

**BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN PARK
BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Franklin Park was held on Wednesday, June 15, 2011 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..... absent
David J. Quatchak..... present
Amy E. Sable, President present
Junior Councilperson Rebecca Leech present
Mayor Dennis E. O'Keefe present

ENGINEER:

Michael Malak, Senate Engineering Company present

SOLICITOR:

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

STAFF:

Don Dorsch, Chief of Police present
Bonnie Hoolahan, Assistant Parks & Recreation Director absent
Cathy Krummert, Borough Secretary present
Ronald Merriman, Superintendent of Public Works 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

APPOINT JUNIOR COUNCILPERSON FOR 2011/2012 SCHOOL YEAR – Mrs. Hopey moved Rebecca Leech be appointed as the Junior Councilperson for the 2011/2012 school year, seconded by Mr. Hartman and carried unanimously. Mayor O'Keefe administered the Oath of Office to Rebecca Leech, Junior Councilperson.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Mrs. Hopey moved the minutes of the May 18, 2011 pre/post meeting, the May 18, 2011 regular meeting, the May 19, 2011 zoning ordinance work session, the May 26, 2011 zoning ordinance work session, the June 1, 2011 work session, and the June 2, 2011 zoning ordinance work session, be approved, seconded by Mr. Hartman and carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT - Mr. Rocca read the May 2011 Treasurer's Financial Report. May 2011 revenues totaled \$1,125,154.31 and May 2011 expenditures totaled \$384,675.02. Year-to-date revenues totaled \$3,015,248.11 and year-to-date expenditures totaled \$2,035,986.75. Mrs. Hopey moved the Treasurer's Financial Report be accepted as read, seconded by Mr. Hartman and carried unanimously.

POLICE REPORT – Mayor O'Keefe read the Police Report and activity report for the month of May 2011. Mr. Hartman recommended the Police Report be filed with the Police Secretary.

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BUILDING INSPECTION REPORT - Mr. Phillips read the Building Inspection Report for May 2011. Mr. Phillips issued 27 permits and collected \$18,217.00 in fees. Total value of construction was \$2,120,851.00.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION - Mrs. Sable announced that an executive session was held on June 1, 2011 to discuss property acquisition for the YMCA turning lane, a Teamsters Union grievance and W.E.C. Engineers litigation and an executive session was held on June 15, 2011 to discuss W.E.C. Engineers litigation and a police matter.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Oscar Miller, 2406 Marble Lane – Mr. Miller commented on letters written to voters by Laura Coombs and the concerned citizens of Franklin Park prior to the recent election.

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

AWARD BID FOR ELECTRONIC BULLETIN BOARD SIGN – Mrs. Hopey moved Visual Information Signs of Pittsburgh, PA be awarded the bid to provide a new Electronic Bulletin Board Sign at a cost of \$15,384.00, and the bid bond be returned to the unsuccessful bidder, seconded by Mr. Hartman and carried unanimously.

LINBROOK PARK TREE REMOVAL – Mrs. Hopey moved to approve the low quote from North Suburban Tree of Gibsonia, PA for tree removal and grubbing in Linbrook Park, at a cost of \$8,500, to increase the size of the Cricket Field and to remove dead & falling trees for safety, and acknowledging that the Cricket Association has agreed to contribute \$3,500 toward this cost, seconded by Mr. Hartman and carried unanimously.

DELEGATE TO NORTH HILLS COG – Mr. Hrishenko moved Richard Hartman be appointed as the delegate to the North Hills Council of Governments, to replace Andrew Hrishenko who resigned as of May 18, 2011, seconded by Mrs. Hopey and carried unanimously.

DELEGATE TO ALLEGHENY COUNTY NORTHERN EARNED INCOME TAX REGION – Mrs. Hopey moved Ambrose Rocca, Borough Manager, be appointed as the delegate to the PA Act 32 of 2008 Allegheny County Northern Earned Income Tax Region, to replace Andrew Hrishenko who resigned as of May 18, 2011, seconded by Mr. Hrishenko and carried unanimously.

