

**Borough of Florham Park
Council Meeting Minutes
April 30, 2012**

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	
Councilman Wikstrom	X	
Councilman Huyler	X	
Councilwoman Cefolo-Pane	X	
Councilman Carpenter	X	

Other Borough Officials present were Borough Clerk Sheila Williams and Borough Attorney Joseph Bell.

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:

- Resolution, Borough of Chatham, Regarding the Military Initiative
- Resolution, Twp. of Morris, in support of A-2454, regarding eligibility requirements for unemployment insurance for seasonal public entity workers
- Resolution, Twp. of Morris, in support of S-2904 and A-1503
- Minutes of the March 15, 2012 Morris County Planning Board Meeting
- Minutes of the February 16, 2012 Morris County Planning Board Meeting
- Minutes of the March 19, 2012 Florham Park Library Board of Trustees Meeting

- Minutes of the April 16, 2012 Florham Park Library Board of Trustees Meeting
- Resolution, Bd. of Chosen Freeholders delaying adoption of the State Strategic Plan
- Ordinance, Twp. of East Hanover, Amending Ch. 95, Land Use
- Email from Susan Dammer regarding trees in a conservation easement
- Email from Carl Silvestri regarding Elm Street Recreation Complex
- Email from Blaine Rothausser regarding environmental issues
- Resolution, Borough of Butler, Supporting restoration of Energy Taxes
- Letter from Ken Kopia thanking the Mayor and Council for their kind show of condolences to their family
- Letter from Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen thanking Mayor Eveland for attending his breakfast meeting.
- Ordinance # 2-12, Twp. of Morris, Amending Ch. 95, regarding off-street parking
- Resolution, Twp. of Morris, Opposing Senate Bill No. 959
- Resolution, Bd. of Chosen Freeholders, regarding Water Quality Management
- Borough of Chatham, Notice of Master Plan Hearing for May 2, 2012
- Letter from the County of Passaic Bd. of Chosen Freeholders regarding a workshop
- Letter from County of Morris regarding sales of surplus vehicles
- Ordinance, Twp. of East Hanover, Amending Ch. 130, Stormwater Management
- Resolution, Borough of Rockaway, Opposing NJ Water Supply Fluoridation Act

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

Councilman Germershausen made a motion to approve the following meeting minutes:

- Minutes of the March 8, 2012 Work Session
- Minutes of the March 22, 2012 Work Session
- Minutes of the March 22, 2012 Regular Meeting
- Minutes of the April 12, 2012 Work Session

The motion was seconded by Council President Taylor

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

RECOGNITIONS;

Mayor Scott Eveland recognized the Hanover Park Wrestling Team for their accomplishments during the season especially the accomplishment of being named Group 2, Section 1 Champs. He also recognized the Hanover Park High School State Wrestling Champion Anthony Cefolo. All players were presented "Certificates of Achievement" by the Mayor. Coach Ryerson was also in attendance and assisted the Mayor in presenting the Certificates.

Mayor Scott Eveland presented Chief Patrick Montuore with a Resolution from Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen for his successful completion of a program at the FBI Academy. Mayor Eveland stated:

Last Summer Chief Patrick Montuore attended the FBI National Academy training Academy. The National Academy is located on a 385 acre Marine Corps Base in Quantico, Virginia. Leaders and

managers of state and local police, sheriffs' departments, military police organizations, and federal law enforcement agencies participate in this training; however, participation is by invitation only, though a nomination process. Participants are drawn from every state in the union, from U.S. territories, and from over 150 international partner nations. Chief Montuore was selected to attend.

The Chief's class consisted of 246 law enforcement officers from around the world. The attendees lived in college type dorms for the ten week program. They roomed together, studied together, ate their meals together, and endured tough physical training together. Some of the subjects that Chief Montuore studied while attending the academy included law, behavioral science, understanding terrorism/terrorists mindset, leadership development, communication, and health and fitness.

Anyone who's attended the National Academy knows all about the symbolic "Yellow Brick Road" which is the final test of the fitness challenge. It consists of a 6.1 mile grueling run through a hilly, wooded trail built by the Marines. Along the way, the participants must climb over walls, run through creeks, jump through simulated windows, scale rock faces with ropes, crawl under barbed wire in muddy water, maneuver across a cargo net and more. The course came to be known as the "Yellow Brick Road" after the Marines placed yellow bricks at various spots to show runners the way through the wooded trail. I am proud to announce that not only did Chief Montuore successfully graduate in September, but he brought back the coveted yellow brick but completing the fitness exercise.

The Council and I are proud of the accomplishments of Chief Montuore and would like to present the following Certificate of Achievement to Chief Montuore for his wonderful accomplishment.

