



Florham Park Borough Council
Thursday, April 7, 2016
Work Session Minutes

Mayor Taylor called the Work Session to order at 6:00 p.m. He asked the Borough Clerk for a roll call:

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

I. APPOINTMENTS

- Florham Park Board of Adjustment

Councilwoman Cefolo-Pane made a motion to appoint Brian O'Connor as a regular member & Ron DeRose as an Alternate to the Florham Park Board of Adjustment effective immediately. The motion was seconded by Councilman Zuckerman.

Vote:

Council Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Comments
Michalowski	X				
Germershausen	X				
Cefolo-Pane	X				
Carpenter	X				
Malone	X				
Zuckerman	X				
Total	6				

- Florham Park Fire Department

Councilman Carpenter made a motion to appoint Paul McGann as Deputy Chief in the Florham Park Fire Department effective immediately. So moved. The motion was seconded by Councilman Zuckerman. Mr. McGann was sworn in by Borough Clerk Sheila Williams.

Vote:

Council Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Comments
Michalowski	X				
Germershausen	X				
Cefolo-Pane	X				
Carpenter	X				
Malone	X				
Zuckerman	X				
Total	6				

Councilman Carpenter made a motion to appoint Brian Magee as Assistant Chief in the Florham Park Fire Department effective immediately. So moved. Mr. McGann was sworn in by Borough Clerk Sheila Williams.

Council Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Comments
Michalowski	X				
Germershausen	X				
Cefolo-Pane	X				
Carpenter	X				
Malone	X				
Zuckerman	X				
Total	6				

II. 2016 MUNICIPAL BUDGET PRESENTATION

- CFO Patrice Visco provided an overview of the 2016 Municipal Budget
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III. ORDINANCE FOR SECOND READING

- # 16-6 An Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40a:4-45.14) Malone

Councilman Malone read Ordinance # 16-6 and moved for its adoption. He stated that the Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a regular meeting of the Borough Council held on March 10, 2016 as follows:

**BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK
COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE # 16-6**

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

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

Borough Clerk Sheila 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 Taylor 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 Malone 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

Vote:

Council Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Comments
Michalowski	X				
Germershausen	X				
Cefolo-Pane	X				
Carpenter	X				
Malone	X				
Zuckerman	X				
Total	6				

Mayor Taylor declared the Ordinance adopted and finally passed. He asked the Borough Clerk to publish proper notice of the adoption and to record the Ordinance in the proper places.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING – 2016 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

- Mayor Taylor opened the meeting to the public for questions and comments regarding the 2016 Municipal Budget

The following members of the public wished to be heard:

Paul Chase, 48 Orchard Road

He asked what the top 3 or 4 drivers affecting the budget were this year.

CFO Visco stated health insurance costs, Construction Fees are way up and 1/3 mil calculation from the library. 1/3 Mil is a calculation, which was explained by Budget Consultant Jon Rheinhardt.

Mr. Chase asked what the employee contributions for employee insurance was and if it was consistent with other towns?

CFO Visco stated that the percentages are now State mandated and all employees contribute up to 35%. It has been phasing in since 2011.

Mr. Chase questioned the debt service increase of \$100,000. Why the increase?

Mr. Rheinhardt explained that the interest is high for the next two years; reserving to pay for the debt service.

Mr. Chase asked what the total number of employees in the budget for 2016 was?

Auditor Ray Sarinelli stated there are 124 employees.

He asked for a breakout of DPW and Police salaries; also asked in headcount was the same.

Mrs. Visco stated that headcount was the same and she would provide the breakout of the salaries.

Mr. Chase asked about the Borough's debt, what is the total number?

Mr. Rheinhardt stated he didn't know the number of the top of his head; however, there is a managed plan to reduce the debt over time.

There is a transfer of funds from the sewer to the general fund.

It is not uncommon for a town to charge a municipal services fee.

