuh - Deputy
- Mike Cannilla - Deputy
- Steve Jones – Deputy
- Frank Esposito - Deputy
- Carl Ganger - Deputy
- Mike Sgaramella - Deputy
- Phil Infantolino – Deputy

Carpenter: I move for confirmation of these appointments.

Cefolo-Pane: I will second that motion.

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

**Roll Call:** Malone, Germershausen, Cefolo-Pane,  
Carpenter, Michalowski, Zuckerman

**Mayor:** Will all of those named members please come forward to be sworn in by the Judge DeMarzo

Mayor: Thank you so much Judge, I really appreciate your taking time out of your busy day to attend our meeting.

### Fire Department Appointments:

**Mayor:** Next, Are the Fire Department appointees.

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

Fire Chief	Scott Carpenter
Deputy Chief	Chuck Keel
Assistant Chief	Michael Wamp
Assistant Chief	Paul McGann
Jonathan Young	Rescue Captain
Fire Inspector	Alban Kellogg
Fire Official	James Fonzino

**Cefolo-Pane:** I move for confirmation of these appointments.

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

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

**Roll Call:** Malone, Germershausen, Cefolo-Pane,  
Carpenter, Michalowski, Zuckerman

**Mayor:** I believe we have some of our Fire Department Volunteers here. Some members were sworn in by the Borough Clerk last week, so they do not need to be sworn in; however, I would like to recognize them.

We have here tonight Fire Chief Scott Carpenter, Deputy Chief Chuck Keel, Assistant Chief Michael Wamp, Assistant Chief Paul McGann and Rescue Captain John Young.

Congratulations to all of the Fire Appointees. Again, the Borough Clerk will administer the Oath of Office to the Fire Inspector and the Fire Official. The Chief, Deputy Chief and Assistant Chiefs were sworn in by the Borough Clerk last week. If the other members that were not sworn in could step up and be sworn in by the Borough Clerk.

**Mayor:** Next we will move on to the appointment of our Boards and Commission Members.

## Appointments to Boards & Commissions:

### Planning Board:

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

Joseph Guerin	1 year term expiring 12/31/2015
Anne Maravic	4 year term expiring 12/31/2018
Gary Feith	4 year term expiring 12/31/2018
John Buchholz	Filling unexpired 2 yr. term to expire 12/31/15

## Zoning Board:

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

John Novalis	4 year term	expiring 12/31/2015
Peggy Simmons	Filling unexpired term	to expire 12/31/2015

Cefolo-Pane: 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: Malone, Germershausen, Cefolo-Pane,  
Carpenter, Michalowski, Zuckerman

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

## Board of Health:

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

Ruth Purdy	3 year term	expiring 12/31/17
Stan Wisnewski	3 year term	expiring 12/31/17
Tana LaPlaca	3 year term	expiring 12/31/17
Dr. Raymond Holmes	1 year term	expiring 12/31/15

Malone: I move for confirmation of these appointments.

Carpenter: I will second that motion.

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

Roll Call: Malone, Germershausen, Cefolo-Pane,  
Carpenter, Michalowski, Zuckerman

## Library Board of Trustees:

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

Louis Gaydosh	5 year term expiring 12/31/19
Jane Stumpf	1 year term expiring 12/31/15

## Historic Preservation Commission:

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

Patrick Dolan	3 year term expiring 12/31/17
Christine Davidson	3 year term expiring 12/31/17
Dallas Herold	3 year term expiring 12/31/17

## Environmental Commission:

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

Stan Wisnewski	3 year term expiring 12/31/17
Laura Iandorio	3 year term expiring 12/31/17
Ken Roser	3 year term expiring 12/31/17
Joseph Walk	2 year term expiring 12/31/16

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

**Cefolo-Pane:** I will second that motion.

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

**Roll Call:** Malone, Germershausen, Cefolo-Pane, Carpenter, Michalowski, Zuckerman

**MAYOR:** Will all appointees from those Boards and Commissions please step forward to be sworn in by the Borough Clerk

### Committee Appointments:

**MAYOR:** Next we will move on the appointments of our various committee members. Committee members do not have to be sworn in; however, I would like each member stand up to recognized after their name is called. Also, I would just like to state for the record how grateful I am for all of the volunteers. Without you Florham Park would not be the special place it is today.