Chief Montuore thanked the Mayor and Council and Congressman Frelinghuysen. He stated that this program helps many families who have loved ones killed in the line of duty. He thanked the Community for its support and for bestowing this honor upon him. He also thanked Joe Bell for his recognition and support as well.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Mayor Scott Eveland presented a proclamation to Cheri Ambrose from the Susan G. Komen Foundation celebrating the 5th Chapter of North Jersey in Celebration of the 5th Annual Susan G. Komen for the Cure North Jersey race on Sunday, May 6th.

Ms. Ambrose thanked the Mayor and Council and presented the Clerk with posters regarding the event to hang in Borough Hall. She stated that all were invited.

2012 MUNICIPAL BUDGET PRESENTATION:

Chief Financial Officer Jon Rheinhardt provided an outline of the 2012 and highlighted its major points. The members of the public were provided with a 2012 Comparative Budget.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2012 BUDGET

Mayor Eveland opened the meeting to comments and questions from the public regarding the 2012 budget. Public comments were as follows:

The Mayor announced that there will be 3 minutes for each person due to the number of people. He asked that people be respectful of one another. If the questions are lengthy we will talk to you within 7-10 days.

Ed Zaug , Elm Street

Has a few issues with the budget. The Council is talking about getting out of debt in 2021? Does that mean that debt will be gone in 2021? Why did surplus reserve decrease from \$2.5 to 1.9 at the end of 2011? It seems to be a shortfall between revenue and expenses of \$600,000 – operating at a deficit. How will that be funded? Are you funding this with water and sewer accounts? Another form of taxes?

CFO Rheinhardt: Did not say would be debt free in 2021. We would be at a point as to what we would like to do. We hit a crest.

Ray Sarinelli - \$2,728,000-2010
\$2,477,000-2011
\$250,000 reduction in fund balance; not \$600,000

Mayor stated part of that was partly to offset taxes.

Sarinelli: There is not a budget imbalance. Your budget has always included surplus; that is part of the revenue. You have revenues, taxes and surplus. On the appropriation side you have a reserve for uncollected taxes. You never collect 100% of your taxes but must guarantee the county and school 100%, so you have to add an amount to your budget to guarantee the county and school portion of those taxes as well. Structurally the budget is in balance, the revenues do equal the appropriations. It's a statutorily correct budget.

Steve Reichenstein- Ridgedale Avenue

In 2011 the tax rate was .325; In 2012 it will be .344. That is an increase of 5.85%. Since 2008 our tax rate has gone up 13 ½%. He wanted to know the price for the projected new recreational complex. What will be the annual additional maintenance cost for those fields?

CFO Rheinhardt: Debt portion of fields – until there is a final budget for that we don't know exactly what the exact cost will be. Rough Estimate of that is for every home a \$19 per year increase.

13% tax rate increase is roughly 2% a year; that is ahead of the Governor's 2% cap

Mayor: Going out to public bid; we can't release numbers until we know exactly what they are going to be. We are looking at a range of \$3.5M to \$5M. Right now we have estimated that for every \$1.5 million it is roughly \$19 per year or \$1.50 a month per

Joe Montalbano – 51 Park Street

I want to ask about what was in the newspaper regarding the 2.46% increase to the cap

It looks like the amount that was raised by taxes was double that amount of 5.3%. Can you explain that?

CFO Rheinhardt: I am not sure where the newspapers got the numbers from. I would need to see that article and get back to you at a later time.

Mayor: I think they printed incorrect numbers and later corrected them.

Mr. Montalbano: I think you did a good job presenting the budget, although we don't have any real numbers that tell us how much the fields are actually going to cost; how can we make a decision?

Mayor: Joe, look at our budget comparative analysis and you will see the real numbers. Feel free to ask any questions.

Barbara Dunn- Roosevelt Blvd.

Why do we need more recreation fields – if we can keep up what we have? I don't understand why we need more? If we would maintain what we have, we would be okay. I don't believe we are using all the fields we currently have. This is especially true in such tough economic times.

Larry Alexander- 40 Elm Street

I looked at the minutes from last year's budget and nobody asked any questions about the budget. It is obvious that people are here for answers about the high cost of the Elm Street Project. \$2.5-\$5M is a lot to add to the annual budget. You said there were basically no changes in services in the municipal budget and that services are being maintained and were comfortable for the residents. I think the fields are not being maintained and are in such bad shape that you have to change them. The two minute warning appears to be because of the expiration of your next term which expires in 2015. It appears the entire budget revolves around your term as Mayor Scott, which ends in 2015 and what you can possibly spend this year and next year without disturbing historical trends and without disturbing the higher tax caps of 2.5 and 3.5% because those are reserved for things like emergencies and figuring out how to fund this large project over a series of years, might be 8 or 9 years, 2012 maybe. You were quoted as saying something about Murphy's law. Well, Murphy's law happens every year. Why is this year any different? It is because there is a huge amount of money being spent for something that you claim is not at a comfortable level compared to all the other services in Florham Park. Thank you.

