



**Florham Park Borough Council
Thursday, February 20, 2014
Work Session Minutes**

Mayor 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 Taylor	X	
Council President Carpenter	X	
Councilman Germershausen	X	
Councilwoman Cefolo-Pane	X	
Councilman Malone	X	
Councilman Michalowski	X	
Councilman Zuckerman	X	

Portfolio Updates/Discussions:

Council President Carpenter provided the following report:

Department of Public Works:

The DPW did an excellent job during the last storm; hearing compliments all over town. Councilman Carpenter expressed kudos to DPW workers who he thinks is the best crew around.

Police Department:

Brian Ahlert is being promoted; best of luck to him.

Fire Department:

Doing training; pulmonary function test
Museum Project is moving along. They received some ideas from the museum curator and the Committee will remove non-museum items.

First Aid Squad:

Looking to Partner with them for hepatitis shots.

Councilman Germershausen provided the following report:

Water Utility:

Division personnel continue to dig out fire hydrants concentrating efforts in the center of town, schools, and Borough facilities. Efforts will be expanded to residential areas. With just under 600 hundred fire hydrants in the Borough and repeated snow storms *we are requesting help from residents to uncover fire hydrants. Help us keep you safe ,Please if a hydrant is in front of you home try and shovel the snow from around it.*

Division personnel assisted the DPW in snow plowing efforts during the recent snow storms. Division personnel continue to replace water meters and repair curb valves along with providing underground mark outs.

Division personnel responded to a report of water main break in front of 26 Brooklake Road. It turned out to be the house service beyond the curb valve which is the home owner's responsibility. Division personnel also responded to 2 sites where interior burst water pipes caused water damage to the dwelling. Since these were all within the dwelling it was the home owner's responsibility. Division personnel attended a second Jif training session which is required by the Borough insurance carrier. This is part of a series of 12. There is no cost for attendance.

The DEP made an inspection of water division records on 02/18/2014. Focus was on operation procedures. No deficiencies were noted. On 02/27/14 the DEP will return to inspect the lab at the FPSU for testing of water. Approximately eighteen months ago we obtained certification to test water samples for the FPWU at the FPSU. By performing certain testing in house we are saving money and obtaining results quicker. Unfortunately, there are still many water quality tests that are required to be sent to outside certified labs.

We met with Verizon for a preconstruction meeting to discuss the approved installation of an emergency generator at the water storage tank. As part of the agreement the generator will provide emergency power for the Borough water controls, SCADA system, and radio control shed.

Manganese Treatment Facility:

Water Rate increase to provide funding still needs to be reviewed by Council. Without out consideration of a rate increase further work on the treatment facility cannot move forward. The current rate structure if not amended will also stress the general water budget.

Recycling:

No report

Councilwoman Cefolo-Pane provided the following report:

Seniors:

AARP cancelled their meeting
Senior Meeting on the 12th – new newsletter

Councilman Zuckerman provided a brief update on his portfolio as follows:

Board of Education:

Attended Board of Education meeting; their meeting on the budget will be Mach 17th. 37% of the taxes go to the schools.

Peter Christ is now the Acting Principal at RMS

Environmental Commission:

No Meeting

Council Agenda Item:

2nd Reading on the Pool Ordinance is this evening.

Councilman Michalowski provided a brief update on his portfolio as follows:

Library Board:

Closed for 3 days this month due to the weather

World Vital Records – Library will offer new genealogy program

Need new roof at the library – will go out to bid in the spring

The Library staff complimented the DPW for their efforts during the last storm; they always do such a great job

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mayor Taylor opened the meeting to the public for those who wished to be heard.

John Winters, Brooklake Road

Mr. Winters asked about funding for the snow.

Administrator Bill Huyler stated that the Borough was okay with it.

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

RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution # 14-36 Authorizing the Council to enter into Executive Session

Council President Carpenter made a motion to approve Resolution #14-36 to enter into executive session, seconded by Councilman Malone. All Council in favor.

The Council entered into executive session at 6:45 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Council returned to open session at 7:02 p.m.

At 7:02 p.m., 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
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