



**Borough of Florham Park
Borough Council Meeting Minutes
March 28, 2013**

Mayor Eveland called the Regular Meeting of the Borough Council to order at 6:30 p.m. He asked the Clerk if the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act had been met. Mrs. Williams stated that adequate notice of the meeting had been made. It was included in the Annual Notice of Meetings published in the Florham Park Eagle. In addition to advertisement, the annual legal notice was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board. Mrs. Williams also stated that a copy is on file in the Clerk's Office in the Borough Hall in accordance with N.J.S.A 10:4-6.

Mayor Eveland asked the Borough Clerk to call the roll as follows:

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

Other Borough Officials present were Borough Clerk Sheila Williams and Administrator William Huyler.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Eveland stated that there were several items of public communications listed on the agenda. He asked if there were any questions on the items, or if anyone would like to review any of the documents, they are on file in the Borough Clerk's Office. There were no questions on the following communications on record:

- Minutes from the January 17, 2013 Morris County Planning Board Meeting

- Minutes of the February 21, 2013 Morris County Planning Board Meeting
- Resolution, Township of Parsippany – Troy Hills opposing Assembly Bill 1196
- Notice of Ordinance Introduction, Township of Hanover, regarding bus shelters
- Notice of Introduction, Township of Livingston, Amending Chapter 170
- Invitation from Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen regarding his Mayor’s Annual Breakfast
- Letter from Congressman Frelinghuysen re: 11th District Academy Night
- Notice of Public Hearing, Borough of Madison, regarding adoption of an Environmental Resources Inventory
- Notice from the Madison Planning Board regarding Master Plan Amendments
- Invitation from the Morris County St. Patrick’s Day Parade Committee
- Letter from Resident Robert E. Farrell regarding Board of Education sign
- Letter from the Board of Chosen Freeholders regarding a Budget Subcommittee overview
- Resolution, Borough of Lincoln Park, opposing S2364 and A3553, regarding early voting

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

Council President Taylor made a motion to approve the following meeting minutes:

- Minutes of the February 21, 2013 Regular Meeting
- Minutes of the January 21, 2013 Work Session
- Minutes of the February 28, 2013 Special Meeting
- Minutes of the March 7, 2013 Work Session

The motion was seconded by Councilman Carpenter

Roll Call: Taylor, yes; Germershausen, yes, Cefolo-Pane, yes; Carpenter, yes; Malone, yes

APPOINTMENTS:

Florham Park Fire Department

Councilman Carpenter made a motion to appoint Wilfredo Garcia as a regular firefighter in the Florham Park Fire Department effective immediately. The motion was seconded by Councilman Germershausen.

Roll Call: Taylor, yes; Germershausen, yes, Cefolo-Pane, yes; Carpenter, yes; Malone, yes

PROCLAMATIONS:

Mayor Eveland read a Proclamation in support the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartets as follows:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The Society for Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc. (SPEBSQSA) – known now as The Barbershop Harmony Society – was officially organized April 11, 1938 in Tulsa Oklahoma; and,

WHEREAS, What began as a small group has steadily blossomed into the world’s largest all-male singing organization, an international organization of men from all stations of life; and,

WHEREAS, The Barbershop Harmony Society is dedicated to the spread of harmony for the enjoyment of all people of the world through organizing and encouraging close-harmony singing groups; and,

WHEREAS, The Barbershop Harmony Society encourages harmony amongst all people of the world through the universal language of music; and,

WHEREAS, The Barbershop Harmony Society has actively preserved and presented a distinct style of vocal music that originated in North America; and,

WHEREAS, The Barbershop Harmony Society is dedicated to sustaining and preserving an American tradition, the barbershop quartet; and,

WHEREAS, Barbershoppers are engaged in laudable civic service and enrichment of our cultural life through the fostering of traditional values in entertainment and community endeavors;

NOW, HEREBY BE IT RESOLVED THAT, I, R. Scott Eveland, Mayor of the Borough of Florham Park, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim the week of April 7 - 13, 2013 as

Barbershop Harmony Week

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Borough of Florham Park, New Jersey to be affixed this 28th day of March, 2013.

R. Scott Eveland, Mayor

Members of the Barbershop Harmony Society, who are also Florham Park residents, were in attendance to perform for the Public. Mayor Eveland thanked them for the wonderful performance and wished them well in the future.

ORDINANCE FOR SECOND READING

- #13-3 Ordinance Amending Ch. 25, Fire Department, of the Borough Code

Councilman Carpenter read Ordinance #13-3 and moved for its adoption. He stated that the Ordinance was introduced by title and passed on first reading at a regular meeting of the Borough Council held on February 21, 2013 as follows:

**BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK
ORDINANCE # 13-3**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE
OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 25, FIRE DEPARTMENT, OF THE CODE OF THE
BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK**

Mayor Eveland asked the Clerk to read a summary of the legal notice.

Borough Clerk Williams read a summary of the legal notice and stated that the Ordinance had been published as required by law, posted on the bulletin board in Borough Hall and that copies had been made available to members of the general public desiring same.

Mayor Eveland opened the meeting to the public on the Ordinance and stated that any taxpayer of the Borough of Florham Park or any interested persons could be heard.

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

Councilman Carpenter read the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, that the Ordinance, as read by title, on second reading, at this Regular meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Germershausen

Roll Call: Taylor, yes; Germershausen, yes; Cefolo-Pane, yes; Carpenter, yes; Malone, yes

Mayor Eveland declared this Ordinance as finally adopted.