Carl Silvestri – Elm St.

I would like to talk about the Capital Budget plan. I believe it was 2006 when the voters passed a bond referendum for \$6.6M. Is this correct and how much was it actually for? That is one of my questions. That was done prior to the acquisition of the land on Elm Street. Were voters aware that they were actually voting to use their bond money for that project? In 2008 there was no mention at all about using this for parks and playgrounds and I believe this was about 4 or 5 months after that plan was enacted. In 2009 it was about a million dollars for recreation; no mention at all about the recreation complex. 2010, it was zero. Last year we did see any entry. That was under grants, aids and other funds. Can someone explain what that is? Why is there a number in it for last years budget and it is not there this year?. Finally can you talk about the 3 year capital program? It looks like we are spending all of that \$6.6M that voters approved in 2006. How much of that have we previously issued

and used? Will this require a new bond referendum? Lastly, when you say we are going to be debt free in 10 years, is that prior to the issuance of the \$6.6M in bonds?

Mayor: I will deal with the \$6.6M first. That \$6.6M relates to projected tax appeals that I was saddled with when I walked into office. The Borough was facing that exposure when I entered into office. We developed a new philosophy for the appeals. We fought them aggressively and we beat down the projected \$6.6M to approximately \$3.5. That specific bond cannot be used for anything else but the tax appeals that were listed on the dockets. Since we successfully reduced that to \$3.5M, the rest of that bond will not be utilized.

CFO Rhinehardt: The capital budget is a plan. It is not actually what is actually is going to be raised. The information that is in there is based upon what we know. I believe in last year's budget we believed we had enough promises sponsoring that program that we didn't think it was going to be issued in debt and there were corporations that wanted to sponsor the program, which is why it would have been in grants and other funding. Going into this budget we didn't want to represent it again that way, so we represented it as debt. The final number on a capital project is debt. We are still pursuing other areas of revenue to support the project. So the answer to the question, what is the cost of the parks? We don't know - it is an evolving number.

Mayor: In terms of the debt reduction plan, part of our plan on that is to cap all of our capital expenses to \$750,000 per year. Payback debt of \$100,000 per year to be debt from in 2021 or will enable whatever governing body is here to issue more debt.

Tom Celli- 6 Orchard Road

Thanked Mayor and Council for all the hard work they do. They are volunteers. I coached in Florham Park for many years. My biggest disappointment is that we didn't do this years ago for my kids to enjoy as well. I have coached for years and have visited many towns, but Florham Park is definitely lacking. It's a great town and I would like to give credit again to the Mayor and Council. The fields are definitely a weak area from what I have seen. I think if we want to keep this town great and competitive we need to invest in it. Thank you. I appreciate it.

Donna Logato- Murphy Circle

I received a certified letter from the DEP saying somebody might be on my property checking for wetland situations. I was wondering why they might be doing that now.

Borough Engineer Mike Sgaramella – it is related to the fields, trying to fill in the isolated wetlands.

Mayor: If you have any further questions, please discuss them with Borough Engineer. Thank you Mrs. Logato.

Stan Wisniewski – 36 East Madison Avenue

I have lived here almost 50 years. I have 4 grown children, 2 boys and 2 girls who were very much into sports. I would like to commend you on what you're doing. You are a visionary; don't give up. Now I am going to address the single issue people. My 4 grown children always convey to me the lessons they

have learned with the sports in this town. There were so many things: the learning together, camaraderie and the life lessons. I think you are visionary, keep it up. I wanted to mention the fields that were mentioned like Stobaeus and Emmett. To some they are just names of fields. To me they are people. I worked side by side with Fred Stobaeus with a wheelbarrow and a pile of clay to get the fields ready for the kids. Don't give up - just keep on going. Bob Emmett was a wonderful person too. They were visionaries also. And believe me there were objections then also, from single party kind of interests then too. If they didn't do what they did, you wouldn't have the kind of town you have today. Don't give up!

John Upton- Brandywyne Drive

You gave a range of figures on the cost of this project, between \$3.5-\$5M. When will you have a more accurate figure that you can give us? Also, once you get this figure, what will be your revenue source to pay for this? Its not in the budget anywhere. You think by now you would know.

Mayor: We will have an exact figure when we go out to bid.

Mr. Upton: When will it go out to bid then?

Mayor: As soon as we get our DEP permits. It should be in the next month or two. If the \$1.5 is on the books, There is an existing capital ordinance for \$1.5M; also another million coming in from some connection fees. When we get a new company come in That can be used to offset the burden of debt.

