

**Florham Park Borough Council**  
**Thursday, March 8, 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:

<b>Governing Body</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Mayor Eveland		X
Council President Taylor	X	
Councilman Germershausen	X	
Councilman Wikstrom	X	
Councilman Huyler		X
Councilwoman Cefolo-Pane	X	
Councilman Carpenter	X	

**Council President Taylor:**

Planning Board is still working the Crossroads Application for TD Bank. They have to come to some type of resolution soon.

There will be an update to the little center where Natale's is located on Columbia Turnpike. They will be getting a new front façade.

Council President Taylor stated he had some candidates for the Environmental Commission. He will pass them along to the Mayor. Hopefully, they can be appointed at the next meeting.

Regarding Fishbrook Park; a committee is being organized to clean up the barbed wire on the property. It is a hazard to anyone that goes up there. They have some volunteers; however, more are needed. If anyone would like to volunteer let Council President Taylor know.

**Councilman Wikstrom:**

Councilman Wikstrom wanted to provide an update on what is going on with Day Camp for the upcoming season. He stated that Recreation Director Adam Lieb was in attendance to discuss what is going on with Day Camp.

Mr. Lieb stated that they are trying to work out the program with as little interruption as possible. They are going to use the outdoors as well as the Pavillion and various indoor locations throughout the municipality. Chief Montuore donated some trailers that will be used.

**Councilman Carpenter:**

Councilman Carpenter stated that the decommissioned fire truck that was donated last year to Panama, would not be going to Panama; officials have no way to transport the truck. He further stated that he had been contacted by someone in Haiti who would like the truck. They are involved with at 501 (c)(3) organization that helps countries. Mr. Carpenter indicated that the fire truck could not be donated in the U.S. because it wouldn't be able to be used here because it doesn't meet the standards.

Borough Attorney Joe Bell stated the Borough can do a resolution to approve the donation and he will take care of preparing it for the next meeting.

Borough Engineer Michael Sgaramella was in attendance and provided a brief overview of the 5 year capital expenditure plan.

Borough Clerk Sheila Williams indicated that employees approach her regarding the Borough allowing the employees to get Met Life on the plan of deferred compensation plans. We have a similar plan in place now, although this plan would provide a guaranteed 6% annual interest rate, despite market declines in any given year. Mrs. Williams indicated if the Council was in favor of this, she would prepare the necessary administrative documents and prepare a resolution for the April meeting.

The Borough Council indicated they were in favor of this and asked the Clerk to have a resolution for the next meeting.

Historical Preservation Commission member Richard Davidson was in attendance to discuss a grant for the Little Red Schoolhouse. For this grant the County would provide 80 percent of the funding and the Borough would be responsible for 20 percent. There are two grants being considered; one a non-construction project in the amount of \$12, 500 and a construction project in the amount of \$126,700.

The Council thanked Mr. Davidson and indicated they would confer with the Borough Engineer and make a decision shortly.

Council President Taylor opened the meeting to the public.

**Brian Cave, Elm Street**

Mr. Cave indicated he had a question regarding the PILOT agreement. He asked when the agreement would end and if there has been any talk regarding further negotiation.

Council President Taylor indicated that it would be based on the CPI (Current Price Index).

Mr. Cave asked if the Borough had any bargaining power.

Council President Taylor stated that the Borough did not.

A question was asked about the condition of the elevated walkway behind Germershausen Park.

Council President Taylor stated that they usually work on that in the spring.

Councilman Carpenter stated that what was installed there was done at the direction of the former chair of the Environmental Commission.

A question was asked regarding the recreation center and if it was coverable.

Councilman Wikstrom stated that area would require 3 times the amount of flood insurance. He further stated they were in the process of determining how much of the building could be salvaged. Even so, it cannot be used for day camp.

Chief of Police Patrick Montuore indicated they have applied for FEMA assistance, but haven't received any figures as of yet.

**Resident** commended the Mayor and Council for the Recreation Fields and stated he would like to publicly state his support for it.

Larry Alexander, Elm Street

Stated he would like to see some future meetings. He indicated there was a meeting in January and that was it. He stated he put in an OPRA request for new site plan. He would like to see it on the website. He requested that all changes to the plan be posted to the website.

### **PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS**

**Council President Taylor** read a summary of the current bills list and made a motion to approve it in the amount of \$2,718,028.75. The motion was seconded by Councilman Germershausen.

**Roll Call:** Taylor, yes; Germershausen, yes; Wikstrom, yes; Huyler, yes; Cefolo-Pane, yes; Carpenter, yes

### **RESOLUTION**

Resolution # 12-41                      Authorizing the Council to enter into Executive Session

Councilman Germershausen made a motion to approve Resolution # 12-39 to enter into executive session, seconded by Councilwoman Cefolo-Pane.

**Roll Call:** Taylor, yes; Germershausen, yes; Huyler, absent; Wikstrom, absent; Cefolo-Pane, yes; Carpenter, yes

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Council returned to open session at 7:40 p.m.

At 7:25 p.m., on a motion made by Councilman Wikstrom and seconded by Councilman Germershausen, the work session was adjourned by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila A. Williams, R.M.C.  
Borough Clerk  
April 29, 2012