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA

Council President Taylor motion to approve the following resolutions on the agenda under “Consent Agenda” via a single motion of the Council. He asked the Borough Clerk to read the resolutions into the record. The motion was seconded by Councilman Germershausen.

- # 13-52 Appointing Patrice Visco as the Pension Certifying Supervisor
- # 13-53 Authorizing a Temporary Municipal Budget
- # 13-54 Authorizing a Tax Lien Redemption for Block 101, Lot 2, Qual: CE2
- # 13-55 Authorizing a Tax Lien Redemption for Block 3901, Lot 1, Qual: C30A
- # 13-56 Authorizing a Sidewalk Café License for the Thirsty Turtle
- # 13-57 Authorizing a Developer’s Agreement for Seneca Heights
- # 13-58 Authorizing a Bid Award to D’Onofrio & Son Inc., Landscaping
- # 13-59 Authorizing a 2013 Municipal Budget Transfer

Roll Call: Taylor, yes; Germershausen, yes; Cefolo-Pane, yes; Carpenter, yes; Malone, yes

PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS:

Councilman Malone read a summary of the current bills list and made a motion to approve it in the amount of \$216,095.06. The motion was seconded by Council President Taylor.

Roll Call: Taylor, yes; Germershausen, yes; Cefolo-Pane, yes; Carpenter, yes; Malone, yes

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR-OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Eveland opened the meeting to the Public for comments or questions.

The following comments/questions were heard:

Bryan Cave, 58 Elm Street

Mr. Cave asked several questions.

Asked what the Official Newspapers of the Borough were?

Mayor Eveland stated the official newspapers were the Daily Records and the Star Ledger.

Mr. Cave asked when legal notices are published; i.e. ordinances. Is it on a specific day?

Borough Clerk Sheila Williams stated that generally notices are published following meetings on the next available date for publication in the official newspaper. There is a website where they can be viewed.

Why are public notices being discontinued in the local paper?

Mayor Eveland stated that the local paper only publishes notices once per week. If you miss their deadline there is a further delay; also wanted to have a newspaper with wider circulation.

Mr. Cave asked about something he read regarding donations for the Elm Street Recreation project. He read there was a \$50,000 from the JETS and \$200,000 from the NJSEA. He wanted to confirm that those amounts were correct. Are those amounts in addition to the PILOT agreement of \$200,000?

Council President Taylor said that was separate and it is \$150,000 payment not \$200,000.

Mr. Cave asked if the PILOT agreement was renewed?

Council President Taylor stated that it is an automatic renewal and is based on the CPI.

Mr. Cave indicated that he had heard in the past that the current Community Center was beyond repair and the price of flood insurance made it cost prohibitive to even fix it in the first place. He asked what changed?

Mayor Eveland stated that the Borough received FEMA money to fix it and because the Borough had opted to take on higher deductibles, the flood insurance turned out to be much more reasonable than they had anticipated.

Mr. Cave asked how much money was received from FEMA and if it was used only for Rec Center repairs.

Administrator Bill Huyler stated that the Borough 75% of 12,000 or approximately \$9,000 and it was specifically used for the Rec Center.

Mr. Cave asked if Resolutions could be provided on the website. Much of the Borough business that is conducted is on them and it would save time to be able to view them. Can we expect them to be made available? Mr. Cave stated that many of the surrounding towns have them available on line.

Mrs. Williams stated that the website is being revamped and that is one of the items on the table.

Mayor Eveland stated they are considering this.

Jon Winters, Brooklake Road

Mr. Winters asked where the Council was in the budget process for this year.

Mayor Eveland stated he would like to introduce the Budget on April 11th. The full governing body needs to look at it in detail and it will be introduced.

Mr. Winters questioned the equalized value in Florham Park. It shows Florham Park on the bottom. What has been occurred here that hasn't been happening in the other towns?

Mayor Eveland stated that he would like to take a look at that a talk to Mr. Winters about it offline.

Bernie Wetter, Milton Avenue

He stated the Borough Council members look a lot better in person than they do in pictures.

I am interested in the \$17.5M dollars that was knocked down for the school. Nobody brought up the subject of what that would actually cost based on the 20 year timeframe at 3.25 percent interest, which I thought was odd. This would add another \$6M to the cost.

Mayor Eveland stated that was actually the Board of Education not the Borough.

Mr. Wetter asked what the Borough is doing to present a final number to the residents of what the Elm Street fields will actually cost.

Mayor Eveland stated that Mr. Malone is working on providing all the cost breakdowns and it will be made public.

Mr. Wetter stated that the clock and the work around it is very attractive and would like to know how much it cost. Is that available?

Mayor Eveland stated that he takes great pride in this town and the work that was done in the Borough Complex. The residents deserve it.

Mr. Wetter stated he feels the same way and has lived here for 75 years. He is concerned about the Senior's who live here. It all costs money. The newspaper stated we will be debt free in seven years.

Mayor Eveland stated every citizen is affected by the decisions that are made. I think our track record with the seniors and the new senior center demonstrates our commitment to seniors. The Borough is on a debt reduction plan and is on track. We still have the 2nd lowest tax rate in Morris County.

Mr. Wetter thanked Mayor Eveland for letting him speak and his comments.

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

ADJOURNMENT

It was regularly moved by Councilman Germershausen, seconded by Council President Taylor that the meeting be adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila A. Williams, R.M.C.
Borough Clerk
February 22, 2013