



**Florham Park Borough Council
Thursday, February 4, 2016
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 Michalowski	X	
Councilman Germershausen	X	
Councilwoman Cefolo-Pane	X	
Councilman Carpenter	X	
Councilman Michalowski	X	
Councilman Zuckerman		X

Council Portfolio Updates:

Council President Michalowski provided the following report:

Board of Health:

- The contract with Pequannock is coming up. It will probably be presented and approved at the next meeting.
- Food Handling courses are catching on; will offer more
- Considering an additional canvas this year for unlicensed dogs and cats. Statistically Florham Park should have about 2,000 dogs based on its population. We only licensed 1,100 dogs and 280 cats.

- Public Health nurses did a report on communicable disease reporting; quite a presentation regarding what they do on a daily basis
- Bids going out for the sunroom work at the library; bids going out on 2/24
- Met with Bill Huyler and Carl Ganger to discuss the construction of the manganese treatment plant. We will hopefully start moving forward soon on that.
- Administrator Bill Huyler added that the County is holding a presentation on 2/20 regarding Zika; everyone is invited and will forward to all. Pequannock will be there.

Councilman Germershausen provided the following report:

- Patrick Dolan from the Historic Preservation is attending a meeting tonight regarding a grant for 2016 repairs to the Little Red Schoolhouse.

Councilwoman Cefolo-Pane provided the following report:

- Gazebo Meeting tonight at 7:00 p.m.; renewed gaming license. They have reached out to 10 performers to fill slots for six performances; committee will review
- Senior Executive Board meeting was held and the next regular meeting is February 10th
- AARP meeting is on Tuesday 2/9; regular meeting 2/16
- Planning Board – Lightbridge Academy application for a preschool was heard; they would like to build a facility where the synagogue is; experts did not finish their testimony so the application was carried.
- Next Board of Adjustment meeting is Wednesday, 2/17 and the application for Duncan Donuts has been amended from the original application and the Dunkin Donuts and the drive through has been eliminated. They are just going to make it a gas station with a canopy. Assuming they still need a D Variance for the canopy and some signage.
- Construction Official Steve Jones provided building summary report; by this time last year we had 50 permits, this year we have 60.

Councilman Carpenter provided the following report:

Police Department:

- OEM meeting held this week by Chief Robert Treiber; discussed preparedness and needs going forward to prevent any shortfalls in the future. Also discussed a rescue task force which would be incorporated into active shooter situations.

First Aid and Fire would be kept in a cold zone away from the activity. The County is running it and we are going to jump in and get involved in it.

- Police Department conducted a blood drive on Monday and collected 36 units of blood; their goal was 23.
- Dramatic increase of IRS phone scams
- Police and PBA will host it first “Coffee with a Cop” at the Florham Park Diner on February 26th at 8:30 a.m.

Fire Department:

- Fire Department trend shows the average age of firefighters is continuing to escalate. It is now up 3 years to 48; getting smaller and getting older. Completed internal survey. Sentiments were they wanted to become more involved in the community and they would like to be better recognized by the Borough. Mandatory training will begin this month and the new Chief's vehicle will be put into service this month.

Department of Public Works:

- DPW is catching up after the storm; the rink seems to be holding up

Engineering Dept.:

- Engineering doing a roof assessment of Borough Hall; also involved in a high efficiency lighting program that they are working on for Borough Hall, the Library and a few other small buildings.
- Received a Green Communities Grant from DEP for Forestry Management; Mike Sgaramella worked hard on that.

Fire Department:

- Fire Department reviewing Board of Engineer Recommendations.

Department of Public Works:

- DPW is currently building a salt shed to house salt
- Boy Scouts planted daffodils with DPW assistance
- Christmas tree arrived and planted at Community Center – 12' high
- A conditional offer of employment was made to a candidate for the Athletic Field Supervisor; should be appointed at the next regular meeting.

Engineering:

- Borough Engineer Sgaramella provided update. Sgaramella stated:
- Completed paving on Vreeland Road last week
- Small job on first Street, Blanchett, Thayer and Genung next week. New curbs, sidewalks, etc. Notices will be given to residents.