IFPAA LEASE AGREEMENT – Mr. Hrishenko moved to approve the 15-year Lease Agreement with the Ingomar/Franklin Park Athletic Association, seconded by Mrs. Hopey and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 1001-2011, POLITICAL ACTIVITIES AT BOROUGH SPONSORED EVENTS - Mr. Junker summarized Resolution No. 1001-2011. Mr. Quatchak moved Resolution No. 1001-2011 to ensure that Partisan Political Activities are not carried out at Borough sponsored events and to set forth other restrictions for elected and appointed officials and employees of the Borough to ensure that the Borough remains neutral in the electoral and political process, be adopted, seconded by Mr. Hartman and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 1002-2011, RELATIVE TO PROCUREMENT OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR MUNICIPAL PENSION SYSTEMS - Mr. Junker summarized Resolution No. 1002-2011. Mrs. Hopey moved Resolution No. 1002-2011 relative to the Procurement of Professional Services for the municipal pension system(s) sponsored by the Borough, based on the requirements of Act 44 of 2009, be adopted, seconded by Mr. Hartman and carried unanimously.

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RESOLUTION NO. 1003-2011, POLICY RELATING TO POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST IN REVIEW OF PROPOSAL OR NEGOTIATION OF CONTRACT FOR BOROUGH PENSION SYSTEM -

Mr. Junker summarized Resolution No. 1003-2011. Mr. Quatchak moved Resolution No. 1003-2011, establishing a policy relating to Potential Conflicts of Interest in the Review of a Proposal or the Negotiation of a Contract for the Franklin Park Borough Pension System, be adopted, seconded by Mrs. Hopey and carried unanimously.

SETTLEMENT OF CASE BROUGHT BY W.E.C. ENGINEERS AGAINST THE BOROUGH –

Mr. Hrishenko moved to approve a settlement of the case at Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas No. AR 11-002787 brought by W.E.C. Engineers, Inc. against the Borough for \$8,500, seconded by Mrs. Hopey. Mr. Quatchak abstained. The motion carried.

BOROUGH MANAGER – No report.

SOLICITOR – Mr. Junker thanked everyone for the kind notes after the birth of his son Reid Thomas Junker.

MAYOR O'KEEFE – Mayor O'Keefe welcomed Rebecca Leech as the new Junior Councilperson. The Mayor also noted that he had reported last month that Charles Lenzner would discontinue his bus service effective July 1st unless the ridership improved. The Mayor spoke with Mr. Lenzner today, and he is happy to report that the ridership has improved and the service will continue. Mr. Lenzner is optimistic and has no plans to discontinue the service. Mayor O'Keefe mentioned that he noticed a for sale sign on the cinemas property on McKnight Road and stated that he does not know if this may or may not affect the park and ride on that property.

MR. HRISHENKO – Mr. Hrishenko congratulated Rebecca Leech for being appointed as the new Junior Councilperson.

MR. QUATCHAK - Mr. Quatchak congratulated and welcomed Rebecca Leech, the new Junior Councilperson.

MRS. HOPEY – Mrs. Hopey welcomed Rebecca Leech, the new Junior Councilperson.

MR. MARWAH – Absent.

MR. HARTMAN – Mr. Hartman welcomed Rebecca Leech, the new Junior Councilperson.

MISS LEECH, JUNIOR COUNCILPERSON – Miss Leech thanked Council and the Mayor for welcoming her. She is excited to be a part of Council and to serve as the Junior Councilperson.

MRS. SABLE - Mrs. Sable welcomed Rebecca Leech as the new Junior Councilperson.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

- Mr. Merriman noted that the paving program had not started because the milling company has had some problems with their machines and scheduling. They plan to start on Monday.

CHIEF OF POLICE

- No report.

BUILDING INSPECTOR/ZONING OFFICER

- No report.

ASSISTANT PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR

- Absent.

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PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR

- Mr. Watenpool welcomed Rebecca Leech, the new Junior Councilperson.
- The Ready, Set, Run pilot program finished on June 6th and it turned out to be a phenomenal program. The participants really enjoyed it.
- This week is the Ultimate Sports Program, and they have 260-270 kids registered for the program.
- Festival in the Park will be held on June 25th, and many events are planned.

GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT/MANAGER

- Mr. Schweitzer noted that the weather has improved and it has made a huge impact on play.
- They hit a new high with the Juniors' Program with almost 80 kids registered for the summer.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Mrs. Marianne Stearns, 2505 Matterhorn Drive – Mrs. Stearns responded to Mr. Miller's previous comments regarding the letters sent to voters prior to the recent election. Mrs. Stearns also commented on Mr. Hrishenko's resignation as the delegate for the North Hills COG and the Allegheny North Tax Collection Committee. Mr. Hrishenko and Mrs. Sable both responded to Mrs. Stearns comments.

MOTION TO ADJOURN – Mr. Quatchak moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Hopey and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy L. Krummert
Borough Secretary

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