



BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK
Meeting Minutes
Annual Reorganization Meeting
January 9, 2014

I. Call to Order

MAYOR: Happy New Year Everyone and welcome to the 2014 Annual Reorganization Meeting. At this time I would like to call the 2014 Re-organization meeting to order.

Roll Call:

Mrs. Williams, may I have a roll call of the 2013 Council please?

Clerk: Cefolo-Pane, Germershausen, Carpenter, Malone

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 newspaper of the Borough.

MAYOR: Thank you Mrs. Williams.

III. Acknowledgement of Guests

MAYOR Taylor recognized various guests in the audience.

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 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 Abby Fletcher, an 8th grader at Ridgedale Middle School who has graciously volunteered to sing our National Anthem. Welcome Abby.

Last but not least we have Rev. Ronald J. de Groot – Pastor at Calvary Presbyterian Church who will provide the invocation this evening.

V. INVOCATION:

MAYOR: At this time I would ask Rev. Ron de Groot to step up to the microphone to provide the invocation. Reverend, once again, we welcome you. Would everyone PLEASE STAND.

MAYOR: Thank you Rev. de Groot, I appreciate you taking time out of your busy schedule to attend.

V. Opening Ceremony

Pledge of Allegiance – Florham Park Honor Guard.

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 Joel Phillips and Patrolman Chris D'ambola. Please remain standing.

Star Spangled Banner:

MAYOR: At this time I would ask Abby Fletcher to come on up to the microphone to sing the Star Spangled Banner.

Abby Fletcher sang the National Anthem.

VI. 2013 Old Business

MAYOR: At this time I would ask the Borough Council to address some old business from 2013

➤ PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS:

Malone: I would like to make a motion to approve the current bills list from December 2013 in the amount of \$310,045.31.

Zuckerman: I will second that motion.

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

➤ RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL:

Resolution #13-154 Authorizing the Transfer of 2013 Appropriations

Malone: I would like to make a motion to approve Resolution # 13-154 to authorize budget transfers of 2013 funds. I will ask that the Borough Clerk read this Resolution into the record. So moved.

Zuckerman: 2nd.

MAYOR: Roll Call Please.

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

MAYOR: Seeing that the 2013 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: 2nd.

Mayor: All in favor.

All: AYE

VII. 2014 NEW BUSINESS:

Swearing in of 2014 Mayor & Council:

Mayor: We will now move in to our 2014 business. I will ask the Borough Clerk to step up to swear in our newly elected officials, including myself.

Borough Clerk swears in Mayor Mark Taylor (Mayor returns to dais)

Mayor: I would like to congratulate our two newly elected Councilman, Tom Michalowski and Bill Zuckerman. I look forward to working with them in the coming years.

Councilman Tom Michalowski could not be with us this evening because of a planned vacation to Hawaii. I would like to note for the record that he was sworn in by the Borough Clerk on New Year's Day in her office, so he is official. He will be ceremonially sworn in at the next Council meeting.

We do have Councilman Bill Zuckerman with us this evening. Mr. Zuckerman, please step up to be sworn in.

Borough Clerk Sheila Williams administers the oath of office

Mayor: Congratulations Councilman Zuckerman. It is an honor to serve the people of Florham Park with you.

VIII. ROLL CALL OF THE 2014 COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mayor: Mrs. Williams, may I have a Roll Call of the 2014 Council Members please?

Roll Call:

Cefolo-Pane - present

Councilman Germershausen - present

Councilman Carpenter - present

Councilman Malone - present

Councilman Michalowski - absent

Councilman Zuckerman - present

IX. NOMINATION OF 2014 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Mayor: At this time, I call for a motion of the Council for a nomination for the 2014 Council President.

Cefolo-Pane: I would like to make a motion to nominate Councilman Scott Carpenter to serve as Council President for 2014

Malone: I will second that motion.

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

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

Mayor: I would like to take a moment to thank Councilwoman Cefolo-Pane for her support during 2013. Your assistance and diligence was very much appreciated. I would also like to congratulate Council President Carpenter and I look forward to working closely with him this year.