Mr. Chase stated that if you are still under the CAP, why not lower the fees for sewer utility? He could take a deduction from his taxes when he itemizes.

Rheinhardt: Its not equal all around, so that wouldn't be a fair process.

Are there any increases anticipated for water and sewer utility?

Mayor stated they are working on a water increase; there has not be an increase in 12 years. Also the fifth prong of the sewer increase in July; it was phased in. Sewer increase was deferred in 2014 and came back to it in 2015.

John Winters, 33 Brooklake Road

Is the goal to be debt free by 2021?

Mr. Rheinhardt stated it might be a bit longer than that; however, debt plan still on track.

Pool is starting to pay back the bond?

Yes, this year. The payments will take 20 years.

Mr. Sarinelli gave an overview of the budget and the process for the year and stated the State has reviewed the budget and has approved it.

V. BUDGET APPROVAL RESOLUTION

- # 16-51 Authorizing Adoption of the 2016 Municipal Budget

Councilman Malone read Resolution #16-51 in its entirety and moved for its approval.

**BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK
RESOLUTION #16-51
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 that the budget herein before set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of: \$12,365,146.42 for municipal purposes and \$1,027,587.00 Minimum Library Levy.

Council Approval: April 7, 2016

The motion was seconded by Councilman Carpenter

Vote:

Council Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Comments
Michalowski	X				
Germershausen	X				
Cefolo-Pane	X				
Carpenter	X				
Malone	X				
Zuckerman		X			
Total	5	1			

Mr. Zuckerman: I agree with a 2% Tax Levy and has an issue with some of the Transfers; therefore, I vote no.

VI. RESOLUTION

- # 16-52 Requesting Permission for Dedication by Rider
For a Municipal Public Defender

Councilman Malone read Resolution #16-51 in its entirety and moved for its approval.

BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK
COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION # 16-52

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING PERMISSION FOR THE DEDICATION
BY RIDER FOR A MUNICIPAL PUBLIC DEFENDER
REQUIRED BY P.L. 1997 C256

WHEREAS, permission is required of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for approval as a dedication by rider of revenues received by a municipality when the revenue is not subject to reasonably accurate estimates in advance; and

WHEREAS, P.L. 1997 C256 provides for receipt of Municipal Court funds by the municipality to provide for the operating costs to administer this act; and, WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-39 provides the dedicated revenues anticipated from the Municipal Public Defender Fund are hereby anticipated as revenue and are hereby appropriated for the purpose to which said revenue is dedicated by statute or other legal requirement:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Florham Park, County of Morris, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Governing Body does hereby request permission of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to pay expenditures of the Municipal Public Defender Trust Fund required by P.L. 1997 C256.

2. The Clerk of the Borough of Florham Park, County of Morris is hereby directed to forward two certified copies of this Resolution to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

Council Approval: April 7, 2016

The motion was seconded by Councilman Michalowski

Vote:

Council Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Comments
Michalowski	X				
Germershausen	X				
Cefolo-Pane	X				
Carpenter	X				
Malone	X				
Zuckerman	X				
Total	6				

VII. PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS:

Councilman Malone read a summary of the current bills list and made a motion to approve the current bills list in the amount of \$1,825,645.40 The motion was seconded by Councilman Zuckerman.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Comments
Michalowski	X				
Germershausen	X				
Cefolo-Pane	X				
Carpenter	X				
Malone	X				
Zuckerman	X				
Total	6				

VIII.PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

- Mayor Taylor opened the meeting to the Public for questions and comments

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

Councilman Malone stated he would like to recognize CFO Patrice Visco, Jon Rheinhardt, Administrator Bill Huyler, Auditor Ray Serinelli and Councilman Scott Carpenter for their hard work regarding the budget.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Taylor asked the Council for a motion to adjourn. At 6:40 p.m Councilman Carpenter made a motion to adjourn seconded by Councilman Michalowski. All Council in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila A. Williams, R.M.C.
Borough Clerk
April 14, 2016