Lynn Zaug- 42 Elm Street

First of all we are not anti-recreation. However what we are against is spending this kind of money for a park that is unnecessary. For a \$3M project you gave a figure of \$19 per year- that is \$47.50 on top of the regular taxes and the school taxes. If it is \$5M you are talking about another \$63. I have spoken to a lot of seniors over the past few days. Some of them are here and some of them were afraid to come because they think there will be repercussions for saying that they don't want to pay more taxes. I find that absolutely insane. I know you are going to say "I am sorry you feel that way" because I know you just want to get this done under your watch, but this is absolutely ridiculous. We do not need these fields. Emmett Park is empty every day after 12:00. I actually have pictures and should have brought them. If you feel we need it, then we need to see a schedule that those fields are being used and need to be rested. All I see are those fields being rested, unless it's a night game and then the lights have to go on. We are not anti-rec. Recreation is very important, but there is a level of rec then there is just craziness. This park is just absolute craziness. There is no reason why we should pay an additional \$47 or \$63. You know it is going to cost more. You don't build a house without knowing what it is going to cost. That is exactly what you are doing- building without knowing the cost.

Mayor: Thank you. Sorry you feel that way.

Bob Ramsthaler, 26 Deerfield Drive

Mr. Ramsthaler stated that he is President of the Florham Park Athletic Foundation which was established in 2009 to support sports and recreation for the community. Their purpose is to raise funds and initiatives defined by the Council, the Florham Park Recreation Department and the Florham Park Recreation Committee. We do not have input on the design on any of these recreation projects in town but will provide funding for these projects as requested. Foundation is made up of volunteers who are actively involved in youth sports and recreation within our community. In 2011 we received 501c3 status in 2011 and are now in a position to actively raise funds for the Elm Street Project. Plans to solicit donations. Strategy has been developed as a multi-layered approach for fundraising. First, the foundation will hold annual events focused on raising monies specifically for elm street. This is similar to the model used by the Chatham Athletic Foundation which has used more than \$200,000 per year for their annual event. Second, are corporate donations. The foundation plans to solicit from companies that are residents. Lastly, community support. Establishing events and programs that will engage Florham Park in helping support the programs and initiatives. We are always looking for energetic people that will help with our cause. For those that are interested contact florhamparkathletic@gmail.com or PO Box 509, Florham Park, NJ. We are here to help, we are here to support. We are committed to help with the Elm Street project and any other projects you deem necessary.

Paul Laurenzi- 63 Park Street

I came to town 16 years ago. My son Teddy was 9. At that time the fields were just adequate. 16 years later, I am not sure we have the fields that are adequate. It is a shame that when it rains, there is no place for these kids to go. These kids are at a disadvantage when we go up against other towns. Unfortunately, my son will not get the benefit of these fields, but I applaud you for going forward.

Herman Shauger – 7 Milton Avenue

I have been hearing a couple of comments about the bidding process. The Borough has a budget and has the ability to reject bids that are over budget. That's how they get the numbers.

Robert Grogan- 8 Country Club Lane

I am being led to believe that is going to cost \$17 which is a small amount of money for such an investment in our town and our kids. It may be a something for senior citizens and I feel for them. My parents live in this town and they will pay their fair share. They want to pay for their grandkids. The man on East Madison who spoke about these fields who spoke about the value of these fields on kids is right. My kids will never see these fields. They are older. I applaud you and think this is one of the best things that can be done for this town. If you go to Livingston, they have much better fields than us. This town should provide them. Every other town around has better fields. The kids from East Hanover have better fields. We need to take care of our kids. The sooner we do that, the better off we will be for our kids.

Tony Siragusa- 15 Annabelle Lane

I am a coach. I coach football, I coach baseball, wrestling. I try to coach soccer. The fields in town are a joke, they really are. I am glad we finally have politicians in town who follow through with what they say they are going to do no matter what the crowd says. I applaud that. I wish we had this in our

higher governments. You guys are doing a great job. I will go around and shake the can, do whatever I can. This is a positive thing. You have to look ahead. You have to get better at what you are doing. When we had the hurricane our fields were flooded and kids were swimming on tubes on the fields. We were supposed to have a game the next day and it was a joke. We are always cancelling practices. You talk about safety of kids. This puts our kids at a disadvantage because of it. You have to stay in shape maybe run around. I do like the entire plan. I noticed there is a dog park. I have a dog and am looking forward to that. I am going to try and lose a couple of pounds, maybe run around the track. You have a lot of things for a lot of different people. You said you were going to build the senior center and you did it. When you were all running for office you said you were going to build fields, now do it. It doesn't matter what anyone says. There are a couple of people here who are negative about it. Whatever the cost is I am sure we will find a way to get it. I came from Kenilworth, a town who didn't have much. They have nice fields down there, a town that always invests in their kids. That is what I would like to see here in Florham Park. I am proud of this town. On television I try to mention the kids and Florham Park. So make me proud. Even if it goes over budget, we will find the money. We will shake the can a little bit harder. If you can't afford it, move out of town.