Council 2014 Portfolio Assignments:

Mayor: I will now announce the portfolio assignments for the Council members for 2014:

Council President 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, Seamless, Airport Advisory Committee

Councilman 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

Councilwoman Carmen Cefolo-Pane

Council Liaison for:

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

Councilman Thomas Michalowski:

Council Liaison for:

Municipal Court, Sewer Utility, Board of Health, 4th 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:

Carpenter: Mr. Mayor I would like to make a motion to appoint the following Borough Official:

Search Assessment Officer, Sheila Williams, 1 year term, expiring 12/31/14

Tax Search Officer & Pension Certifying Official Joseph Guerin, 1 year term, expiring 12/31/14

Malone: I will second the motion

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

Police Department Appointments:

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

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

I also recommend the following appointments:
School Crossing Guards:

Patty Yee Normand
Penny Pryer
Vinnie Maggiulli

Police Matrons:

Patty Yee Normand
Penny Pryer

OEM Appointments:

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
Scott Bartell
Dan Bundschuh
Michael Sgaramella
Frank Esposito
Steve Jones
Carl Ganger
Michael Cannilla
Jonathan Young
Phil Infantolino

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: YES Vote: Carpenter, Germershausen, Cefolo-Pane,
Malone, Zuckerman
Absent: Michalowski

Mayor: Will all of those named members please come forward to be sworn in
by the Borough Clerk

Borough Clerk Sheila Williams administered the Oath of Office.

Fire Department Appointments:

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:

Fire Chief	Jonathan R. Young
Deputy Chief	Chuck Keel
Assistant Chief	Scott Carpenter
Assistant Chief	Michael Wamp
Fire Inspector	Alban Kellogg
Fire Official	James Fonzino

Cefolo-Pane: 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: YES Vote: Carpenter, Germershausen, Cefolo-Pane,
Malone, Zuckerman
Absent: Michalowski

Borough Clerk Sheila Williams administered the Oath of Office to the Fire Appointees

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:

Carmen Cefolo-Pane	3 year term expiring 12/31/2016
Gina Deluca	4 year term expiring 12/31/2017
Joseph Guerin	1 year term expiring 12/31/2014
Edward Coccozza	2 year term expiring 12/31/2015
Martin Valenti	2 year term expiring 12/31/2015

Zoning Board:

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

Jeffrey Noss	4 year term expiring 12/31/2017
Mark Iantosca	4 year term expiring 12/31/2017
Martin Chiarlanzio	2 year term expiring 12/31/2015
John Novalis	2 year term expiring 12/31/2015

Malone: 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: YES Vote: Carpenter, Germershausen, Cefolo-Pane,
Malone, Zuckerman
Absent: Michalowski

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

Borough Clerk Sheila Williams administered the Oath of Office

Board of Health:

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

Kathleen Solar Greene	3 year term	expiring 12/31/16
Michael Moore	3 year term	expiring 12/31/16
Dr. Raymond Holmes	1 year term	expiring 12/31/14

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: YES Vote: Carpenter, Germershausen, Cefolo-Pane,
Malone, Zuckerman
Absent: Michalowski

Library Board of Trustees:

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

Richard Thayer	5 year term	expiring 12/31/18
Stacy Saul	5 year term	expiring 12/31/18
Jane Stumpf	1 year term	expiring 12/31/14
Superintendent's Representative		

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

Richard Davidson	3 year term	expiring 12/31/16
Jonathan Golden	3 year term	expiring 12/31/16
John Winters	3 year term	expiring 12/31/16
Suzanne Herold	Filling Unexpired Term	– Expires 12/31/2015
Dallas Herold	Filling Unexpired Term	– Expires 12/31/2014

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

Michael Pacifico	4 year term	expiring 12/31/17
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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: YES Vote: Carpenter, Germershausen, Cefolo-Pane,
Malone, Zuckerman
Absent: Michalowski

Environmental Commission:

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

Ted Trautman	3 year term expiring 12/31/16
David Rubelowsky	3 year term expiring 12/31/16
Anthony Lee	3 year term expiring 12/31/16
Mark Iantosca	3 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: YES Vote: Carpenter, Germershausen, Cefolo-Pane,
Malone, Zuckerman
Absent: Michalowski

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

Borough Clerk Sheila Williams administered the Oath of Office

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.