### Gazebo Committee:

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

Joseph Jagiello, Jr., Chair  
John Timmons, Judy Wisnewski, Stan Wisnewski,  
Jim Dirlam, Annemarie Landishman, Steve Landishman, Jenn Pulice,  
Ron Bauer, Lori Wilson, Marie D'Amico, Patricia Riola,  
TJ Michalowski

Cefolo-Pane: I move for confirmation of these appointments.

Gemershausen: I will second that motion.

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

Roll Call: Malone, Germershausen, Cefolo-Pane,  
Carpenter, Michalowski, Zuckerman

### Town Center Task Force:

**Mayor:** I recommend the following appointments to the Town Center Task Force:

Michael Prokop, Chair  
Carole Anderson, Steve Jensen, Donald Lepore, Michael Mehl,  
Lou Nucci,, Doug Asral

Cefolo-Pane: I move for confirmation of these appointments.

Malone: I will second that motion.

Roll Call: Carpenter, Germershausen, Cefolo-Pane,  
Malone, Michalowski, Zuckerman

### Community Television:

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

David Ackerman, Chair  
William Ackerman, Patty Foley, Joseph Guerin, Suzanne Herold,  
Joseph Jagiello, Jr.

Cefolo-Pane: I move for confirmation of these appointments.

Carpenter: I will second that motion.

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

Roll Call: Malone, Germershausen, Cefolo-Pane,  
Carpenter, Michalowski, Zuckerman

### Recreation Committee:

**MAYOR:** I recommend the following 2 year appointments to the  
Recreation Committee, which terms will expire 12/31/2016:

Nicolas Chicarelli  
Chris Healey  
Mark Massarano  
Nick Genoese  
John Timmons

Also, Bruce Peterson, to fill an unexpired term due to expire 12/31/2015

Malone: I move for confirmation of these appointments.

Carpenter : I will second the motion.

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

Roll Call: Malone, Germershausen, Cefolo-Pane,  
Carpenter, Michalowski, Zuckerman

### 4th of July Committee:

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

**Rocco Scanniello, Chair**  
Ed Enderle, Patty Foley, Joseph Guerin,  
Alison Farrell, Linda Michalowski, Tom Michalowski, Susan Novalis,  
John Novalis, Russ Corrao, Karen Corrao, Bill Carlucci,  
Frank Caruso, Dallas Herold, Suzanne Herold

Germershausen: I move for confirmation of these appointments.

Zuckerman: I will second that motion.

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

Roll Call: Malone, Germershausen, Cefolo-Pane,  
Carpenter, Michalowski, Zuckerman

### Municipal Pool Advisory Committee:

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

Mike Murphy, Richard Zuckerman, Frank Newman,  
Peter Fucuciello, Isaac Kisselman

Zuckerman: I move for confirmation of these appointments.

Malone: I will second that motion.

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

Roll Call: Malone, Germershausen, Cefolo-Pane,  
Carpenter, Michalowski, Zuckerman

## Borough Employees

**MAYOR:** I recommend the continued employment of all Borough Employees who were on the Payroll on December 31, 2014, except for any employees whose service with the Borough may have been terminated at or on December 31, 2014.

Carpenter: So moved.

Germershausen: Second.

Roll Call: Malone, Germershausen, Cefolo-Pane,  
Carpenter, Michalowski, Zuckerman

## Announcement of 2015 Meeting Dates by the Council President:

**Malone:** The Open Public Meetings Act 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 2015:**

The Public meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. prevailing time with a work session preceding at 6:30 p.m. on the following dates:

January 22<sup>nd</sup>, February 26<sup>th</sup>, March 26<sup>th</sup>, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, May 21<sup>st</sup>,  
June 18<sup>th</sup>, July 16<sup>th</sup>, August 13<sup>th</sup>, September 24<sup>th</sup>, October 22<sup>nd</sup>,  
November 19<sup>th</sup>, December 17<sup>th</sup>

### **Council Work Sessions for 2015 are as follows:**

February 12<sup>th</sup>, March 12<sup>th</sup>, April 9<sup>th</sup>, May 7<sup>th</sup>,  
September 10<sup>th</sup>, October 8<sup>th</sup>, November 5<sup>th</sup>

All work sessions will be held in the Council Conference Room in the Municipal Building and will begin 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 questions and comments.

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.

