

**BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN PARK
BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Franklin Park was held on Wednesday, September 16, 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, President present
Richard H. Hartman, Second Vice President present
Jane A. Hopey, Vice President..... present
Ash K. Marwah (participated via speakerphone) present
Andrew Hrishenko present
Amy E. Sable..... present
Mayor William H. Kipp 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 absent
Walt Healy, Police Sergeant present
Cathy Krummert, Borough Secretary present
Ronald Merriman, Superintendent of Public Works present
Brianna 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

Mrs. Creese announced that Councilman Marwah was participating in the meeting via speakerphone this evening.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Mrs. Sable moved the minutes of the August 19, 2009 pre/post meeting, the August 19, 2009 regular meeting and the September 2, 2009 work session, be approved, seconded by Mr. Hartman and carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Mr. Rocca read the August 2009 Treasurer's Report. August 2009 receipts totaled \$556,634.16 and August 2009 expenditures totaled \$743,682.96. Year-to-date receipts totaled \$4,971,773.17 and year-to-date expenditures totaled \$3,939,465.04. Mr. Hartman moved the August Treasurer's Report be accepted as read, seconded by Mrs. Sable and carried unanimously.

POLICE REPORT – Mayor Kipp read the Police Report and activity report for the month of August 2009. Mr. Hartman recommended the Police Report be filed with the Police Secretary.

BUILDING INSPECTION REPORT - Mr. Phillips read the Building Inspection Report for August 2009. Mr. Phillips issued 17 permits and collected \$14,519.14 in fees. Total value of construction was \$1,012,592.59.

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION - Mrs. Creese announced that an executive session would be held after this meeting to discuss a labor grievance and pending litigation.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Betty Gail Dietz, 2443 Rochester Road – Mrs. Dietz indicated that it was a pleasure to serve on the food committee at the Blueberry Hill Senior Meeting last Thursday. She thanked Miss Morris and Mr. Watenpool for making it all possible. Mr. Hrishenko complimented the food committee and encouraged everyone to attend. Mrs. Dietz also noted that she had attended one of the recent Emergency Preparedness meetings presented by Dr. Tom Stein, Emergency Management Coordinator. She encouraged everyone to attend one of his meetings.

Marion Ferrar – Ms. Ferrar asked why there were no available handicapped parking places in the municipal parking lot this evening. Sergeant Healy noted that the sign must state the maximum fine for the violation in order for the Magistrate to uphold a citation. The police will be asked to monitor the handicapped parking spaces.

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.

ORDINANCE NO. 574-2009, REGULATING PARKS & RECREATION AREAS – Mr. Junker summarized Ordinance No. 574-2009. Mrs. Hopey moved Ordinance No. 574-2009 amending Ordinance No. 287-86, as amended, and codified as Chapter 146 of the 1986 Code, regulating borough parks and recreation areas, be enacted, seconded by Mrs. Sable and carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 575-2009, STOP SIGNS IN THE BERKSHIRE & RAMBLEWOOD SUBDIVISIONS – Mr. Junker summarized Ordinance No. 575-2009. Mrs. Sable moved Ordinance No. 575-2009 providing for additional stop signs and the repeal of yield signs within the Berkshire and Ramblewood Subdivisions, be enacted, seconded by Mrs. Hopey and carried unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 576-2009, STOP SIGNS AT SANDHURST AND FIELD CLUB DRIVES – Mr. Junker introduced Ordinance No. 576-2009 providing for additional stop signs at the intersection of Sandhurst Drive and Field Club Drive. This ordinance will be properly advertised for enactment at a future meeting.

YMCA JUDGMENT NOTE – Mr. Hrishenko moved to approve the Judgment Note in the amount of \$29,481.30 between the YMCA, Franklin Park Borough and MTSA, seconded by Mrs. Sable and carried unanimously.

CODE.SYS CODE CONSULTING INC. AGREEMENT FOR ELECTRICAL INSPECTIONS – Mr. Marwah moved to approve the Agreement between the Borough and Code.Sys Code Consulting, Inc., Pittsburgh, PA 15209, for electrical inspection services, seconded by Mr. Hartman and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 969-2009, AMENDING ELECTRICAL FEES IN THE SCHEDULE OF FEES – Mr. Junker summarized Resolution No. 969-2009. Mrs. Sable moved Resolution No. 969-2009 amending the schedule of fees to incorporate new fees for electrical inspection services, be adopted, seconded by Mrs. Hopey and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 970-2009 – Mr. Junker summarized Resolution No. 970-2009. Mrs. Sable moved Resolution No. 970-2009 approving the Cable Franchise Agreement between the Borough and Comcast for the 10-year period from September 16, 2009 to September 15, 2019, be adopted, seconded by Mr. Hrishenko and carried unanimously.