Airport Advisory:

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: YES Vote: Carpenter, Germershausen, Cefolo-Pane,
Malone, Zuckerman
Absent: Michalowski

Gazebo Committee:

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

Joseph Jagiello, Jr. , Chair

Winnie Shurek, John Timmons, Judy Wisnewski, Stan Wisnewski,
Jim Dirlam, Annemarie Landishman, Angela Pryer, William Pryer
Lori Wilson, Marie D'Amico

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: YES Vote: Carpenter, Germershausen, Cefolo-Pane,
Malone, Zuckerman
Absent: Michalowski

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.

Carpenter: I will second that motion.

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

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 Guerin,
Joseph Jagiello, Jr.

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: YES Vote: Carpenter, Germershausen, Cefolo-Pane,
Malone, Zuckerman
Absent: Michalowski

Recreation Committee:

Mayor: I recommend the following 2 year appointments to the
Recreation Committee, which terms will expire 12/31/2015:

Scott Carpenter
Joseph DeFina
Marlene Rawson
Michael Murphy

Malone: I move for confirmation of these appointments.

Germershausen: I will second the motion.

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

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

4th of July Committee:

Mayor: I recommend the following appointments to the
July 4th 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: YES Vote: Carpenter, Germershausen, Cefolo-Pane,
Malone, Zuckerman
Absent: Michalowski

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

Carpenter: 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: YES Vote: Carpenter, Germershausen, Cefolo-Pane,
Malone, Zuckerman
Absent: Michalowski

Borough Employees

Mayor: I recommend the continued employment of all Borough Employees who were on the Payroll on December 31, 2013, except for any employees whose service with the Borough may have been terminated at or on December 31, 2013.

Carpenter: So moved.

Germershausen: Second.

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

Announcement of 2014 Meeting Dates by the Council President:

Carpenter: The Open Public Meetings 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 2014:

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 16th, February 20th, March 20th, April 17th, May 15th,
June 19th, July 17th, August 14th, September 18th, October 16th,
November 20th, December 18th

Council Work Sessions for 2014 are as follows:

February 6th ,, March 6th , April 3rd , May 1st, June 5th,
September 4th, October 2nd, November 6th

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.

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

Cefolo-Pane: I will second that motion.

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

Mayor: At this time I will ask Mrs. Williams to notify the proper newspapers of the meeting dates for 2014

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: YES Vote: Carpenter, Germershausen, Cefolo-Pane,
Malone, Zuckerman
Absent: Michalowski

XIII. Mayoral Address to the Citizens:

Good Evening and Welcome to the Annual 2014 Re-Organization meeting. Thank you all for taking time out of your busy schedules to attend this evening. I would like to welcome some people I see in the audience tonight. (Mayor welcomed various dignitaries).

Before I begin my address to you I would like to take a moment to recognize Mayor Scott Eveland and the great job he did as Mayor of Florham Park. Scott had his own unique vision as well as a flair for getting things done. Although he will be missed, the Council and I promise that we will continue to keep Florham Park moving in the right direction.

As you all know, Florham Park is a special place; a Community of so many volunteers that makes everything right about this town work so well. With the

continued help of many we will continue to make it a wonderful and harmonious place to live and raise our families.

Again, I would like the residents to know that I will continue to work with the Council, the Borough Staff and our countless dedicated volunteers to improve the overall quality of life in Florham Park. I will always strive to do what I feel is in the best interest of this wonderful community. I am particularly proud of our Borough Staff who have undergone a lot of changes this year but have never dropped the ball. They keep moving forward with an eye to the future and I am fortunate to have a team that can always be counted on to provide exceptional service to our residents.

So again, thank you all for coming tonight. I have so much to be thankful for in my life and am elated to stand before you all as the newly elected Mayor of a community I hold so near and dear to my heart. I am thankful for my family, my beautiful wife Janet and my children Erin and Christopher. Thank you again for all your support.