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

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

**Roll Call:** Malone, Germershausen, Cefolo-Pane, Carpenter, Michalowski, Zuckerman

**MAYOR:** At this time I will ask our Borough Clerk to notify the proper newspapers of the meeting dates for 2015

**Clerk:** So noted.

## XII. Resolutions – Consent Agenda

**MAYOR:** Can I have a motion to allow the resolutions listed on the agenda to be approved by consent agenda of the Council please? The Resolutions are listed on the agenda and are of a routine nature. If there are any questions from the public regarding them, please ask them at this time.

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

**Malone:** Second

**Roll Call:** Malone, Germershausen, Cefolo-Pane, Carpenter, Michalowski, Zuckerman

## XIII. Mayoral Address to the Citizens

### Annual Reorganization Meeting 2015

January 8<sup>th</sup> 2015

Good Evening and Welcome to the Annual 2015 Re-Organization meeting. Thank you all for taking time out of your busy schedules and braving the cold to attend this evening. We are blessed that we did not receive snow for this year's re-organization meeting. At this time I would like to recognize a few dignitaries and special Friends that are here with us this evening. The Mayor mentioned a few dignitaries including Freeholders Cathy DeFillippo and Doug Cabana, Madison Mayor, Bob Connelly, Sheriff Ed Rochford and Superior Court Judges James DeMarzo.

As we once again change the calendar to a New Year, I must look back and reflect on how well Florham Park has progressed in 2014 and the plans for this coming year look even better. I would be remiss if I didn't congratulate Charlie Germershausen and Charlie Malone Jr. on their recent re-elections. I look forward to their continued successes in this New Year. Looking back on 2014, I can't believe that the year has passed, let alone a new one has just begun. Florham Park had a very busy year starting with a challenge sent to us from Moody's early in January 2014. The AAA bond rating that Florham Park has enjoyed for many years, even through the 2008-10 economic downturn, was challenged. I am very proud that our team was able to put together all the facts for a meeting later in January with Moody's that subsequently Re-Affirmed Florham Park's AAA rating.

Thank you's go out to my team members, Jon Rheinhardt, Ray Sarinelli, Patrice Visco, Bill Huyler, and council Liaison Charlie Malone. We have a great financial team in place and have an aggressive plan in place as we move forward. The culmination of all of this hard work was realized in November when Movoto rated Florham Park as the Number 1 Small Town to live in and raise a family in New Jersey. I speak for the entire council when I say that we are all very proud of the statistics. We already knew that we lived in the best small town, the nomination just confirmed it. Florham Park is known as "*A Community of Volunteers*" and we will be celebrating its 115th birthday on March 20th 2014.

We also worked this past spring as a committee on the grand opening of our new sports and recreation complex on Elm Street. Again, I would like to recognize our team members that worked day in and day out to complete this project and move towards the grand opening. I would like, at this time, to recognize Councilman Charlie Malone, Recreation Liaison, Councilman Scott Carpenter, Borough Administrator Bill Huyler, Borough Engineer Mike Sgaramella as well as DPW Director Frank Esposito and his men. We all worked as team to finish and open this great new facility. I would also like to thank the NFL and the Jets for the contribution of \$250,000 to make our field house on the complex a reality. They have been great neighbors to Florham Park and we cannot thank them enough. Construction is about 50% percent and we look forward to completion of this portion of the project. We expect the entire park to be completed this summer.

Along the same lines, we are renovating our town pool. Built in 1963 this pool has been a fixture in our community for 50 plus years. This renovation was long overdue and we welcome a new look in the 2015 season. My sincere thanks goes out to Frank Newman for managing the pool for many years now. He and his team have done a great job with a huge box of Band-Aids to keep the pool up and running.

Florham Park has a completed downtown now with all new store fronts and new types of new businesses. This new look is a credit in part to our Planning Board members and our Town Center task force committee.

Thank you to Charlie Malone for his vision of his Meet me In FP campaign last year. Charlie and Borough Clerk Sheila Williams updated the website with information on business and posters and banners were posted around town encouraging patronizing businesses in Florham Park. This updated contact list of businesses is now over 100 listings strong and growing. In addition, Sheila Williams has been working to launch our new improved web site. The target date for launching the website is February 2015.

We are all very proud of the new updated look at all the stores in the downtown. We also have a newly expanded Diner and Bicycle shop that just opened.