Rick Zien- 87 Lincoln Avenue

I worked on the Recreational Master Plan. I did the field study in the Master Plan and I promise you that our fields do not compare to any fields around. For those who think we have enough fields, then you don't coach girls soccer. I have to go to East Hanover. I have had one practice in 2 years in Florham Park because there aren't enough fields. By the way I have played on these fields for 45 years and there has never been a single upgrade. I believe we are due. Thank you.

Ed Zaug – Elm Street

I would like to make another comment. Could not hear comments clearly. Mr. Zaug was not in front of the microphone.

Mayor: Mr. Zaug please. Mr. Zaug, I asked that everyone be respectful.

Sam Siragusa – 15 Annabelle Lane

When you have fields that are terrible, it doesn't benefit you in any way. I go to Morristown Beard and we are out there playing rain or shine. If you want the kids to be better are there sports than you need fields. We are sharing fields. If you compare to any other fields in the area, there is no comparison.

Greg Kelly- 51 Sherbrooke Drive

I was a Phys ed major and I played on a lot of fields. County, State, etc. When we had the same situation with the pool we sent a notice asking residents if they wanted to fix it up. People in town said they didn't want to spend the money on that; just fix it. Nobody asked if we wanted this. Its all for the kids. The kids on my block changed over three times. What is wrong with the fields that you haven't been able to take care of them after all this time? You have fields, you have land available. Did you make any money on the trees that were cut down on the 16 acres? Every tree had to be cut down? It seems like this plan is on a very grand scale. Are you going to have to replant that whole place? Now

there is not a piece of shade on that whole place. I don't think this was conceived very well. You know what it sounds great, the kids need it, but fix up the fields we have. You can't use the fields because you need a permit. I am not sure how many permits you can get to pay off that field. There is no revenue there. You would need massive amounts of softball leagues to pay for this- \$300-\$400. This is spend and tax. Nobody got asked and you just went ahead and did it. Now we are committed. You figure you have to go ahead with it. Well no you don't. You shouldn't have started this in the first place unless you had the funding for it. I don't know where these iffy numbers are going to come from. Its going to come from the taxpayers.

Jill Alexander – 40 Elm St.

I am not terribly for recreation; I am not terribly against recreation. I have a house full of musicians. My kids did play on the fields when they were younger – tball, soccer, lacrosse and football and they enjoyed it. My husband and I were involved. We coached and sat on boards and so forth and so on. So in that respect I am pro recreation. I moved to Elm Street knowing full well that I was going to have a large field behind my house and that I was going to hear the lovely sounds of children, loud speakers and have the lights in my back door in the evenings. I chose that. I did not choose to be sandwiched between two recreation fields. I did not choose to have the entrance to the Recreation fields be directly across from my driveway. This is going to make getting in and out of my driveway on Saturday mornings a problem; however, that is not the issue. I work a lot with planning and long range funding and I would like to know is what demographic studies have been done over the past 10 years such as with the school districts? How many kids are in recreation and what has been the fluctuation of those numbers. What is the projected number of students coming to the Borough? That should directly impact how much is going to be involved in recreation. For anybody who wants to spend the \$63, plus the taxes, plus the maintenance, plus the debt service and so forth – that is the cost of living in Florham Park. I urge all of you to realize that when the school budget comes up, that is also for our children. Thank you.

Joe Defina- 12 Village Road

I am entering my 20th year in Florham Park. My 4th daughter is in 8th grade and will be leaving the programs. I am the vice president of soccer and I am on the recreation committee. I have been coaching for years. Like many others, my kids will not get the benefits of these fields. I just wanted to clarify – Many people are saying we have enough fields, and some are saying we don't. The bottom line is we do not have enough fields. We have 12 travel soccer teams playing on 2 fields. Morris County youth soccer mandates that you have one field per three teams. Again, we have twelve teams and we have numerous recreation teams. I have heard people say the fields should be used 24/7; that is an exaggeration. They do go to school. The use of the fields may not be 24 hours – it may be 4 hours. We have parents that run from work to do coaching. We have numerous teams who don't get enough practice. Also, we never get a chance to rest the fields. This is not about winning championships. This is about getting the kids to be competitive with Madison, Chatham, East Hanover. They have more fields and better fields than we do. We use East Hanover's softball fields. I am obviously for the fields, even though my kids won't use them. I also think everyone up there on the dais is doing a great job. I think ¾ of the people up there are coaches. So, I am looking forward to the fields.

Carol Rella – 57 Ridgedale Avenue

I have a question. You said you will probably get some of the funding from Green Acres.

Mayor: Not green acres, Open Space.

Ms. Rella: okay, thanks.

