

**BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN PARK
BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Franklin Park was held on Wednesday, January 20, 2010 at 8:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 2344 West Ingomar Road, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15237.

Council President Amy Sable called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Cathy Krummert called the roll:

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Richard H. Hartman, Second Vice President..... present
Jane A. Hopey, Vice President..... present
Andrew Hrishenko..... present
Ash K. Marwah..... present
David J. Quatchak..... present
Amy E. Sable, President present
Junior Councilperson Brennan McGovern present
Mayor Dennis E. O'Keefe present

ENGINEER:

Bob Nedzesky, W.E.C. Engineers present

SOLICITOR:

Robert Max Junker, Law Offices of Ira Weiss..... present

STAFF:

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Mrs. Hopey moved the minutes of the December 16, 2009 pre/post meeting, the December 16, 2009 regular meeting, the January 4, 2010 reorganization meeting and the January 4, 2010 work session, be approved, seconded by Mr. Hartman and carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Mr. Rocca read the December 2009 Treasurer's Report. December 2009 receipts totaled \$242,968.77 and December 2009 expenditures totaled \$313,436.06. Year-to-date receipts totaled \$6,603,036.83 and year-to-date expenditures totaled \$6,445,314.87. Mr. Quatchak moved the December Treasurer's Report be accepted as read, seconded by Mr. Marwah and carried unanimously.

POLICE REPORT – Mayor O'Keefe read the Police Report and activity report for the month of December 2009. Mr. Hartman recommended the Police Report be filed with the Police Secretary.

BUILDING INSPECTION REPORT - Mr. Phillips read the Building Inspection Report for December 2009. Mr. Phillips issued 10 permits and collected \$7,275.00 in fees. Total value of construction was \$944,540.00.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION - Mrs. Sable announced that an executive session was held on January 4, 2010 to discuss a Teamsters Union grievance, the PA Human Relations Commission Mance/Wroblewski Case and to review all litigation for newly elected officials.

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COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Bob Kapolka, Faith Community Christian Church, Pittsburgh 15229 – Mr. Kapolka indicated that he had been in contact with the Borough Manager regarding the rental of the Blueberry Hill Activity Center for their church services on Sunday mornings. Mrs. Sable indicated that the borough would welcome the business, and Mr. Kapolka was directed to speak with Jim Watenpool, Parks & Recreation Director. Prior to this meeting, Council had discussed whether or not the borough is permitted to rent the Activity Center to a church. Mr. Junker noted that it is not a violation of the Establishment Clause to permit the use of a governmental facility by a church and it would be permitted.

OLD BUSINESS

FRANKLIN RUN PLAN OF LOTS REVISED NO. 3, SUBDIVISION APPLICATION NO. 09-12-07 –

Mr. Marwah moved to take from the table Subdivision Application No. 09-12-07 Franklin Run Plan of Lots Revised No. 3, seconded by Mrs. Hopey and carried unanimously. Mr. Hrishenko moved preliminary & final approval be granted for Subdivision Application No. 09-12-07 Franklin Run Plan of Lots Revised No. 3, submitted by Franklin Run LLC for a minor subdivision to change 3 lots with 50 ft required front yard setback lines to 40 ft setbacks along Franklin Run Court in the R-2 zoning district, contingent upon compliance with the Building Inspector/Zoning Officer's Staff Report dated November 24, 2009, and the letter from W.E.C. Engineering dated November 24, 2009, seconded by Mrs. Hopey and carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS – Mrs. Hopey 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.

KING-DIVOSEVIC PLAN OF LOTS, SUBDIVISION APPLICATION NO. SS-10-01-01 – Mr. Quatchak moved preliminary and final approval be granted for Subdivision Application No. SS-10-01-01 submitted by Sylvia Ader and Barb Divosevic for the King-Divosevic Plan of Lots, for a lot line revision for the property located between Rochester Road and Camp Meeting Road in the R-1 zoning district, contingent upon compliance with the Building Inspector/Zoning Officer's Staff Report dated December 21, 2009, and the letter from W.E.C. Engineers dated January 19, 2010, seconded by Mr. Hrishenko and carried unanimously.

NORTHLAND LIBRARY QUARTERLY PAYMENT – Mrs. Hopey moved the Treasurer's office be authorized to prepare a check in the amount of \$67,713.75 payable to Northland Library for the first quarter payment of 2010, seconded by Mr. Hartman and carried unanimously.

APPOINT DELEGATE & ALTERNATE TO NORTH HILLS COG – Mr. Marwah moved Council appoint Andrew Hrishenko as the Representative and David Quatchak as the Alternate for the North Hills Council of Governments for the year 2010, seconded by Mr. Hrishenko and carried unanimously.