I would also like to mention the Rockefeller Group for their ongoing additions to the “Green at Florham Park”. The Summit Medical group is rounding for home on the completion of this 100,000 sq. ft. medical arts building. We will also see the “Ave” Corporate Suites by Korman begin their build out this spring. The Green continues to evolve with more new and exciting projects coming soon to this corporate park.

Florham Park is such a great place to live mainly due to the efforts of all of our volunteers, especially our council members. These individuals are always looking for ways to keep Florham Park the great community that it is.

At this time I would like to briefly run through the demanding portfolios of each council member and the accomplishments they have achieved for the betterment of this Community last year.

Councilman Scott Carpenter: I would first like to congratulate Scott on becoming the Fire Chief. Scott and all the members were sworn in by our clerk on January 2<sup>nd</sup>. It is remarkable that this all Volunteer Fire Department responded to over 400 calls for service in 2014 and that 8 new members have joined the fire department recently - that includes 3 junior members. 5 members have completed “fire fighter 1 class” and Fire Department as a whole has completed more than 2,282 hours of training this past year.

First Aid Squad: As of Dec 15<sup>th</sup> 2014, this dedicated all volunteer organization responded to over 1000 calls for service. They have added 9 new members. Most of said are working to complete their EMT training. They continue to host CPR classes and Blood Drives at the squad building. Plans are in the works for an addition to the First Aid Squad building for additional room for the rigs. As with the Fire Department, both of these great organizations seek new members.

Florham Park DPW: Under Councilman Carpenter’s portfolio and under the management of Frank Esposito, the DPW continues to keep our community operating above the high standards that our residents have come to expect... This group has been working hard to complete many outside projects including grinding up the last of the leaves and now the Christmas Trees. I always get compliments on our DPW crew members when traveling to nearby towns about snow removal, leaf pick up our just that our town always looks nice. Thank you’s go out to Frank Esposito and his hardworking supervisors Andrew Williams and Mike Smith for their roles in maintaining smooth operations in this busy area. Lets give them a round of applause.

Last but certainly not least, Councilman Carpenter is the liaison to our Police department. Florham Park continues to be a very safe town under the leadership of Chief

Pat Montuore and Captain Bob Treiber. Florham Park's police continue to upgrade the standards set when they received their Accreditation back in late 2013. This ongoing regiment has helped to grow our department. This group of dedicated officers are always available to help the public. "Please, if you see something, say something", is a term used daily in our department. I would like to offer a round of applause for all the officers here this evening.

Councilman Charlie Germershausen: Charlie has been working alongside Carl Ganger on the improvements scheduled for the water utility. Charlie will be presenting the plan before the entire Council later this month. We are very fortunate to have had Verizon install a back-up generator at the water tower on Tower lane this year. Not only has this installation saved the Boro \$12,000, it also allows us to have emergency backup power and communication in the event of a storm. The water utility changed schedules this year so that we have a man on duty for Saturday service. Having a man on duty on Saturdays when residents need shut offs and other emergency service is critical and will save money in the long run. In November we suffered a major water main break on Columbia turn pike. This was a four and half day repair. All be it, that water service was restored in 12 hours. The cleanup and repair to the adjacent sewer plant took much longer. I would like to thank all the responding department members for their hard work on restoring this main.

Councilman Germershausen has also been working with the **County Freeholders**. The Freeholders have authorized over 30 miles of road re-pavement this year. The beautiful Giralda Farms was also preserved with open space money authorized by the freeholders this past year. The Freeholders paid down 10 Million in debt in calendar year 2014.

Councilwomen Cefolo-Pane: Carmen is very busy as Liaison to many groups including **The Florham Park Senior Club**, whose membership is open to all Florham Park residents, age 62 and over. Currently, the membership stands at 240. The club meets twice a month and provides its members with various speakers and entertainment programs. I must add that many members have stopped me to say how helpful Carmen is to the club and its members. Carmen is also Liaison to the Local **AARP** chapter and they are made up of over 100 members, age 50 and over, from Florham Park and several surrounding communities.

The **Gazebo Committee** is another area where Carmen and many Volunteers host seven concerts and work diligently throughout the year to put together the summer concert series. The 2014 concert series was made possible through the generous donations from local residents and businesses. Overall, the 2014 fund drive was the most successful yet, with two of the seven concerts directly sponsored by two separate individual residents. As the committee looks forward to the 2015 concert series, plans are well-under way to again provide seven Sunday evening concerts for this very special 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. Thank you to the Chairmen Joe Jagiello and to all the Volunteers that make these

concerts possible. This is a huge undertaking and I don't know how many appreciate all of the planning and work that goes into planning and running these concerts. We will be working with the Fire Department on the opening concert. This concert will be for the Firemen who built the gazebo some 35 years ago with Andy Picone standing in as the G.C. Let us give a round of applause to these folks as well.