Let me just start by saying that I am touched by the outpouring of uplifting thoughts, calls and cards that I received before, during and after the election. I am truly humbled by the support you have shown me and my sincere thanks to everyone who believed in me and supported our team. As I look around I realize that I have known many of you here tonight for many years. As Mayor, I look forward to getting to know those of you whom I am not as acquainted with. Please know that one of my favorite parts of being mayor is my interaction with the residents of the community, whether it is at Coffee with the Council, at the Gazebo Concerts, sporting events or just running into you around town.

For those of you who do not know me very well, I have lived in Florham Park my entire life and this Community is very important to me. It is “home”. For my parents it was home as well. My Mom and Dad moved here in 1953 to raise their family, five children later. I, being the youngest of 5, often wonder what I looked like as a child, because there aren’t many pictures of me around being the 5th child. My Mother Mildred Taylor, whom many who knew fondly as “Mickey” was the editor of the local newspaper. She joined the Community News (now known as the Florham Park Eagle) in 1959 as a regular reporter and later became editor. She wrote an informational column called “Town Talk” that continued until she passed away in 1985. Incidentally, the “Town Talk” name came from her grandfather who owned and operated a newspaper with that name in Newark NJ. Growing up in Florham Park was a great experience, we had a very close family, 5 children, my Grandmother and a dog named Gypsy who all lived in a 3 bedroom house on Beechwood Road. Now that is closeness at its best.

Back in the day Dad always introduced himself as “Mickey’s husband”. Dad was a hardworking man who always had pride in his family. My Mom “Mickey” had boundless energy and was everywhere, taking pictures or covering the meetings in town including the all-important re-org meeting held on January 1st back then. I am so glad that someone moved that meeting to the first Thursday after the 1st. This year we had a little issue with some snow. It was always a mad dash for my mom to “put the paper to bed” as she called it. This happened every Wednesday. Times were different then and walking or riding our bikes to the center of town was no big deal back then. As a community we constantly strive to keep life as simple as it was then in our small town.

Although hard financial times continue to be an issue in our Country, Florham Park is still doing quite well. We continue to attract new commercial businesses and our residential properties continue to increase in value. Florham Park has a record 21 tear down rebuilds of residential homes going on since January of 2013. We also have two new subdivisions in various stages of development. All that being said, Florham Park continues to be a very desirable and sought after town to live and raise a family. In a recent summary of home sales done by one of the larger real estate companies, Florham Park showed over 80 sales of residential homes through the third quarter of 2013 with an average sale price of \$709,813, this was up from one year ago when the average sale price was \$623,992. This is close to a 15% increase in one year. This is a great economic sign for our town.

Ratables continue to be the main topic of conversation, how to improve keep and grow in a smart and respectful manner. On the commercial side we are not only the home of the JETS, we have now finished a complete year with the North American headquarters of BASF and this past fall the planning board approved the Summit Medical group medical arts building at the Green at Florham as well. Construction has begun on this state of the art medical building. The Rockefeller Group has been hard at work in 2013 and we have some exciting new developments in the works for 2014. We also became the host town for Zoetis Inc. the animal health business unit formerly part of Pfizer. They are located in the campus drive buildings on Park ave.

Along those same lines I am happy and proud to see the completion of and the expansion of Campfield Gardens, and the new clock at the former home of Speedex and

the Elks club property. TD Bank has ensured that the corner looks nice following their opening in Aug of 2013. I would be remiss if I didn't thank the Town Center task force, the Garden Club and most of all the entire group of owners of the Crossroads Project. The road to completion is close on this project.

At this time I would like to briefly highlight some of the hard work our council members did this year. And before I do that let me just take a moment to congratulate Bill Zuckerman and Tom Michalowski once again on their election victories to the Borough Council. I am confident these fine individuals will help keep Florham Park moving in the right direction. Next I would like to discuss some highlights of the Council and their portfolios.

