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Florham Park Borough Council
Thursday, November 6, 2014
Work Session Minutes

Council President Carpenter called the work session to order at 6:30 p.m. He asked the Borough Clerk for a roll call:

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

Council Portfolio Updates:

Council President Carpenter provided the following report:

- Police Department:
 - Police Department doing “use of deadly force” training; CDC Ebola Training
 - Budget review for Police Department is done
- First Aid Squad – Nothing to Report.
- Fire Department:
 - There are four Chiefs in the Fire Department and Council President Carpenter stated that he would like all Chiefs to have new cars. He stated that it is a hardship for them to get their gear out of their cars. He also stated there were 400 calls last year,

although a lot of them were nuisance calls, they still have to respond.

- IC400 Command training is ongoing

- DPW:

- Budget is complete for DPW; study will be done shortly
- Drainage project underway on Cross/Felch
- Contractor done with fall season procedures on recreation fields
- Pool – work at the pool is progressing; in process of drawing rebar into the walls; snack shack will hopefully be underway shortly

Councilman Germershausen provided the following report:

- Provided the Council with the water rate study; asked the Council to take a look at it
- Discussed the need for funds for the Manganese Treatment Plant

Councilwoman Cefolo-Pane:

- The Gazebo Meeting for this evening has been cancelled; still need volunteers. If anyone is interested please let me know. Have been getting information on bands for next season already.
- A draft donation letter proof for the Gazebo Concerts has been approved by the Committee; hope to send it out before Thanksgiving
- Discussed Borough newsletter at Executive Board meeting; not missing anything; it is all on the website. A new newsletter will be done when website is complete
- Seniors discussed traffic; is parking allowed on both side of the Road on East Madison and Roosevelt? It is not.
- Seniors discussed fire hydrants; who is responsible for maintaining? DPW Director Esposito stated the Borough is. Council indicated it might be a good project for Boy Scouts.

- Approached by Zoning Board regarding political signs; signs are pulled out by candidates. They stated there were still signs around. Councilman Malone stated he and his family removed his signs the night of the election
- Discussed landscaper or contractor signs; Construction Official Steve Jones stated that those type of signs on private lawns are not regulated by the Borough

Councilman Malone provided the following report:

- Budget Process has started
- Fall sports winding down; winter sports getting underway
- Athletic Foundation has 50/50 tickets for sale for \$50.00 per ticket. If all tickets are sold, \$50,000.00 will go to the winner.
- Elm Street Fields are open; two people were spotted making illegal right turns onto Elm Street from Columbia Turnpike. Discussed the possibility of the County painting “No Right Turn” on the pavement. Borough Engineer Mike Sgaramella stated that the County indicated they may put money in their budget to paint in 2015.

- **Councilman Michalowski provided the following report:**

- Library had their ½ Mil post; \$44,000 increase over the previous year
- Library is working with literacy volunteers; getting 3 books for each person
- Pequannock Health Department is looking to acquire National Accreditation.
- Sewer Utility – DEP now requires the Borough to treat phosphate; Now it is specified in our licenses that we need to do it; additional cost of \$90,000 for chemicals
- Discussed providing flu shots for first responders; need to get dates to inform the providers

Councilman Zuckerman provided the following report:

- Environmental Commission still working on SG Lake; would like to hire additional help and put funds for it in the 2015 budget.
- Historic Preservation working on getting cost estimates for repairs to the Little Red Schoolhouse for items such as the roof, windows, doors, etc. They are going to put it all together and send it to the Council. Also working on a plan for Hancock Cemetery.
- Municipal Pool – Mike Sgaramella and Carl Ganger met with the contractor to look at possible relocation of guard chairs and the slide
- Will be attending a budget Committee meeting next week to go over areas within his portfolio
- SLAP will be assisting with Spring Garden Lake on November 22 and November 23. Some DPW staff will be assisting as well; overtime basis

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

- Borough has switched from State Health Benefits Plan to BC/BS; \$200,000 savings for 2015 will be realized; 2 meetings held so far.
- Police are in need of an ATV for Emergency purposes
- DPW interviews for three positions have been completed; will make recommendations to be approved at the next meeting.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

14-17 Authorizing the Acquisition of Land from the Suburban Jewish Center

Council President Carpenter requested a motion to move Ordinance # 14-17.

Councilman Michalowski made a motion to table Ordinance #14-17 for further review by the Council; the motion was seconded by Councilman Malone.

Roll Call:

Council Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Comments
Carpenter	X				
Germershausen	X				
Cefolo-Pane	X				
Malone	X				
Michalowski	X				
Zuckerman	X				
Total	6				

CONSENT AGENDA – RESOLUTIONS OF APPROVAL

- #14-114 Authorizing Rescinding of a Bid Award to North Creek LLC
- #14-115 Authorizing Execution of A TWA-1 and WQM-003 Consent For a Sanitary Sewer Extension, Block 1601, Lot 7

Councilman Michalowski made a motion to approve the Resolutions listed on the Consent Agenda. He asked the Borough Clerk to read those Resolutions into the official record of the meeting minutes.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Germershausen.

Roll Call:

Council Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Comments
Carpenter	X				
Germershausen	X				
Cefolo-Pane	X				
Malone	X				
Michalowski	X				
Zuckerman	X				
Total	6				

PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS:

Councilman Malone moved for payment of the current bills list in the amount of \$4,209,898.38. The motion was seconded by Councilman Germershausen.

VOTE:

Council Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Comments
Carpenter	X				
Germershausen	X				
Cefolo-Pane	X				
Malone	X				
Michalowski	X				
Zuckerman	X				
Total	6				

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Council President Carpenter opened the meeting to the public.

Public Comments:

John Winters, Brooklake Road

- Discussed the status of Woodbine repairs and where the money is coming from;
- Administrator Bill Huyler stated it is being funded out of Sewer Surplus

- Asked why lights are on at Elm Street when nobody is on the field; Rec. Director John Timmons stated the lights should always be off prior to 10:00 p.m.

- Mr. Winters stated that the sewer bill should be based on usage.

Seeing no more members of the public who wished to be heard, Council President Carpenter closed the meeting to the public.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION

- #14-116 Resolution Authorizing Executive Session

Councilman Germershausen made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:10 p.m., seconded by Councilman Zuckerman.

VOTE:

Council Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Comments
Carpenter	X				
Germershausen	X				
Cefolo-Pane	X				
Malone	X				
Michalowski	X				
Zuckerman	X				
Total	6				

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:30 p.m. the Council returned to open session. On a motion made by Councilman Malone and duly seconded, the work session was adjourned by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila A. Williams, R.M.C.
Borough Clerk
November 10, 2014