



**Florham Park Borough Council**  
**Thursday, April 11, 2013**  
**Work Session Minutes**

Acting Mayor 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>
Acting Mayor Taylor	X	
Councilman Germershausen	X	
Councilwoman Cefolo-Pane	X	
Councilman Carpenter	X	
Councilman Malone	X	

Councilwoman Cefolo-Pane indicated there were three names submitted to fill the vacancy for Mayor. The names submitted were James D’Amico, Charles Germershausen and Mark Taylor.

Charles Malone stated he reviewed the resumes and would like to make a motion for Mark Taylor to fill the mayoral vacancy created by Scott Eveland, seconded by Councilman Carpenter.

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

Council President Taylor indicated there was a municipal vacancy for Council. He stated the County Committee had met and had submitted three names to fill the vacancy as follows:

Thomas Michalowski, Louis Bianco, and Phil Infantalino

Councilwoman Cefolo-Pane stated she had reviewed all of the candidates and believes Mr. Michalowski is very qualified for the position. She further stated that he also expressed an interest in the past.

Councilman Carpenter agreed and stated that everyone brings something different to the table and he liked Mr. Michalowski's proven volunteerism.

Mr. Carpenter made a motion to appoint Mr. Michalowski to the vacant position, seconded by Councilman Malone.

Roll Call: Gemershausen, yes; Cefolo-Pane, yes; Carpenter, yes; Malone, yes

Mayor Taylor asked everyone to move into the courtroom.

Mayor Taylor was sworn in by the Borough Clerk.

Council President Taylor asked the Council to provide an update on their portfolios.

**Councilwoman Cefolo-Pane:**

Councilwoman Pane discussed the draft policy for the electronic sign and asked the Council if they had any feedback. Councilman Carpenter stated that he read it and his only comments were that the EMS messages should be prioritized and also they should limit the number of messages cued into the Board.

Mrs. Cefolo-Pane asked who would be overseeing this process going forward.

Administrator Huyler indicated this would be done by the Recreation Department.

Mayor and Council discussed and agreed that Administrator Bill Huyler would take the lead on the negotiations of the Animal Control Agreement with Millburn and Livingston. Maryann has provided Bill with a copy of the proposed agreement along with the comments/areas of concern outlined by the Board of Health. Mrs. Cefolo-Pane stated that if anyone had any additional comments they could forward them to Board of Health Secretary Maryann Lang.

The Mayor and Council discussed presenting awards to the winners of the Poison prevention poster contest. The Mayor indicated they would fully support this contest. Awards will be given at the May meeting.

Councilwoman Cefolo-Pane indicated that there would be 7 concerts this year for the Gazebo Summer Concert Series. The concerts will start June 9 and will be done the end of July; there will be no concerts in August.

**Councilman Carpenter:**

Councilman Carpenter discussed the concerted effort by DPW to work on soccer and football field. He indicated the field work was extensive and was a job well done.

Councilman Carpenter reported on the Ken Gregory plant-a-thon which is to be held April 27<sup>th</sup>; to date over \$3,000 in donations were received for the project.

Reported that the Fire Department would like to use the back of the museum for horseshoe pit on their dime.

OEM had review of sandy storm response and it was very productive. They identified areas and way to improve response

### **RESOLUTIONS FOR APPROVAL – CONSENT AGENDA**

Council President Taylor made a 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 Malone.

- #13-61 Authorizing the Borough to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement
- #13-62 Authorizing a Temporary Municipal Budget for the Borough of Florham Park
- #13-63 Authorizing Check Signatures for Checks, Drafts, Withdrawals

**Roll Call:** 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 \$1,515,205.94. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cefolo-Pane.

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

### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Mayor Taylor opened the meeting to the public as follows:

#### **George Stafford, Outreach Director, NJ Highlands Coordinator**

Mr. Stafford was in attendance to discuss changes to the Atlantic Highlands. He indicated there have been changes to the way things are done in the Atlantic Highlands. He believes it is a one-sided debate. He stated he believes that FP receives 25% of its water from the Highlands Coalition. He provided a resolution and asked the Council to review it. The Council thanked him for coming and indicated they would review it.

#### **Bryan Cave, Elm Street**

Mr. Cave asked some procedural questions about municipal vacancies. He asked when the new council president would be elected.

Mayor Taylor stated that would happen at the April 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mr. Cave asked if you could run for Mayor and Councilperson at the same time.

Mr. Taylor indicated you cannot.

Mr. Cave asked questions regarding Birdsall Engineering and asked if anyone has done their due diligence in light of what happened in the news with them. He asked if there was anyone concerned about completing the project.

Mr. Cave also asked why Davies Associates was taken off the Elm Street project?

Mr. Cave said there was a \$100,000 donation made by an anonymous donor. He asked if it was a private individual or a corporation. Can you answer that?

Mayor Taylor said he would ask them.

Mr. Cave asked if the anonymous donor would be received any special treatment?

Mr. Taylor stated he did not know.

### **Donna Lodato, Murphy Circle**

Ms. Lodato indicated that the Birdsall drawings looked like they had been drawn by a child and wanted to know why Bruce Davies was fired.

Borough Engineer Michael Sgaramella indicated that Mr. Davies is not an Engineer – he is a landscape architect. He was a subcontractor who is not qualified to complete things to the level that Birdsall did.

Mrs. Lodato also indicated that the property behind her has a tree on it that needs to be taken care of it.

DPW Director Frank Esposito stated that he had left here a message regarding this issue and it is being taken care of.

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 # 13-64** Authorizing the Council to enter into Executive Session

Councilman Carpenter made a motion to approve Resolution # 13-49 to enter into executive session, seconded by Councilman Malone

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

The Council entered into executive session at 7:05 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Council returned to open session at 7:20 p.m.

At 7:20 p.m., on a motion made by Councilman Carpenter and duly seconded, the work session was adjourned by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

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