

Florham Park Borough Council
Thursday, February 2, 2012
Work Session Minutes

Council President Taylor 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 Eveland		X
Council President Huyler	X	
Councilman Germershausen	X	
Vacant		
Councilman Taylor	X	
Councilman Wikstrom		X
Councilwoman Cefolo-Pane	X	

Municipal Vacancy Appointment

Council President Taylor stated that the Council had been given two names from the County Republican Committee to fill the vacancy created by former Councilman Fred Boy. He stated that the names received were Carl Silvestri and Scott Carpenter. He indicated the Council reviewed both resumes and had made a selection. He thanked Mr. Silvestri, who was in attendance for submitting his resume. Council President Taylor asked for a motion regarding the appointment.

Councilman Huyler made a motion to approve the appointment of Scott Carpenter to fill the Council vacancy created by the resignation of Fred Boy. The motion was seconded by Council President Taylor.

Municipal Vacancy	Yes	No	Abstain		Absent	Total
Council Member						
Taylor	X					
Germershausen		X				
Vacant						
Wikstrom					X	
Huyler	X					
Cefolo-Pane	X					
Total	3	1			1	

Council President Taylor:

Councilman Taylor stated that he had been asked to serve on the Open Space Committee for Morris County. He stated he happily accepted and would be the new delegate.

Councilwoman Cefolo-Pane:

Councilwoman Cefolo-Pane stated that she would like to recommend Stacy Saul to serve on the Library Board. A discussion ensued on how many members are on the board and what positions were available. Borough Clerk Sheila Williams stated she would check the Ordinance regarding the number of positions currently on the Library Board.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Council President Taylor opened the meeting to the Public for questions or comments. He indicated that the Council would be allowing comments on Elm Street, although they wouldn't be answering any questions at this time.

Carl Silvestri – Elm Street

Mr. Silvestri asked why the Council wouldn't answer any questions when the lawsuit is over. He stated he just doesn't understand why the Council will not answer questions. Mr. Silvestri asked if the restraining order on speaking would be lifted after the trees have been cut.

Borough Attorney Joseph Bell explained that the since the matter was dismissed without prejudice the Council would not be engaging in any discussion on the matter at this time. He further explained that a lawsuit without prejudice it indicates that an action could still be brought to court against the Council.

Lynn Zaug, Elm Street

Mrs. Zaug expressed her displeasure regarding the silence of the Council and stated that it was ridiculous that the Council wouldn't speak about what is happening on Elm Street. She indicated that she would like to request that a speed study be done on Elm Street and would like someone to call her to discuss this.

Robert Foggio, 44 Elm Street

Mr. Foggio asked if what Mr. Bell said meant the Council could not speak to anyone about the matter?

Mr. Bell stated that the Council has been advised not to speak about this matter until further notice.

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

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution # 12-30 Authorizing the Council to enter into Executive Session

Councilman Huyler made a motion to approve Resolution # 12-30 to enter into executive session, seconded by Councilman Gemershausen.

Municipal Vacancy	Yes	No	Abstain		Absent	Total
Council Member						
Taylor	X					
Germershausen	X					
Vacant						
Wikstrom					X	
Huyler	X					
Cefolo-Pane	X					
Total	4				1	

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:02 p.m. the Council returned to open session. On a motion made by Council President Taylor and duly seconded, the work session was adjourned by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila A. Williams, R.M.C.
Borough Clerk
February 12, 2012