Charlie Malone, Jr. - 6 Burnside Avenue

Like others here I grew up in Florham Park, attended college and lived elsewhere before moving back eight years ago to raise my family. In that search process it wasn't a slam dunk that Florham Park would be THE best place suited for our family at that time. At that time my wife and I took a fresh look at our options for our family at that time. We analyzed schools, churches, taxes, transportation, value for our dollar, a downtown shopping area, proximity to work, viability for the long term, and yes other passive recreational amenities that most towns offer. Our eldest child was barely old enough for sports at that time, but we knew our kids would be interested in sports, riding bikes and swimming one day. While it remains one of our best decisions, I think there is room for improvement. We are not unique in feeling this way. For me moving back to my hometown of Florham Park was interesting. As Florham Park continued to grow and evolve over my lifetime. We have all witnessed the arrival of the JETS and BASF as great neighbors, the complete resurgence and beautification of the downtown area, the relocation of the Afton Hook and Ladder museum, the preservation of the Fishbrook Property, a renewed interest in Spring Garden Lake, the establishment of Germershausen Park and the annexing of land at Stobaueus Park. Some of us go as far back to have seen the creation of many homes in town on Lakeside, Sun Valley, Summit Woods and Avalon to name a few. As I understand it, all have been done prudently and responsibly at that time from a fiscal and environmental perspective for the benefit of all Florham Park citizens. One of my colleagues who lives in Chatham said it best: "Florham Park just knows how to do it right." He was referring to the balance of all aspects of living in Florham Park. In spite of all our growth, one thing that hasn't kept pace is the fields and facilities themselves. As a coach and director of Florham Park Little League the fields I played on decades ago are the fields we still play on today. In one sense that is pretty cool that they still exist. Having said that and having known Mr. Stobaueus, I know he would be humbled by the fact that kids still play on the field bearing his name. I am running out of time. I just want to say. This is a safety issue, there are rocks, etc. Thank you.

Laurie Spiegel – Murphy Circle

I have no objection to the fields- I would like to know what kind of consideration has been taken regarding traffic on Elm Street. The road is narrow and windy. There is a telephone pole that is about six inches from the street on a curve. Unfortunately, a number of years ago there was a girl that was killed on the intersection of Murphy Circle and the resolution that that was a few prohibitions regarding turns on Columbia Turnpike, which I feel are inconvenient. There was also a crosswalk painted and a sign put up on Murphy Circle. The sign says you must stop if there is a pedestrian in the crosswalk, although nobody does. I am very concerned about safety of children crossing streets on Elm. Thank you.

Mayor: We are addressing the traffic situation. We are also looking into diverting traffic at the Mack Cali building. Our Engineer can fill you in on the traffic and can also show you the crosswalks. You can talk to him and he can fill you in.

Rich Ferrone - Afton Drive

I am on the Board of Directors for the Florham Park Baseball Club. Tony Siragusa hit a nerve when he talked about investing in our town and the future of the kids. This gives the kids something positive to do instead of sitting in front of the tv or hanging out at the center. Investing at this time in the fields is a good idea for the future of the kids and the town. I think it will also improve the property values in Florham Park. I do respect the opinions of the people that live in the area or on Elm Street, but the new fields will allow our kids and the town to move in a better direction. Thank you.

Tony Iandorio, 22 Deerfield

I wanted to thank the Mayor and Council for taking on this project. I have two young kids that I really want to see play on these fields. I grew up in Madison. I have a unique situation. My parents pay taxes to both Florham Park and Madison as their house is divided right down the middle. They are willing to pay. They did not complain. They are seniors and they have no issues because their grandchildren will be playing on those fields. For me, it is an embarrassment when I have to take my kids in the spring to play on the Madison High School fields. Our fields are never available. They are either being used, or its raining and it is too wet. It shouldn't have to be that way. My kids deserve these fields. All kids and their parents deserve to have these fields. I really appreciate what the Mayor and Council is doing. Please, keep up the good work.

Aldo Perruso – 1 Elm Street

I have been on Elm since 196, so I have seen the road work out. I think everything that was brought up were all great issues. I haven't heard much about safety of the street. I think this is a wonderful thing to happen, although I don't think Elm Street can handle what is going to come with all the fields. It can be heavy now at certain peak hours. We have a lot of traffic that speeds down Elm Street to get to Columbia Turnpike. We have to see what we can do to eliminate traffic on Elm. It is nice to hear something may be going on with Cali. I applaud you for that piece of work, but still we are going to have traffic problems. We have municipal trucks up and down the street all day long anyway. Elm Street is a small street. Its 18 feet. Two cars coming and going. One slip on a pedal, someone could get hit on a bike. Its going to be horrendous. Thank you. So, traffic and safety are issues.