Councilman Malone provide the following report:

Finance:

- Budget process continues; Finance Committee met prior to this meeting; looking to bring this to the full Council shortly

Recreation Department:

- Recreation Director John Timmons has indicated they are looking to extend Day Camp an additional week this year based on demand and feedback received. Camp will be held until August 12; new cost to be discussed and determined.
- Winter sports are underway and also Planning for a number of bus trips.
- Suspected code of conduct violation is being investigated; bringing this up to the Council not to mention names, just to reinforce the necessity of having it in place. Joe Bell and his team worked hard to put that together and it is good to have it working for us.
- Florham Park Athletic Foundation has been giving some assistance to Make Some Noise, which is a Foundation dedicated to curing kids cancer. It was started by 18 year old Malcom Foggio Sutherland, who has raised close to \$2 million dollars. The Make Some Noise foundation is holding a Gala at the Park Savoy on February 27th and next year the event will move to the NJ PAC, which will be a pretty big deal. Again, I thought maybe the Council could honor him at the next meeting for his achievements
- Florham Park Athletic Foundation working on a donation from an entity for naming rights; would like their entity to be named on either a playground or dog park for a donation.
- Florham Park little league Baseball Day is April 30th, which is an historic tradition in Florham Park for many.
- Ice Rink has had a rough initial year; although it is a natural hedge against snow plowing. Great credit goes to the DPW for this; its been a learning lesson and we will be in much better shape for it next year.

Administrator Bill Huyler

- The PTA is looking for a prize donation for its annual Tricky Tray. The Council usually donates free Camp Membership; Council usually donates a week of Teen Camp, Day Camp Membership and a Pool Membership; council said great idea and to go forward with that.
- Moving ahead with the matter on 14 Elm Street. That situation will be resolved by the end of the month and the building will not be there much longer.

Mayor Taylor stated that the Borough had also been contacted by Project Graduation for Hanover Park High School for a donation. Administrator Huyler stated he budgeted either \$2,000 or \$2,500 for that purpose, but does not recall exactly which one. The Council agreed to donate what was budgeted for.

Mayor Taylor introduced Rob Walton from JCP&L and thanked him for keeping the power on during the storm.

Mayor Taylor thanked DPW Director Frank Esposito for keeping our streets safe and plowed during the storm and also the Police Department for keeping us safe as well. Councilwoman Cefolo-Pane stated that she forgot to bring something up. She indicated that she had received some complaints about a house on Lincoln Avenue. Apparently there are vehicles parked out there since Christmastime and the area has not been cleaned up.

Mayor Taylor stated that had been already cleaned up.

Councilwoman Cefolo-Pane stated that she received a call about it two days ago.

Construction Official Steve Jones stated there were dumpsters and concrete there at one time which were cleaned up. He further stated that he would visit the site to see if there were any vehicles there.

Councilwoman Cefolo-Pane asked what they were going to do about the proposed Steering Committee. Is a Committee going to be formed?

Mayor Taylor stated that it will not be a committee at this time. It will start out as a group and will move forward if necessary.

PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS:

Councilman Malone made a motion to approve the current bills list in the amount of \$3,866,344.85. The motion was seconded by Councilman Carpenter.

Vote:

Council Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Comments
Michalowski	X				
Germershausen	X				
Cefolo-Pane	X				
Carpenter	X				
Malone	X				
Zuckerman				X	
Total	5			1	

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Mayor Taylor opened the meeting for public comment as follows:

John Winters, 32 Brooklake Road:

Mr. Winters asked if the sidewalks were generally cleared in the Borough in a timely fashion after the storm.

Police Chief Treiber stated that he assigned special officers to go around the Borough to remind residents that they had 48 hours to clean up and they did not encounter any problems

Rob Walton, JCP&L

Mr. Walton discussed some tree trimming notification procedures. Notification is standard two months before tree trimming or tree removal will occur.

Mr. Walton also discussed an outreach program that is available to groups to discuss such items as restoring power after a storm, modern use of electricity and where it comes from, etc. We have spoken to Rotary Clubs, High Schools; anyone that is interested.

Barbara Nevius, West End Avenue

Ms. Nevius asked if anymore thought had been given to naming something in Florham Park after John Cunningham.

The Mayor stated that there were several ideas, such as a sports field. They have to find something suitable for Mr. Cunningham and the Council will have to revisit 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 # 16-28 Authorizing Executive Session

Councilman Michalowski made a motion to approve Resolution #16-28 to enter into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Germershausen.

Vote:

Council Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Comments
Michalowski	X				
Germershausen	X				
Cefolo-Pane	X				
Carpenter	X				
Malone	X				
Zuckerman				X	
Total	5			1	

ADJOURNMENT:

Council returned to the work session after the Executive Session was adjourned at 7:20 p.m. On a motion made by Councilman Carpenter, seconded by Councilman Germershausen, the work session was adjourned by a unanimous vote at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila A. Williams, R.M.C.
Borough Clerk
February 9, 2016