

**BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN PARK
BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Franklin Park was held on Wednesday, January 21, 2009 at 8:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 2344 West Ingomar Road, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15237.

Council President Martha Creese called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Cathy Krummert called the roll:

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Martha A. Creese, Presidentpresent
Richard H. Hartman, Second Vice Presidentpresent
Jane A. Hopey, Vice Presidentabsent
Ash K. Marwahpresent
Andrew Hrishenkopresent
Amy E. Sablepresent
Junior Councilperson Bryan Hoggpresent
Mayor William H. Kipppresent

ENGINEER:

Bob Nedzesky, W.E.C. Engineerspresent

SOLICITOR:

Robert Max Junker, Law Offices of Ira Weisspresent

STAFF:

Don Dorsch, Chief of Police.....present
Cathy Krummert, Borough Secretary.....present
Ronald Merriman, Superintendent of Public Workspresent
Brienne Morris, Assistant Parks & Recreation Directorpresent
Tim Phillips, Building Inspector/Zoning Officerpresent
Ambrose Rocca, Borough Managerpresent
Bill Schweitzer, Golf Course Superintendentpresent
Jim Watenpool, Parks & Recreation Directorpresent

PRESENTATIONS TO FORMER MAYOR G. REYNOLDS (RENNY) CLARK –

Mr. Brian Hollihan from State Senator Jane Clare Orié’s office presented Renny Clark with a citation from the Senate of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Ralph LeDonne of State Representative Mike Turzai’s office presented Renny Clark with a citation from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

Mr. Hrishenko thanked Renny Clark for his service to the borough and congratulated him on his new endeavors.

Mrs. Sable moved Resolution No. 958-2009 recognizing G. Reynolds Clark for his service as Mayor and Emergency Management Coordinator, be adopted, seconded by Mr. Marwah and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Creese read Resolution No. 958-2009 and presented it to Renny Clark. Mrs. Creese noted that Renny’s leadership and commitment to excellence have made Franklin Park one of the finest communities in Western Pennsylvania. Mr. Clark thanked everyone and stated that it was an honor to serve the community.

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INTRODUCTION OF NEW MAYOR, WILLIAM H. KIPP – Mrs. Creese introduced the new Mayor, William H. Kipp. Mayor Kipp noted that he was honored that Borough Council appointed him to fill Renny Clark's unexpired term. Mayor Kipp noted that his job is to work for the citizens of Franklin Park, and he listed his goals for the year.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Mr. Hartman moved the minutes of the December 17, 2008 pre/post meeting, the December 17, 2008 regular meeting, the corrected January 7, 2009 special meeting and the January 7, 2009 work session, be approved, seconded by Mr. Marwah and carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Mr. Rocca read the December 2008 Treasurer's Report. December 2008 receipts totaled \$243,210.71 and December 2008 expenditures totaled \$398,418.41. Year-to-date receipts totaled \$6,573,460.31 and year-to-date expenditures totaled \$7,460,758.17. Mrs. Sable moved the Treasurer's Report be accepted as read, seconded by Mr. Marwah and carried unanimously.

POLICE REPORT – Mayor Kipp read the Police Report and activity report for the month of December 2008. Mr. Hartman recommended the Police Report be filed with the Police Secretary.

BUILDING INSPECTION REPORT - Mr. Phillips read the Building Inspection Report for December 2008. Mr. Phillips issued 8 permits and collected \$7,077.00 in fees. Total value of construction was \$819,946.00.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION - Mrs. Creese announced that executive sessions were held on January 7, 2009 to hold an information and negotiation session related to the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement, and to discuss personnel matters and litigation regarding the Nicholson Woods Plan and an executive session was held this evening to discuss police contract negotiations.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Ms. Betty Gail Dietz, 2442 Rochester Road – Ms. Dietz read and discussed an email that was sent to the Borough Manager by a councilperson.

Mr. Thomas Mueller, 2391 Charles Wray Drive – Mr. Mueller thanked Renny Clark for his dedication and service to the community.

Ms. Tammy Whiteside, 2390 Charles Wray Drive – Ms. Whiteside commented on the email that was read by Ms. Dietz, and Ms. Whiteside asked for the councilperson's resignation.

Ms. Michele Chetoka, 1655 Norman Drive – Ms. Chetoka voiced her disagreement with a councilperson's recommendation at the last meeting to decrease the borough's millage rate. Ms. Chetoka also commented on the email read by Ms. Dietz.

Ms. Mary Ann Stearns, 2505 Matterhorn Drive – Ms. Stearns commented on the email that was read by Ms. Dietz and a telephone call she had received from this councilperson. Ms. Stearns commented that the councilperson should resign.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS – Mrs. Sable moved Council authorize the payment of the bills, which have been reviewed and approved since the last meeting, seconded by Mr. Hartman and carried unanimously.