Council President Carmen Cefolo-Pane:

Carmen was very busy this past year with all of the activities involved in her portfolio. Carmen has taken the initiative on many things. She reviewed Chapter 250 and various sub-code issues to insure Ordinances were in compliance and brought up to speed with the Borough standards.

As Liaison to the Gazebo committee she worked tirelessly with the Committee throughout the year to raise funds and plan for the concerts. In 2013 they offered seven concerts. This hardworking committee gets very little recognition but works so hard to ensure that the show goes on each week during the summer. They recently celebrated their 33rd year. I couldn't be more proud of this effort.

Planning Board/Construction- The Planning Board was busy this year reviewing applications for many small and large business as well as subdivisions within residential areas. A nod to all those that serve on the Planning and Zoning Boards, who also put in so much of their free time..

Community TV - Thanks to a grant from Cablevision, we were able to totally upgrade the Borough's equipment at Borough Hall that feeds the Florham Park Community Bulletin Board which provides updated information regarding borough

and community organization events as well as important public service announcements.

Senior Citizens – The Florham Park Senior Citizen drop-in center continues to be open Monday through Friday 9:00 -4:30 and is available for all seniors in Florham Park. The Senior Citizen Club has 255 members comprised of Florham Park residents this past year, the Senior Citizen Club of Florham Park worked through the Florham Park Rotary Club and Florham Park Police Department, on a combined initiative to offer life alert systems to senior residents in Florham Park. The initiative, still in its testing stage, provides seniors with a life alert medallion and services are funded by the Florham Park Rotary Club.

Councilman Carpenter:

Department of Public Works – Under the Direction of Frank Esposito and his men the Department of Public Works as usual has been doing a fantastic job this year. In addition to providing second to none service on our roads during storms, they have also been busy beautifying and cleaning around Borough Hall and the entire municipal Complex. They have taken over maintenance of all fields and have done an excellent job with that added responsibility.

Police Department Accreditation: This year under the Direction of Chief Montuore the Florham Park Police Department received the prestigious New Jersey Law Enforcement Accreditation from the New Jersey Chiefs of Police Association.. This program was successfully completed in 2013. The accreditation program required agencies to comply with standards that represent the best practices in Law Enforcement.

EMS/Fire Annual Picnic – This year the Florham Park Fire Department and the Florham Park First Aid Squad held the first annual community picnic. The thought behind the picnic was to have the citizens of Florham Park get to know some of the first responders. It was also to possibly generate some additional volunteers. The picnic was very well attended and both agencies are thinking of doing it again.

Councilman Malone:

Finance: Councilman Malone did a great job with the Finance and budget process, with an overall tax rate of \$1.351 per \$100 assessed valuation – this basically amounted to a \$68.51 annual increase for the average residential home. We are very proud of how low we are keeping the taxes in FP, still the second lowest in Morris County.

Councilman Malone also has plans for the Finance area and is working with CFO Patrice Visco to streamline and improve tax, sewer and water billings.

Meet Me In FP: Charlie created the “Meet me In FP” slogan and did the research on obtaining information on an initial list of 100 businesses in Florham Park. He wanted to encourage consumers to shop locally as well as make information on the businesses readily available to residents. With his vision he worked with our Borough Clerk Sheila Williams who designed a logo, incorporated it into our website and had Meet Me in FP signs designed. Charlie launched his idea at a council meeting and it was well received. Look around town for the signs and more information about this shortly. Councilman Malone has many great ideas with regard to this project and you will be hearing more about it.

Recreation - Significant progress has been made on the Elm Street project with turf field playable for spring 2014 and grass fields ready for late fall or at the latest early spring 2015. We are looking forward to opening the new recreation complex and making that available for our residents. The remaining fields I must say thanks to the DPW workers for bringing these areas into playable condition.

Recreation programs are always busy. Day Camp did very well as usual. Over 200 campers in 1-6 grade attended. For the Teen Experience Camp, they enrolled over 200 for at least one week of a six week teen travel program. Also, several teen nights were held at the Pool which were very successful and there are plans to do this again in 2014. The Recreation Dept. was also busy running trips to various shows in NYC, a family movie night on the lawn by the Gazebo as well as skiing trips to Camelback which is new and revitalized under Recreation Director Adam Lieb.