APPOINT DELEGATE & ALTERNATE TO ACBA – Mr. Hrishenko moved Council appoint Ash Marwah as the Delegate and Richard Hartman as the Alternate to the Allegheny County Boroughs Association, seconded by Mr. Quatchak and carried unanimously.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF LUKE SEDAR, PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER – Mr. Quatchak moved to accept the resignation of Luke Sedar as a Part-time Police Officer effective January 15, 2010, seconded by Mr. Hartman and carried unanimously.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF BRAD KAISER, PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER – Mrs. Hopey moved to accept the resignation of Brad Kaiser as a Part-time Police Officer effective January 8, 2010, seconded by Mr. Hartman and carried unanimously.

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AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF NEW POLICE CAR – Mr. Marwah moved to authorize the purchase of one (1) 2010 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor from Woltz & Wind Ford, Inc. of Heidelberg, PA, at a cost of \$22,372.00, under the Joint Bid for Police Vehicles submitted to the SHACOG Purchasing Alliance for its bid opening on November 10, 2009, seconded by Mr. Hrishenko and carried unanimously.

MEMORANDUM OF OPTION AND LAND LEASE FOR COMMUNICATIONS CELL TOWER IN LINBROOK PARK – Mrs. Hopey moved to approve a Memorandum of Option and Land Lease between the Borough and TriStar Investors Inc., as modified, pursuant to the Option and Land Lease Agreement executed on August 31, 2009 for the construction of a communications cell tower in Linbrook Park, seconded by Mr. Hartman and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 982-2010, RATIFYING THE REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR'S BOND – Mr. Junker summarized Resolution No. 982-2010. Mrs. Hopey moved Resolution No. 982-2010, ratifying the Real Estate Tax Collector's Bond for the four-year period beginning January 1, 2010 through January 1, 2014 in the amount of \$1,500,000.00, be adopted, seconded by Mr. Hartman and carried unanimously.

BOROUGH MANAGER – Mr. Rocca announced that Fayette Waste has asked to change some garbage/recycling collection days for customers in order to balance their schedule. The borough will examine the request and ample notice will be provided to the residents. Fayette Waste will distribute door hangers, and the borough will send letters advising residents of the change. If any residents are missed for a period of time, Fayette Waste will go back. It is not expected that a significant amount of homes will be affected.

MRS. HOPEY – Mrs. Hopey is a member of the Northland Library Authority Board, and she noted that there have been a few newspaper articles lately regarding the possibility of Ross Township withdrawing from Northland Library. Mrs. Hopey noted that this could have a serious impact for the library and all member municipalities in a few years. She read a message from the Ross Township Board of Commissioners to Ross Township residents regarding this matter. Ross Township intends to put this matter up for a referendum vote in May asking the citizens of Ross Township if they want to withdraw from Northland Library. Mrs. Hopey noted that if Ross Township would withdraw from the library, the library would lose 27% of its funding and it would not be the same library. She announced that the Northland Public Library would be having a fundraiser on February 13th from 5-7 p.m. to support the Bookmobile because funding was taken out of the budget. She asked everyone to get the word out that it is very important to support Northland Library and that Ross Township's funds are needed to sustain the current services at the library. If anyone has any questions they can go to the Northland Library website or contact Mrs. Hopey. Information regarding the Bookmobile Fundraiser will be posted on the borough website.

MR. MARWAH – Mr. Marwah noted that CNNMoney.com named Franklin Park as one of the 100 best places to live in the country.

MAYOR O'KEEFE – Mayor O'Keefe expressed sadness for the death of State Trooper Paul Ritchie. On behalf of the residents, he extended heartfelt sadness to the Franklin Park officers for the loss of Trooper Ritchie. In addition he extended thanks and gratitude to the Franklin Park police officers for their dedication to duty and for keeping Franklin Park safe for all of us.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

- Mr. Merriman noted that the salt supply had been replenished. Many roads within the borough are heaving because of the cold weather and rain, and these problems will be addressed in the spring.

CHIEF OF POLICE

- Chief Dorsch thanked the Northern Regional Police Department for their cooperation with a burglary on Aldon Drive. He also noted that the day of the burglary a resident called in to report a strange incident with a white van. He encouraged everybody to call if anything strange happens or if something doesn't look right.

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BUILDING INSPECTOR/ZONING OFFICER

- No report.

ASSISTANT PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR

- Miss Morris reminded everyone of the Bonfire/Carriage Ride at Blueberry Hill Park from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Saturday. Donations of non-perishable food items will be accepted for the Carriage Ride. All food will be donated to North Hills Community Outreach food bank.
- Currently there are three Recreation Board positions available. Interested residents are asked to attend three meetings.
- The printer is working on the Recreation Newsletter.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR

- Mr. Watenpool reported that they have been putting in guardrail near the meadow area in Blueberry Hill Park.
- They have been doing some work inside the maintenance building to retain heat, and they have been doing other minor repairs.

GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT/MANAGER

- No report.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR - None

MOTION TO ADJOURN – Mr. Hartman moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Quatchak and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy L. Krummert
Borough Secretary

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