Cable TV: The previous purchase and installation of new computer equipment (purchased with a specific grant) and managed by our TV committee and Dave Ackerman who sneaks in at night and makes the changes you see on FP TV.

Planning and Zoning: The Planning Board considered numerous applications for changes in tenancy ranging from small business firms to large international corporations such as Maersk. Several of the applications for the changes in tenancies also added new businesses to our town center such as the Bicycle Shop, Miracle Ear and the expansion of Panera.

The Planning Board approved several minor subdivisions in residential areas, including one on Brooklake Road that resulted in the annexation of additional property to the Borough. This property will remain as open space for passive recreation. The Board also approved a major subdivision on Brooklake Road which will lead to the development of 25 buildable lots.

The Planning Board, at the direction of the Borough Planner, formed a subcommittee to re-examine and update the Borough Master Plan. The Planning Board was also updated on the most recent "coalition on affordable housing" or "COAH" regulations.

On an even larger scale, the Planning Board reviewed and approved modifications to the GDP for the Green at Florham Park. The Board subsequently approved the Rockefeller Group /Korman Properties application for the construction of a corporate suites facility on the "Green at Florham"

Councilman Charlie Malone Jr. Where do start: Charlie has a very demanding portfolio including but not limited to, Finance Liaison. This was mentioned earlier in the beginning of my speech. As liaison to the finance side, Charlie was an intricate part of our team working with Moodys on the Boroughs continued AAA bond rating. It is worth noting that Florham Park is one of only 16 municipalities in New Jersey with this distinction. Charlie worked long and hard with our budget committee and I look forward to working with him again as we continue the cycle and work through the challenges of the budget for 2015. Florham Park holds the second lowest tax rate status in Morris County followed by Hanover Twp. I attribute our success to having a long term plan to reduce and minimize our capital debt.

Charlie is also our Recreation department liaison. Florham Park Residents witnessed the opening of the first new athletic park. Charlie, along with Scott Carpenter and Sheila

Williams, put together the opening day arrangements. This opening was held on September 5th 2014.

Our new Rec director John Timmons, joined the Boro team in the late summer. John fits in very well with our Borough staff and we will see continued growth of our Recreation programs in this calendar year under John's leadership. Charlie, along with Councilman Carpenter, sit on the Rec Committee. This past year, the committee worked on updating the Recreation Master Plan. Charlie also coordinated with the Jets to have the youth soccer teams meet with Team Portugal at the Jets facility during the world cup.

Charlie has been instrumental in bringing together our new team members on the Athletic Foundation. This year the major fund raiser brought in close to \$13,000. Look for more to come from this active foundation.

Councilman Tom Michalowski: Following a meeting with our CFO Patrice Visco, Bill Huyler and myself, it was decided that an audit was needed to see where we were vs. the plan for the third increase of the sewer rate. Following an audit it was determined that the third increase would be deferred and postponed until further notice. Thank you to Tom for your help on this project. Tom also is the liaison to the Library. Florham Park residents are very fortunate to have this facility available to us. The numbers counted by the library are astonishing. Through mid-December 2014, 91,958 visitors came to the library and more then 3300 new books were added this past year. The library hosts 18 computers and wire access that totals more the 30 visits per day. The Akhoury room is booked for over 300 different events throughout the year with more than 6000 attendees. I would like to thank Joan Hipp and all the employees of the library for their hard work to make Florham Park a better place.

Councilman Bill Zuckerman: Florham Park Pool - the pool is under construction for a complete renovation. As many know, the pool has been held together with Band-Aids and glue for many years now. It seems like just the other day when Bill Zuckerman, Frank Newman, Matt Alessio, Peter Kleban, myself and a few others were in the pool painting it blue getting ready for the 2014 new season. Thank you to Bill for giving the renovation the kick start it needed. He along with Mike Sgaramella and Carl Ganger were working hard on putting together the contractor for this renovation. 2015 will be a great new beginning for our pool after more than 50 years of use.