APPOINT THOMAS M. STEIN AS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR – Mr. Marwah moved Thomas M. Stein be appointed as Emergency Management Coordinator effective immediately, seconded by Mrs. Sable and carried unanimously. Mrs. Creese introduced Dr. Stein, and he reviewed his background in emergency medicine.

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BRANDTVIEW PLACE LOT 200 REVISED – Mrs. Sable moved preliminary and final approval be granted for a subdivision application submitted by Maronda Homes Inc. for Brandtview Place Lot 200 Revised, a finalization of lot lines for Lot 200 in the Brandtview Place Plan of Lots in the R-2 zoning district, contingent upon compliance with the Building Inspector/Zoning Officer's Staff Report dated December 17, 2008, and the letter from W.E.C. Engineers dated December 5, 2008 seconded by Mr. Hrishenko and carried unanimously.

BRIARWOOD ESTATES PLAN – Mr. Hrishenko moved preliminary & final approval be granted for a subdivision application submitted by the Meritage Group for the Briarwood Estates Plan for approval to construct a 44 lot residential subdivision on the west side of Reis Run Road. ¼ mile south of Arndt Road in the R-2 zoning district, contingent upon compliance with the Building Inspector/Zoning Officer's Staff Report dated January 2, 2009 and the letter from W.E.C. Engineers dated December 22, 2008, seconded by Mr. Hartman, and carried unanimously.

INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 571-2009, DESIGNATING OHIO TOWNSHIP SANITARY SEWER AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE SEWER SERVICE TO THE BRIARWOOD ESTATES PLAN – Mr. Junker introduced Ordinance No. 571-2009 authorizing the Ohio Township Sanitary Sewer Authority to service the Briarwood Estates Plan of Lots and designating the Ohio Township Sanitary Sewer Authority as the exclusive provider of sanitary sewer service for said area. This ordinance will be properly advertised for enactment at a future meeting.

NORTHLAND LIBRARY FIRST QUARTER PAYMENT – Mr. Hartman moved the Treasurer's office be authorized to prepare a check in the amount of \$66,071.75 payable to Northland Library for the first quarter payment of 2009, seconded by Mr. Marwah and carried unanimously.

APPOINT BOROUGH STAFF POSITIONS – Mr. Marwah moved the following employees be appointed as set forth in the yearly Table of Organization at the salaries and bonds, if applicable, provided therein:

Ambrose Rocca, Borough Manager
Cathy L. Krummert, Borough Secretary
Ronald A. Merriman, Superintendent of Public Works/Fire Marshall
Brienne M. Morris, Assistant Parks & Recreation Director
William C. Schweitzer, Superintendent/Manager of Clover Hill Golf Course
Timothy R. Phillips, Building Inspector/Zoning Officer
Karen E. Sproul and Carolyn A. Strunk, Co-Treasurers
Donna L. Roche, Earned Income Tax Collector
James J. Watenpool, Parks and Recreation Director,

seconded by Mrs. Sable and carried unanimously.

APPOINT REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE TO THE NORTH HILLS COG – Mrs. Sable moved Council appoint Ash Marwah as the Representative and Andrew Hrishenko as the Alternate for the North Hills Council of Governments for the year 2009, seconded by Mr. Marwah and carried unanimously.

MOTION TO RETAIN IRA WEISS AS SOLICITOR – Mr. Hartman moved Council retain Ira Weiss as Borough Solicitor for the year 2009 at a retainer of \$6,000.00 per year, seconded by Mrs. Sable. Mr. Hrishenko commented on the cost of legal fees. Mr. Junker clarified the solicitor's retainer and invoicing process. There was also discussion regarding costs for professional services paid for updating the General Employees' Pension Plan, Zoning Hearing Board meetings and to implement the comprehensive plan update.

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Mrs. Creese then asked for a roll call vote:

Mrs. Creese – Yes
Mr. Hartman – Yes
Mrs. Hopey – Absent
Mr. Hrishenko – No
Mr. Marwah – No
Mrs. Sable – Yes

The motion carried.

APPOINT W.E.C. ENGINEERS, AS BOROUGH ENGINEER – Mr. Marwah moved W.E.C. Engineers, Inc. be appointed Borough Engineer for the year 2009, seconded by Mr. Hartman and carried unanimously.

APPOINT OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS – Mr. Hrishenko moved the Pittsburgh Post Gazette and the Tribune Review be designated as the official newspapers of the Borough, seconded by Mrs. Sable and carried unanimously.