Alex Malofienko- Beechwood Road

Need space to walk safely. Fields are terrible, not enough fields. They don't want to play and get injured on these fields. My older son didn't play because he had cancer. My younger son wants to play football. How can the kids get good results if they don't play on good fields?

Dave Tannenbaum – 123 Edgewood Road

I want to thank everyone. The Mayor and Council and both parties that are here either in support of or challenging the fields. I think in the end it is a balancing act and a very difficult one. I commend the Mayor and Council for addressing this. All three of my kids played on these fields. My oldest son learned soccer on these fields and he now plays on a team in the United States Air Force. We have tangible results on these fields. The programs and the people that support them here are phenomenal.

It's a great thing to support. The thing that makes this difficult is because it is a balancing act because there are issues on both sides. I would like to raise an important issue about Elm Street that I would like the Mayor and Council to consider is that it might be a problem getting to the dump on Saturdays. This is something that has to be addressed – how to get people to that facility, a lot use Elm Street. I have been in this town since 1992. I think the budget concerns and the issues raised by those who are opposed to this project are very important. I think we need to have as much disclosure as possible. From my personal standpoint I believe the local businesses will improve, the value of our homes will improve and our children's lives will be improved. I no longer have children that will be playing on this field. I know many seniors and people who are over 50 who say although they don't have anyone playing on this field they still support the program. I do too. It is visionary and think we need to move forward – it's the only way to go for this town. Thank you.

Phil DeFrancesco- Roosevelt Blvd.

I was going to come up here and talk about the importance of the fields, but I think we get it. It's the heart of the community and is more than just a collection of the fields. It is where strangers become friends. Its where elders become mentors. It is a pure embarrassment when you see these fields. We are supposed to be the #6 town in NJ? No way. For \$47.00 per year? People come here and see these fields? Restrooms I wouldn't send my worst enemy in. That snack shack is falling apart. I come from a town that had 20 t-ball teams and a beautiful complex that we should have. That is the lifeblood of that community. We don't have that here. So lets go back to common sense. For \$47.00 per year, you don't think that when people come to our town and see beautiful fields that they wouldn't pay up for a house here? You don't think your house would go from say \$266,000 to \$280,000? Let's be conservative. But for \$47.00 per year? I don't care if this goes over budget. And I know that you will not put a field in that will cause traffic issues. We are all reasonable people. For a small amount, I am on board. I'm in. It doesn't matter if you have kids or not. You still have to sell your home. Nobody moves here because of the parks we have now. Absolutely not. We need a good complex to represent the town – bottom line. If this goes over budget who cares? We will get it back. So, I applaud you. Good Luck!

Tom Pisano- Florham Avenue

Obviously there are a lot of emotions in here – for or against. The biggest problem I have with it is how the Council seems to have gone about getting the funding. One of my sons will be able to use it. We see there are issues with the current fields. What is the plan with the current fields once we get the new fields? Who will determine a rotational fairness basis? On another topic, has the Council ever considered stickers for the cars for recycling? We love looking at Rocco over there, but it is a pain to stop. Thank you.

Mayor: We are looking at stickers or some type of punch card. As far as the field usage, our recreation director will be looking at that. Plans for existing fields will be to rest, renovate, restore. Many of the programs will be spread out over two complexes.

Ralph Aurilia- Lakeview

I am 100% for the fields. What happens if the fields don't come to fruition? What will happen to that property? Were there other options for that property?

Mayor: It was on the table to be slated for commercial development, for office buildings to be there. There were also developers who wanted to put housing there. As part of the deal to set it aside for open space and recreation purposes it was specifically restricted only for those purposes.

Mr. Aurilia: So because you are putting fields there you actually saved us from having a corporate building s and possibly low income homes there.

Mayor: yes. Okay Mr. Winters you are next – we saved the best for last.

John Winters, Brooklake Road

Please keep the Athletic Foundation on task. I have had conversations with Dave Wikstrom over the years; first we were at \$3M now we are up to \$3.5-\$5M. Please make sure the Athletic Foundation comes up with their fair share of the money. There is some talk about fields at the High School that are going to be redone – possibly a referendum. Also, sewer rates are going to go up around 25% over the next 5 years. We should come up with a system for people who aren't using much water during the day, such a female senior citizens. Have the sewer rates be based on useage. At least they would get a break on the sewer while they are putting out the money for the additional fields. Please do your due diligence and remember that money does not grow on trees. We are in Morris County – a conservative county. Its not Hudson County or Union County. Lets keep it that way.

Seeing no more members of the public who wish to be heard Mayor Eveland closed the meeting to the Public at 8:40 p.m.

BUDGET RESOLUTION:

- Resolution # 12-68

**BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK
RESOLUTION #12-68
BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK
COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Florham Park, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that the 2012 Municipal Budget, in accordance with the provisions of

N.J.S.A. 40A:4-4, having been approved, publicly advertised and offered for hearing by the public is hereby adopted with appropriations totaling the sum of \$18,045,340.60 for municipal purposes.