Bill has also been very busy helping the Environmental Commission work to continue the trail around our Spring Garden Lake. The Boro did a survey of the town owned property at the lake, between the homes and the water. The EC has begun the trail on the west side of the lake. The clearing was done in cooperation with the Morris County Sheriffs Office and two of our DPW workers and a bunch of volunteers. I must thank Ted Trautman, Chair of the EC, and Ken Roser for all the help on this project. Next in Bill's

portfolio is the Town Jewel, The Little Red School House. The Historic Preservation Commission has worked all year on an application for a grant to replace the roof on this landmark. I am hopeful; as is the commission, that we will be awarded this money this spring to replace the roof and keep this landmark safe and dry. The Historic Commission is also working to restore grave markers at the town owned Hancock cemetery. This project will start with just a few grave markers and move on to any others as time and money permits. Thank you to all Historic Preservation members for your hard work throughout the year.

Bill also is a liaison to the Board of Education. Bill has been attending board meetings to keep the council up to speed on matters concerning the board.

Bill has also been looking into grants that may be available to further the construction of a dock and bridge at Spring Garden Lake. These two improvements have been worked on for several years and if a grant were to come available then we could financially make these two projects a reality.

As I continue to talk about Florham Park, I must look back for a moment to reflect on the passing of some of Florham Park's "pillars" that have passed away. The first person I would like to mention wasn't even a resident of Florham Park, however, he was a mainstay in the community. This person is Stan Beck. Stan was the "downtown" of Florham Park. Just a quick story about this great man who dedicated himself to this community day and night. .... If we ever needed a gift for a party, Stan would deliver a few gifts, and then, once the choice was made, he would take it back, wrap it, and then deliver it to us. Now that is service that you just don't see any longer.

We also honor the loss of long time fireman and Boro employee Bob White. Bob was a gracious man who always spoke softly. Bob is the perfect example of giving back to the community as he celebrated 60 Years as a Volunteer firemen in 2013. Bob also as a zoning officer and took on that role in Florhm Park for a few years.

This year we also lost Wilma Kurtz. Mrs. Kurtz was a very classy woman who lived in Florham Park her entire married life and raised her family here. She loved Florham Park, was a pillar of the community and unselfishly volunteered her time in many aspects. Near are dear to her heart was the Garden Club and also the Historical Society. According to her nephew, Lt. Matt Gatzke, she was the social director of their family and was always planning fun things for them to do. She is sorely missed by all of them. Wilma was always such a bright light when I would run into her. On many occasions she would send me a note or call me just to say..."Hey you're doing a great job, keep it up". In her

memory, her family has donated a “Puzzle table” to the Florham Park Library. I stopped by the library last evening to take a look at this tribute to Wilma. The table was in full use and it was wonderful to see. I encourage you to check it out if you visit the library.

I must also remember Jack Fineman. Although Jack passed away late in 2013, we didn’t find out until much later. Jack was the owner of Frontier Reality for many years and lived in town for most of them. Jack was sort of a step uncle to me. He also loved to come to our house as a Santa’s Helper just before Christmas every year. RIP Jack.

In addition, we just lost longtime volunteer Michael Spiessbach, another prime example of a man who believed in giving back to your community. Mr. Spiessbach was a Captain on the Florham Park First Aid Squad and a longtime resident of this Boro. Today, Mr. Spiessbach’s son John serves on the Florham Park Fire department.

As we begin 2015, I am very hopeful for the future. I would like to stress to each Florham Park resident that they can be confident that the Council Members and I will always strive to keep Florham Park and wonderful place to live and at the same time deliver the same high quality of services that our town is able to provide. This town would be nothing without the wonderful volunteers and employees that give so much of themselves to the community.

In closing, I would just like to say, please continue your prayers for no snow this season,

God bless you all in 2015 and God Bless America. Thank you.

#### XIV. Privilege of the Floor

- The Mayor will open the meeting for public comments.

#### XV. Adjournment:

**MAYOR:** At this time I would like to remind anyone who has been sworn in to a Board or Commission this evening to see Borough Clerk Sheila Williams before you leave to sign the Oath of Office Book. I would also like to invite you at this time to stay and share in refreshments directly after the meeting in the conference room next door.

**MAYOR:** Can I have a motion to adjourn?

Malone: I would like to make a motion to adjourn the 2015 Reorganization meeting.

Germershausen: So moved.

**MAYOR:** All in favor.

Everyone: Aye.

Meeting Adjourned.