AUTHORIZE PROPER OFFICERS TO SIGN CHECKS – Mrs. Sable moved the President of Council be authorized to sign checks, and in his/her absence the Vice President of Council or Second Vice President of Council be authorized to sign checks, seconded by Mr. Hrishenko and carried unanimously.

DESIGNATE OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES – Mr. Marwah moved the official depositories for the Borough funds for the year 2009 be: First National Bank, First Commonwealth Bank, Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust, PNC Bank, West View Savings Bank, Charles Schwab Institutional and the Pennsylvania Treasurer's INVEST Program, seconded by Mr. Hrishenko. Mrs. Sable asked if the outstanding issue with West View Savings had been resolved. Mr. Rocca explained that West View Savings has asked if they can provide a collateral agreement for a limited number of months when the funds exceed the FDIC limit. The solicitor will be asked to provide an opinion on this matter for Council's consideration. Mr. Rocca also noted that the accounts have very limited funds at the beginning of the year, which are way under the FDIC limit. The motion was then voted upon and was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 955-2009 APPOINTING PART-TIME POLICE OFFICERS – Mr. Junker summarized Resolution No. 955-2009. Mr. Marwah moved Resolution No. 955-2009 appointing Part-time Police Officers for the year 2009, be adopted, seconded by Mr. Hartman and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 956-2009 RECOGNIZING THE FRANKLIN PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE CO. NO. 1 – Mr. Junker summarized Resolution No. 956-2009. Mr. Hartman moved Resolution No. 956-2009 recognizing the Franklin Park Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 as the fire company for the Borough of Franklin Park for the year 2009, be adopted, seconded by Mr. Hrishenko and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 957-2009 APPOINTING FIRE POLICE OFFICERS – Mr. Junker summarized Resolution No. 957-2009. Mrs. Sable moved Resolution No. 957-2009 appointing Fire Police Officers for the year 2009, be adopted, seconded by Mr. Hrishenko and carried unanimously.

REAPPOINT GERARD HORN TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION – Mr. Hrishenko moved Gerard Horn be reappointed to the Civil Service Commission for a four-year term, which term will expire December 31, 2012, seconded by Mrs. Sable and carried unanimously.

REAPPOINT ANGELA BAEHR TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL – Mrs. Sable moved Angela Baehr be reappointed to the Environmental Advisory Council for a three-year term, which term will expire December 31, 2011, seconded by Mr. Hrishenko and carried unanimously.

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REAPPOINT FRANKLIN LIBSON TO THE MCCANDLESS-FRANKLIN PARK AMBULANCE

AUTHORITY – Mr. Hartman moved Franklin Libson be reappointed to the McCandless-Franklin Park Ambulance Authority Board for a five-year term, which term will expire December 31, 2013, seconded by Mrs. Sable and carried unanimously.

REAPPOINT STEPHEN DONALDSON TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION – Mr. Marwah moved Stephen Donaldson be reappointed to the Planning Commission for a four-year term, which term will expire December 31, 2012, seconded by Mr. Hrishenko and carried unanimously.

REAPPOINT ROBERT SCHUPANSKY TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION – Mr. Hartman moved Robert Schupansky be reappointed to the Planning Commission for a four-year term, which term will expire December 31, 2012, seconded by Mrs. Sable and carried unanimously.

REAPPOINT BARBARA OWENS TO THE SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION COMMITTEE – Mrs. Sable moved Barbara Owens be reappointed to the Scholarship Selection Committee for a five-year term, which term will expire December 31, 2013 seconded by Mr. Marwah and carried unanimously.

REAPPOINT CHARLES HAMILTON TO THE VACANCY BOARD – Mr. Hrishenko moved Charles P. Hamilton be reappointed to the Vacancy Board for a one-year term, which term will expire December 31, 2009, seconded by Mr. Hartman and carried unanimously.

APPOINT ROBERT W. JARVIS AS ASSISTANT FIRE OFFICIAL – Mr. Marwah moved Robert W. Jarvis be appointed as Assistant Fire Official effective immediately, seconded by Mr. Hartman and carried unanimously.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF WILLIAM H. KIPP FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL AND SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION COMMITTEE – Mrs. Sable moved to accept the resignation of William H. Kipp from the Environmental Advisory Council and the Scholarship Selection Committee, effective January 12, 2009, seconded by Mr. Hartman and carried unanimously.

