

**BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN PARK
BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 2007**

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Franklin Park was held on Wednesday, May 16, 2007 at 8:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 2344 West Ingomar Road, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15237.

President Martha Creese called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Cathy Krummert called the roll:

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Laura A. Coombs.....present
Martha A. Creese, Presidentpresent
Richard H. Hartmanpresent
Jane A. Hopey, Second Vice President.....present
James W. Lawrence, Vice President.....present
Ash K. Marwahpresent
Junior Councilperson Kaitlyn Kirbyabsent
Mayor G. Reynolds Clarkpresent

ENGINEER:

Bob Nedzesky, W.E.C. Engineers.....present

SOLICITOR:

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 Workspresent
Tim Phillips, Building Inspector/Zoning Officerpresent
Ambrose Rocca, Borough Managerpresent
Bill Schweitzer, Golf Course Superintendent.....present
Jim Watenpool, Parks & Recreation Director.....present

ACKNOWLEDGE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2007 FRANKLIN PARK COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP –

Mayor Clark announced the names of the scholarship recipients and presented each scholarship winner in attendance with a payment voucher to be completed by the college or university of their choice:

1. Jeffrey D. Borrebach, Countryside Lane (not present)
2. Lily QI Chen, Matterhorn Drive (not present)
3. Kristina M. Cieslak, Oakleaf Lane (present)
4. Catherine Lefkowitz, Sturbridge Drive (not present)
5. Logan W. Nye, Valley Brooke Court (present)
6. Emily Q. Rosenzweig, Blackburn Heights Drive (not present)
7. Theresa A. Timcheck, Sawgrass Court (present)

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Mrs. Coombs moved the minutes of the April 18, 2007 pre/post meeting, the April 18, 2007 regular meeting and the May 2, 2007 work session, be approved, seconded by Mr. Hartman and carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Mr. Rocca read the April Treasurer's Report. April 2007 receipts totaled \$562,215.08 and April 2007 expenditures totaled \$398,935.39. Year-to-date receipts totaled \$1,627,369.02 and year-to-date expenditures totaled \$1,467,122.95. Mrs. Hopey moved the Treasurer's Report be accepted as read, seconded by Mr. Lawrence and carried unanimously.

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POLICE REPORT – Mayor Clark read the Police Report and activity report for the month of April 2007. Mr. Hartman recommended the Police Report be filed with the Police Secretary.

BUILDING INSPECTION REPORT - Mr. Phillips read the Building Inspection Report for April 2007. Mr. Phillips issued 33 permits and collected \$19,548.00 in fees. Total value of construction was \$1,912,577.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION - Mrs. Creese announced that an executive session was held on May 2, 2007 to discuss the Nicholson Woods handicap ramps and the Herbert Campus Development Highway Occupancy Permit.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Wayne Haas, 2568 Nicholson Road – Mr. Haas submitted a letter to Council on behalf of himself and some of his neighbors on Nicholson Road near the YMCA requesting that the Borough consider rezoning their properties from residential to commercial.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS – Mr. Lawrence 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.

RICHARD DIAMOND, FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER – Mr. Marwah moved Richard Diamond of Franklin Park be hired as a full-time Police Officer effective July 1, 2007, seconded by Mrs. Coombs and carried unanimously. Mayor Clark thanked Council for strengthening the police department over the last 12 months. Mayor Clark administered the Oath of Office to Richard Diamond.

Mayor Clark thanked the police department and fire police for their participation when Mr. Bill Baierl passed away recently. There were over 2,000 people who paid their respects to Mr. Baierl and his family during the viewing and service at the Ingomar United Methodist Church. Mayor Clark also noted that Officer Diamond provided security for Mr. Baierl's remains at the church.

CARRIAGE ESTATES PLAN, LETTER OF CREDIT REDUCTION – Mrs. Hopey moved Letter of Credit No. 15060706 in the amended amount of \$53,410.17 issued for the Carriage Estates Plan, be reduced by \$16,538.43 leaving a balance of \$36,871.74, in accordance with the Borough Engineer's recommendation letter dated April 25, 2007, seconded by Mr. Lawrence and carried unanimously.

YMCA, PERFORMANCE BOND REDUCTION – Mr. Lawrence moved Subdivision Improvements Performance Bond No. 529189S in the amount of \$474,404.50 issued by Developers Surety and Indemnity Company for the YMCA of Pittsburgh be reduced by \$449,406.44 leaving a balance of \$24,998.06, in accordance with the Borough Engineer's recommendation letter dated May 7, 2007, seconded by Mrs. Hopey and carried unanimously.

REAL ESTATE TAX EXONERATION – Mr. Hartman moved the Real Estate Tax Collector be exonerated from collecting Borough real estate taxes in the amount of \$217.47 from the Borough of Franklin Park and \$279.18 from the Franklin Park Volunteer Fire Company No. 1, and that the Borough and the Fire Company be exempted from paying these Borough real estate taxes, seconded by Mrs. Hopey and carried unanimously.

NORTH HILLS COG INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT – Mr. Marwah moved to approve the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement by and between the North Hills COG member municipalities to finance the Stormwater Management Plan Phase II, seconded by Mrs. Coombs and carried unanimously.

ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR A MINI-EXCAVATOR – Mrs. Coombs moved the Secretary be authorized to advertise for bids for the purchase of one (1) new mini-excavator for the Public Works Department, seconded by Mr. Hartman and carried unanimously.

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AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF A USED 1995 CAT BACKHOE – Mr. Hartman moved to authorize the sale of one (1) used 1995 CAT rubber-tired backhoe to West Leechburg Borough for the sum of \$25,000.00, seconded by Mr. Marwah and carried unanimously.

AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF A KUBOTA UTILITY VEHICLE – Mrs. Hopey moved to authorize the purchase of one (1) Kubota Utility Vehicle from Kenneth Wright, Wexford, PA for the Parks & Recreation Department at a cost of \$9,500, seconded by Mr. Lawrence and carried unanimously.

BOROUGH MANAGER – Mr. Rocca complimented Mr. Merriman on his negotiating skills for obtaining \$25,000 for the used backhoe that will be sold to West Leechburg Borough.

CHIEF OF POLICE

- Chief Dorsch extended his thanks to the Mayor, Council and Manager for the hiring of additional police officers. He stated that the additional officers are needed due to the growth of the Borough. Mayor Clark noted that the three additional officers have helped with the scheduling and provide more opportunities for the officers to attend specialized training.

MR. MARWAH – Mr. Marwah received an email from a PennDOT district traffic engineer in response to his complaint about the safety at the Wexford interchange. It seems that PennDOT is taking interest, and we will see where it leads.

GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT/MANAGER

- Mr. Schweitzer noted that he had recorded two radio commercials to be aired on the Gerry Dulac radio golf show.

MOTION TO ADJOURN – Mr. Lawrence moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Coombs and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy L. Krummert
Borough Secretary