



Florham Park Borough Council
Thursday, March 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:

Councilman Carpenter provided the following portfolio report:

- Florham Park Fire Department – 1 new recruit
- DPW – currently reviewing the grass pick-up program for efficiency and environmental purposes. Starting in late March through October 3rd, the DPW currently takes the Packer out 4 days Per week. They stop at approximately 484 of the 3,600 households. This represents 13% of the households. The cost of this service is approximately \$100,000 in labor and I certain years \$10,000 in disposal expense. He would like to start the new program in the spring.

Councilman Carpenter stated that too much of the labor is being utilized to service 13% of households. He would like to revise the program for a more efficient use of labor as well as making the process more environmentally friendly. He proposes changing the schedule to pick up every other week, provide waste bags for the residents and provide information regarding the benefits of reducing yard waste.

Administrator Bill Huyler stated that it makes sense to reallocate the labor.

Councilwoman Cefolo-Pane agreed and indicated she thinks the Borough should try what Councilman Carpenter proposed.

Councilman Germershausen provided the following portfolio report:

Water Utility:

- AC Shultes performed well inspections on 03/19 & 03/20. This is an annual inspection which checks the pumps, motors and well shafts. The report is pending.
- On 03/05/14 Division personnel responded to a water main break in front of 155 Rockwood Road on an 8” line.
- Division personnel provided field inspections for the construction and connection of a water service line at the Brooklake Country Club.

Began updating the CCR Consumer Confidence Report which is an annual report required by the DEP informing consumers about our water quality. The document is sent to ever water account holder.

02/27/14 the DEP made an inspection of the lab at the FPSU utilized in testing of water samples. We satisfied the on site assessment and met the requirements set forth in N.J.A.C 7:8 et seq Certification of Laboratories. Our lab certification was renewed based upon the DEP’s findings.

Manganese Treatment Facility;

- No Report

Recycling;

- No report

Councilwoman Cefolo-Pane provided the following portfolio report:

- Gazebo concerts are almost finalized – have verbal commitments for 7 concerts
- High School students will once again be putting on the play Typed at Hanover Park HS on May 9 & 10

Councilman Malone:

Councilman Malone discussed the prestigious AAA credit rating that Florham Park recently received. Moody’s applied new formulas to ratings this year. Florham Park was put on watch list for a likely downgrade from the AAA rating. A team of Councilman Malone, Mayor Taylor, Administrator Bill Huyler, CFO Patrice Visco, Budget Consultant Jon Rheinhardt and Auditor Ray Serenelli met with Moody’s to fight for this rating. Florham Park is now once again AAA

rated. There are only 16 AAA rated towns in New Jersey and Florham Park is in good company with towns such as Rumson, Bernardsville, Saddle River.

Mayor Taylor stated that he is proud as a peacock and couldn't be prouder of Florham Park and the team.

Councilman Malone asked Recreation Director Adam Lieb to discuss some of the things that are happening in Recreation.

- DAY CAMP AND TEEN SUMMER EXPERIENCE

On Saturday, March 1st, the Recreation Department began accepting registrations for Day Camp and Teen Summer Experience. As of today, over 115 children are signed up for Day Camp and all 245 spots are accounted for in Teen Summer Experience. Day Camp registration continues until Friday, April 4th.

- SKI CLUB

The Recreation Department sponsored a successful Ski Club after many years of its absence. Over 30 middle school-age students attended six trips to Camelback Mountain Resort in Pennsylvania. The final trip took place on Thursday, March 13th. Participants registered for their choice of various ski and snowboard packages, including lessons. Bus transportation and chaperones were provided, as was one pizza dinner. The Ski Club was advised by Matthew Testa, band director at Ridgedale Middle School and director of the Recreation Department's Teen Summer Experience.

- MEN'S SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Due to significant interest among local men to play organized softball, the Recreation Department is sponsoring a Men's Softball League this spring. Over 75 men ages 21 years and older – representing six teams – are in the process of registering for the slow-pitch league that begins play in April at three Florham Park fields on Sunday mornings. The registration fee includes umpires, jerseys, Amateur Softball Association membership, game balls, end-of-season picnic, and a championship trophy. The League is coordinated by Nicholas Cicarelli, parent and recreation coach.

- BASKETBALL

This past Saturday, the Recreation Department's winter basketball season came to an end after over three months of clinics, practices, games, tournaments, and end-of-season award distribution. About 250 children in 1st-8th grades were registered, and about 50 coaches volunteered their time throughout the season.

- LACROSSE

The Recreation Department's spring lacrosse program began pre-season practices in early-March at Brooklake School and Indoor Sports Pavilion in Randolph. Games for 3rd-7th graders and clinics for K-2nd graders start in April. About 100 children are registered for the various programs. The program's volunteer coordinator is Piero Falcone, longtime recreation lacrosse coach.

- BUS TRIPS

The Recreation Department actively sponsors popular bus trips for residents of all ages. In the past year and a half, all trips have sold out. Last November, the annual trip to Radio City Christmas Spectacular was held. This past Saturday, the destination was “Aladdin” on Broadway. Next month, we will attend a Yankees vs. Red Sox game at Yankee Stadium in the Bronx. In August, we will attend a Mets vs. Phillies game at Citizens Bank Park in Philadelphia.

- U.S. SPORTS INSTITUTE WINTER CLINICS

For the first time, longtime Recreation Department partner U.S. Sports Institute offered an indoor winter clinic for pre-school children and toddlers at the Community Center. About 30 children played age-appropriate games over eight weekend sessions.

- RUTGERS COACH CLINICS

The Recreation Department sponsored an evening training clinic for over 40 new volunteer coaches in February, and three additional clinics are scheduled this year. Led by the Youth Sports Research Council at Rutgers University, the clinics teach basic coaching concepts, legal aspects of coaching, basic first aid, concussion and lightning education, and other topics.

- BASEBALL CLUB APPAREL

The Recreation Department agreed to be the central pick-up location for spirit apparel and equipment purchased by participants in the Florham Park Baseball Club’s spring season. Over several weeks, parents were given the opportunity to visit the Community Center to claim their order – rather than being asked to stop by a board member’s house or being given a single and potentially inconvenient day and time for the pick-up.

Councilman Malone also stated that the Athletic Foundation continues to meet; good group, working toward some positive goals.

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

The Library is taking a Genealogy Course which should prove to be interesting.

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

- The Board of Education will hold a budget hearing on April 11
- \$50K is currently the starting salary for a teacher
- Historic Preservation grant submitted for approval – the Resolution approving this is on the regular meeting agenda.
- Historic Preservation Commission submitted the budget for 2014 to the Borough Administrator

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

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

The following members of the public wished to be heard.

Jon Winters, Brooklake Road

Mr. Winters asked how the budget process was going for the year.

Mayor Taylor stated that the Council is working on it and they are getting there. We had the Moody's issue to deal with so we had to focus on that for a while.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

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
April 6, 2014