APPOINT PEGGY KIPP AS ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON – Mr. Hrishenko moved to appoint Peggy Kipp as the Environmental Advisory Council Chairperson, effective immediately, seconded by Mr. Hartman and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 959-2009, HOHMAN PROPERTY, SEWAGE FACILITIES PLANNING MODULE – Mr. Junker summarized Resolution No. 959-2009. Mr. Marwah moved Resolution No. 959-2009 approving a sewage facilities planning module for a small flow treatment facility on the Robert and Lisa Hohman property located on Big Sewickley Creek Road, be adopted, seconded by Mr. Hrishenko and carried unanimously.

INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 572-2009, SETTLERS WALK SUBDIVISION, STOP SIGNS – Mr. Junker introduced Ordinance No. 572-2009 providing for the placement of stop signs within the Settlers Walk Subdivision. This ordinance will be properly advertised for enactment at a future meeting.

BOROUGH MANAGER – Mr. Rocca thanked Mayor Clark for his service to the borough, thanked Mayor Kipp for his dedication and commitment to the borough and thanked Dr. Stein for his future service to the residents of Franklin Park. Mr. Rocca also thanked Council, on behalf of himself and the staff, for the reappointments.

SOLICITOR – Mr. Junker wished everyone a Happy New Year. He thanked Renny Clark for his service, welcomed Mayor Kipp, and thanked Council for the reappointment this evening.

MAYOR KIPP – Mayor Kipp encouraged everyone to stay for cookies and coffee after the meeting to recognize Renny Clark and to chat with the new Mayor.

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MR. HRISHENKO – Mr. Hrishenko noted that it would be a pleasure to serve with Mayor Kipp as Council faces new challenges.

MRS. HOPEY – Mrs. Creese noted that Mrs. Hopey could not attend the meeting this evening due to a business commitment. On Mrs. Hopey 's behalf, Mrs. Creese thanked Renny Clark for his public service and for being a role model. Mr. Rocca provided the Northland Library report on behalf of Mrs. Hopey. Mr. Rocca announced the new Northland Library board members, noted that Northland's tutor program continues to grow and announced a new Wii Fit program for girls ages 8-12, which will be held at the library.

MRS. SABLE – Mrs. Sable thanked Renny Clark for his many years of service to Franklin Park and for encouraging her to get involved.

MR. MARWAH – Mr. Marwah thanked Renny Clark for his years of service. Mr. Marwah also noted that the new garbage/recycling company, Fayette Waste, is doing a good job and there have been few complaints. Mr. Marwah also commented on the borough's intention to take over West Ingomar Road from Allegheny County.

MR. HARTMAN – Mr. Hartman stated that he would miss Renny Clark.

BRYAN HOGG – Bryan is the tiger mascot for the North Allegheny Marching Band, and he commented on the band marching in the inaugural parade for President Obama. Bryan also thanked Renny Clark for his service and noted that he did a tremendous job for the borough.

MRS. CREESE – Mrs. Creese thanked Renny Clark and welcomed Mayor Kipp. Mrs. Creese also mentioned the residents who were appointed and reappointed this evening, noting that it is a great service to the borough that these residents volunteer their time.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

- Mr. Merriman thanked Council for his reappointment, and he welcomed Mayor Kipp and Dr. Stein.

CHIEF OF POLICE

- Chief Dorsch wished everyone Happy New Year.
- He noted that it was a pleasure knowing and working with Renny Clark all these years, and he wished him well.
- He commented that Ray Beatty has served as a part-time patrolman since 1967, and he has served the borough well.

BUILDING INSPECTOR/ZONING OFFICER

- Mr. Phillips thanked Council for his reappointment, and he wished Renny Clark good luck in the future.

ASSISTANT PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR

- Miss Morris thanked Council for her reappointment, and she thanked Renny Clark for his years of service.
- She has been working on the newsletter, and she noted that they will have some new programs for each age group.
- The Winter Bonfire will be held Saturday, January 24th from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Donations of non-perishable food items are requested, and all donations will be given to North Hills Community Outreach.

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PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR

- Mr. Watenpool thanked Council for his reappointment.
- He thanked Renny Clark for his years of service in so many capacities, and he welcomed Mayor Kipp.
- The sled riding hill in Blueberry Hill Park has been getting a lot of use.
- They are keeping up with snow removal.
- The pavilion project is on hold for the time being, but they are working on putting together the picnic tables for the facility. The restroom doors for the facility will be delivered this week, and then they will be painted and installed so the restroom facilities can be installed.

GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT/MANAGER

- Mr. Schweitzer thanked Council for his reappointment.
- He noted that Renny Clark was a gentleman and a gracious man.
- This year is the 20th anniversary of the golf course, and he is getting ready for promotions. Mr. Schweitzer also noted his appreciation for council's support.

MOTION TO ADJOURN – Mr. Hartman moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Sable and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy L. Krummert
Borough Secretary

Audience Present – 47