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RESOLUTION NO. 971-2009, DONATION OF LAND FROM NORTH SUBURBAN LAND COMPANY –

Mr. Junker summarized Resolution No. 971-2009. Mrs. Hopey moved Resolution No. 971-2009 accepting the donation of Lot and Block No. 1068-H-331 from North Suburban Land Company, Inc. to be used as public land for public purposes, be adopted, seconded by Mr. Hartman and carried unanimously.

MAYOR KIPP – Mayor Kipp thanked Angela Baehr, EAC member, for bringing the property to the attention of Council and the Mayor. Mayor Kipp noted a news story about the G20 Summit and the fact that some police departments have decided that they cannot assist in the City of Pittsburgh during the G20 Summit. He noted that our police department's first duty is to the citizens of Franklin Park during the G20 Summit. The police will be on patrol making sure that Franklin Park stays safe during the G20 Summit. However, if called upon by the City of Pittsburgh for an emergency, our police department would respond. Mayor Kipp noted that it is budget time, and Council is faced with difficult decisions to balance the 2010 budget. He urged residents to provide their input to Council members or to him.

MR. HRISHENKO – Mr. Hrishenko mentioned that Councilman Marwah had an article written about him in the North Allegheny Community Magazine regarding the charitable contributions he makes to the school for blind girls located in India.

MRS. HOPEY – Mrs. Hopey noted that the Northland Library Board passed the 2010 budget by a 3-2 vote. She pointed out that the 2010 budget is considerably less than the 2009 budget, and if one of the member municipalities does not adopt the 2010 budget, then the Library would revert back to the 2009 budget. The state budget currently being considered reduces funds for libraries, and the municipalities would have to make up the difference.

MRS. SABLE – Mrs. Sable noted that input from residents regarding the 2010 budget would be welcome, and she would appreciate hearing from residents since it is their money.

MR. MARWAH – Mr. Marwah thanked Mr. Hrishenko for his kind words. Mr. Marwah noted that during his recent travels he has noted budget cuts in many areas of the country. There are lessons to be learned, and the borough needs to be careful looking at income and expenses and do what is best for the community.

MR. HARTMAN – Mr. Hartman noted that a couple months back it was suggested that we give money back to the taxpayers. However, the latest figures indicate that the borough is now a little short on funds.

MRS. CREESE – Mrs. Creese noted that these are tough decisions that Council will have to make regarding the budget.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

- No report.

CHIEF OF POLICE

- No report.

BUILDING INSPECTOR/ZONING OFFICER

- No report.

ASSISTANT PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR

- Miss Morris noted that the fall programs are in full swing, and some programs have already been closed.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR

- Mr. Watenpool noted that they are continuing maintenance and repair work in the parks.
- Mr. Watenpool received a resignation from a Recreation Board member this evening, and he will provide it to Council.

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GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT/MANAGER

- Mr. Schweitzer announced that the Resident Golf Outing is sold out, with 80 people playing.
- Mr. Schweitzer has postponed the 20th Anniversary day with 1990 rates of \$5.00 originally scheduled for Sunday, September 20th. There are two large parties booked for that day, and he did not want to give up those revenues.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Someone in the audience asked about the location of the land being donated by North Suburban Land Company and what the borough would do with the land. Mr. Rocca responded that the land is located off Elkridge and Shadowbrook in the Northmont Farms Plan, and it would be maintained as open space and could be used in conjunction with the dam. There is an upcoming construction project involving the dam and the borough may need to pile some dirt or fill on the property.

Mr. Hrishenko asked if the permanent lights were installed at the new pavilion at Blueberry Hill Park. Mr. Merriman noted that temporary lights were put in and they are on from dusk to dawn. A post and light are on order and should be received by the end of the week. Mr. Hrishenko thanked Mr. Merriman for taking care of this project.

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

Mrs. Creese reminded Council that they would now go into executive session as she had previously announced earlier in the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy L. Krummert
Borough Secretary

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