Councilman Michalowski:

Councilman Michalowski did a wonderful job coming up to speed with items in his portfolio during the summer. He attended several Board of Health meetings and will now be the liaison for the 4th of July Committee which he has been a member of for many years. Rocky Scanniello and his crew of 4th of July workers are another group that deserves high praise for the work they do with the parade, the family picnic and the fireworks.

Councilman Germershausen:

Councilman Germershausen will have some new items to work on this year with some of his new portfolio items that I just announced. He will get up to speed with them shortly.

Councilman Zuckerman:

Councilman Zuckerman also had a few months to try and come up to speed with items in his portfolio. He attended Library Board Meetings, Environmental Commission meetings and has advocated for Municipal Pool improvements which will come to fruition by pool opening in 2015. The Florham Park Library, under the direction of Joan Hipp and her crew had a lot going on in 2013. It is interesting to note that over 100,000 people walked through the library doors last year. As the face of public libraries are changing with the advent of new technology such as kindles and iPads, our library has done an excellent job of keeping up with this technology. This year ZINIO came to the library which offers digital magazines. You can also take out reading devices with electronic books loaded on them. Technology changes rapidly and the public looks to the library for direction. The staff practices downloading eBooks or music and will sit with the patron to assist them in learning how to use the various devices. The Library also has a new website which has a clean new look and is user friendly. In addition to all the new technology, other aspects in the library, such as teen programs and children's programs continue to thrive. The facility also has an excellent staff who focus on giving the public the best service possible and work hard to meet their needs. This library is certainly one of the best services our Borough offers.

In addition to getting up to speed with these items, Councilman Zuckerman also worked with the Environmental Commission on continued trails and clean-up at Spring Garden Lake.

Milestones this year:

Two long-time employees retired – John Mitro and Salvatore Arianno. These individuals gave many years of service to Florham Park and were both valuable assets to the Borough and will be sorely missed.

Joelyn Hoeferer and Marie Northridge celebrated their 50 year anniversary on active duty on the memorial First Aid Squad. Lonnie Zuckerman celebrated 45 years active duty in 2013 as well.

This year we lost some of the fiber that makes Florham Park so great: People who passed away in 2013 include:

People who have Passed Away this Year:

Steve Beecher, longtime resident and friend and husband of former Clerk and Councilwoman Judy Beecher.

Bill Pryer also passed away just recently. He was an outstanding member of the community and member of the Volunteer Fire Department.

Other Fire Department members we have lost this year are:

Alfred DeVicentis, John Teevan, Andy Piccone. All of these individuals gave much of their time and talents to Florham Park over the years.

We also lost Persis Loveys, former 1st lady of Florham Park and wife of Mayor Ralph Loveys.

Also, Teddy Apgar a retired FP Police Officer passed away this year.

Don Purdy long-time resident and member of the sewer authority passed away this year. He was a long-time member of the gun club and volunteered his time to many things over the years.

I think it is important to honor all of the above people because they helped build this town and make it what it is today. They worked tirelessly to improve our community for their families and neighbors. Again, I think it is very important that we honor their memory.

As we begin 2014 I would like to stress to each Florham Park resident that they can be confident that I will strive to have Florham Park deliver the same high quality of services that our town is able to provide to you due to the efforts of our volunteers, Council members and wonderful employees.

In closing a brief Quote by John F Kennedy: "If not us, who? If not now, when?"

Again I thank you for your trust in me. God bless you all in 2014 and God Bless America. Thank you.

XIV. Privilege of the Floor

- The Mayor opened the meeting for public comments. Seeing no residents who wished to make comments, he closed the meeting to the public.

XV. Adjournment:

Zuckerman: I would like to make a motion to adjourn the 2014 Reorganization meeting. I would also like to invite you at this time to stay and share in refreshments directly after the meeting.

Germershausen: So moved.

Mayor: All in favor.

Everyone: Aye.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila A. Williams, R.M.C.
Borough Clerk