

Florham Park Borough Council
Tuesday, July 19, 2011
Work Session Minutes

Councilman Taylor called the Work Session to order at 6:30 p.m. He asked the Borough Clerk for a roll call:

Eveland – absent
Huyler - absent
Germershausen – present
Boy – present
Taylor –present
Beecher - present
Wikstrom – present

Other officials present were Borough Administrator Nancy Gage, Borough Clerk Sheila Williams, Borough Attorney Joseph Bell, Esq., and Steve Pearlman Bond Counsel.

Treasurer Kim Kientz was in attendance to discuss retired Tax Collector Rosemary Schumacher coming back to work at the Borough as a contractor. She indicated the rate would be \$45.58.

Councilman Wikstrom made a motion to appoint Rosemary Schumacher, seconded by Councilman Wikstrom.

Roll Call: Huyler, absent; Germershausen, yes; Boy, yes; Beecher, yes; Taylor; yes, Wikstrom; yes

Bond Counsel Steve Pearlman was in to the discuss bond refunding that was on the agenda for the regular meeting. He stated that it is a no-brainer to do this refunding as there will be approximately \$856,000 worth of savings between 2012 and 2018. He stated that NW Financial is one of the three premier advisors in New Jersey. He outlined the various benefits to the bond.

Councilman Taylor thanked Mr. Pearlman for coming in.

Portfolio Discussions:

Councilman Taylor:

Councilman Taylor stated that he had a few items from the Mayor’s agenda to discuss. One issue was the naming of the “Longley” street. All Council were in agreement and liked the idea. Council indicated they would like to postpone a full discussion on this until the next meeting when the Mayor has returned.

Councilman Taylor also provided an update on a few items from his portfolio as follows:

Proposals are being worked on for the DEP for the dock at Spring Garden Lake. John Brennan found no applicable wetlands, so they will be moving forward on that.

The Klein Shopping plaza landscape is almost complete. He is concerned about the monitoring wells. That is being looked into.

There was a clean up of Germershausen Park by a committee of volunteers; there was a picture of it in the Florham Park Eagle. A great job was done by all.

Councilman Taylor indicated that Fire Official James Fonzino was in attendance to discuss the Ordinance regarding Knox Boxes. Fire Official Fonzino stated that Knox Boxes are pretty standard across the Country. He indicated that they are beneficial because they provide non-destructive emergency access to commercial buildings in the event of a fire. He outlined the advantages of the boxes. He explained the boxes would hold building keys for fire departments, Emergency Medical Services, and sometimes police to retrieve in emergency situations. Local fire companies can hold master keys to all boxes in their response area, so that they can quickly enter a building without having to force entry or find individual keys held in deposit at the station.

Councilman Taylor thanked Mr. Fonzino for coming in.

Councilwoman Beecher

Councilwoman Beecher made a suggestion that the Florham Park Police email the monthly police report. She stated that it could be sent electronically to save paper. Council agreed and Mrs. Gage indicated she would notify them.

Councilman Wikstrom:

Councilman Wikstrom stated that there is now Wi-Fi service at the Florham Park Pool. Also, the new slide will be put in tomorrow. He informed the Council that adult night is July 29th.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Councilman Taylor opened the meeting to the public for questions and comments. Seeing no members of the public who wished to be heard, he closed the meeting to the Public.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:00 p.m., on a motion made by Councilwoman Beecher and duly seconded, the work session was adjourned by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila A. Williams, R.M.C.
Borough Clerk
July 12, 2011