Council Approval: April 30, 2012

R. Scott Eveland, Mayor

Attest:

Sheila Williams, Municipal Clerk

CERTIFICATION*****

I HEREBY CERTIFY this to be a true and correct Resolution of Governing Body of the Borough of Florham Park adopted at the Public Hearing held on April 30, 2012 in the Municipal Building located at 111 Ridgedale Avenue.

Sheila Williams, R.M.C
Borough Clerk

Councilman Carpenter made a motion to approve Resolution # 12-68 authorizing the Governing Body to adopt the 2012. The motion was seconded by Council President Taylor.

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

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING:

#12-3 To Modify Composition of the Library Board

Councilwoman Cefolo-Pane read Ordinance #12-3 and moved for its adoption. She stated that the Ordinance was introduced by title and passed on first reading at a regular meeting of the Borough Council held on March 22, 2012 as follows:

ORDINANCE #12-3

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT TO MODIFY COMPOSITION OF LIBRARY BOARD

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, he closed the meeting to the public.

Councilwoman Cefolo-Pane 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; Wikstrom, yes; Huyler, yes; Cefolo-Pane, yes; Carpenter, yes

#12-4 An Ordinance Establishing Salaries for Non-Union Employees

Council President Taylor read Ordinance #12-4 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 March 22, 2012 as follows:

ORDINANCE #12-4

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SALARIES AND WAGES FOR NON-UNION EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK FOR 2012 BOARD

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, he closed the meeting to the public.

Council President Taylor 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; Wikstrom, yes; Huyler, yes; Cefolo-Pane, yes; Carpenter, yes

#12-5 To Exceed the Municipal Budget and Establish a CAP Bank

Councilman Wikstrom read Ordinance #12-5 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 March 22, 2012 as follows:

ORDINANCE #12-5

AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

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, he closed the meeting to the public.

Councilman Wikstrom 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 Council President Taylor.

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

#12-6 Amending Ch. 216, Pool Fees for the Municipal Pool

Councilman Wikstrom read Ordinance #12-6 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 March 22, 2012 as follows:

ORDINANCE #12-6

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 216 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK TO REVISE REGISTRATION FEES FOR THE FLORHAM PARK MUNICIPAL POOL

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.

Public Comment:

Larry Alexander, 40 Elm Street

Asked if the Capital Fee of \$35.00 goes for anything else but the municipal pool.

Councilman Wikstrom stated that the pool is a utility any money collected by it stays with it.

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

Councilman Wikstrom 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; Wikstrom, yes; Huyler, yes; Cefolo-Pane, yes;
Carpenter, yes

#12-7 Providing for the Acquisition of Various Equipment

Councilman Carpenter read Ordinance #12-7 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 March 22, 2012 as follows:

ORDINANCE #12-7

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK AND APPROPRIATING \$787,500 THEREFOR, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$748,124 IN GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK TO FINANCE THE SAME

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, he 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 Council President Taylor.

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

#12-8 Providing for General Capital Projects

Councilman Carpenter read Ordinance #12-8 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 March 22, 2012 as follows:

ORDINANCE # 12-08

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR GENERAL CAPITAL PROJECTS ENUMERATED WITHIN FOR THE BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK, COUNTY OF MORRIS AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE FUNDING THEREOF

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.

John Upton, Brandywyne Drive

Do you have a list of what is being purchased?

Mayor: This is for items for the Police Department. A new radio system, bullet proof vests to keep our officers safe, mobile vision camera and evidence tracking system

Council President Taylor stated we have an absolute system and we need to purchase this – state mandate.

Seeing no more members of the public who wished to be heard, he 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 Council President Taylor.

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

RESOLUTIONS – 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 Germershausen.

- #12-69 Adopting Changes Required by the Internal Revenue Service to an Existing Deferred Compensation Plan
- #12-70 Approving salary and wages for non-union employees
- #12-71 Approving appointment of Research Analyst
- #12-72 Pledging Support for the Employee Initiative Program of NJ Employer

Support Guard and Reserves

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

NEW BUSINESS:

RESIGNATIONS:

Council President Taylor made a motion to accept the resignation of Nancy Gage effective February 17, 2012. The motion was seconded by Councilman Huyler.

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

PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

Council President Mark Taylor read a summary of the current bills list and made a motion to approve it in the amount of \$2,230,290.15. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wikstrom.

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR-OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Eveland opened the meeting to the Public for comments or questions on any issue other than the budget.

Seeing no more members of the public who wished to be heard, Mayor Eveland 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 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila A. Williams, R.M.C.
Borough Clerk
May 12, 2012

