

**BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN PARK
BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2008**

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Franklin Park was held on Wednesday, November 19, 2008 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 Presidentpresent
Ash K. Marwahpresent
Andrew Hrishenkopresent
Amy E. Sablepresent
Junior Councilperson Bryan Hoggpresent
Mayor G. Reynolds Clarkpresent

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 Directorabsent

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION FOR OFFICER ALCUIN MITCHELL – Mayor Clark read and presented Officer Mitchell with a Certificate of Recognition for his 18 years of service to the police department and the borough.

RECOGNIZE BOY SCOUT TROOP NO. 36 FOR THEIR COMMUNITY SERVICE - Mayor Clark recognized the following scouts for their community service. First-time awardees received patches.

Eagle Scout Rank
Peter Courson

First Time Awards
Justin Bolette
Steve Cunningham
Jared Machi

Second Time Awards
Jeff Campbell
Peter Courson
Ryan Hammerschmitt
Mike Magdic

Scoutmaster Dennis Courson commented that these scouts have put in many hours, and he is very proud of the service they have provided to the community.

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LACROSSE ASSOCIATION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FOR NEW LACROSSE FIELD APPROVAL –

Mr. Don Huber, president of the North Allegheny Youth Lacrosse Association, board members, treasurer, coaches, solicitor and student players were present to thank council for the generous monetary support of their program and providing a space for a new lacrosse field to be constructed in Linbrook Park.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Mrs. Creese asked for a motion to approve the October 15, 2008 pre/post meeting, the October 15, 2008 regular meeting and the November 5, 2008 work session.

Mr. Marwah moved to table the October 15, 2008 regular meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Hrishenko. Mr. Hartman voted no. The motion carried.

Mrs. Sable moved the minutes of the October 15, 2008 pre/post meeting and the November 5, 2008 work session, as corrected, be approved, seconded by Mr. Hartman and carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Mr. Rocca read the October 2008 Treasurer's Report. Mr. Hartman moved the Treasurer's Report be accepted as read, seconded by Mr. Marwah and carried unanimously.

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

BUILDING INSPECTION REPORT - Mr. Phillips read the Building Inspection Report for October 2008.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION - Mrs. Creese announced that an executive session was held on November 5, 2008 to discuss a personnel matter.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Betty Gail Dietz, 2442 Rochester Road – Mrs. Dietz commented on Mr. Hrishenko's comments regarding her at a previous meeting.

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

PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A CONDITIONAL USE APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY LAURA

GRAVATT – Mrs. Creese turned the meeting over to Mr. Junker to conduct the public hearing. Mary Ellen Wolf, court reporter, was present and took a verbatim transcript of the hearing. Mr. Hrishenko moved approval be granted for the Conditional Use Application submitted by Laura Gravatt, 2366 Lin Point Court, in the R-2 zoning district, to allow an electric fence around the property to contain horses, contingent upon compliance with the Building Inspector/Zoning Officer's Staff Report dated October 30, 2008, seconded by Mr. Hartman and carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 568-2008, ACCEPTING AND ADOPTING RUSTIC RIDGE DRIVE – Mr. Junker summarized Ordinance No. 568-2008. Mrs. Hopy moved Ordinance No. 568-2008 accepting and adopting as a Borough street 1,715 linear feet of Rustic Ridge Drive in the Rustic Ridge Plan of Lots, accepting and adopting all appurtenances thereto as Borough facilities including but not limited to curbs and surface water drainage facilities abutting thereon, and authorizing the Borough Council to enter into an agreement requiring Sippel Development Co. Inc., to maintain aforesaid improvements for a period of 18 months and requiring a surety bond, as recommended by W.E.C. Engineers in the letter dated September 23, 2008, be enacted, seconded by Mr. Hrishenko and carried unanimously.

RUSTIC RIDGE PLAN, REDUCE AND RELEASE PERFORMANCE BOND – Mrs. Sable moved to release the Performance Bond in the amended amount of \$1,848.41 for the Rustic Ridge Plan, in accordance with the letter from W.E.C. Engineers dated September 23, 2008, seconded by Mr. Marwah and carried unanimously.

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INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 570-2008, 2009 TAX ORDINANCE – Mr. Junker introduced Ordinance No. 570-2008 levying and assessing taxes for general and specific purposes for the year 2009. This ordinance will be properly advertised for enactment at the December 17, 2008 regular meeting.

PAYMENT NO. 3 TO JERRY HORN CONSTRUCTION FOR BLUEBERRY HILL PARK PAVILION – Mrs. Hopey moved to authorize Payment No. 3 in the amount of \$24,080.00 to Jerry Horn for the completion of steel installation for the lower level construction of the pavilion at Blueberry Hill Park, seconded by Mrs. Sable and carried unanimously.

AWARD 2008 SHACOG FALL COMMODITIES BIDS – Mr. Marwah moved to award the following 2008 fall commodities bids as submitted to the SHACOG Purchasing Alliance for its bid opening on October 15, 2009:

Gasoline & Diesel Fuel..... Glassmere Fuel Service, Inc., P.O. Box 187, Curtisville, PA 15032

seconded by Mr. Hrishenko and carried unanimously.

Mr. Marwah moved to amend the previously adopted motion to award the following 2008 fall commodities bids as submitted to the SHACOG Purchasing Alliance for its bid opening on October 15, 2008:

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seconded by Mr. Hrishenko and carried unanimously.

2009 AGREEMENT WITH JERRY'S CAR WASH – Mr. Hartman moved Council accept the proposal from Jerry's Car Wash, Wexford, PA, to provide basic full service car wash services for vehicles owned and maintained by the Borough at a cost of \$6.25 per vehicle for the year 2009, seconded by Mrs. Hopey and carried unanimously.

DONNA PLATT, SECRETARY/RECEPTIONIST, SALARY INCREASE – Mrs. Sable moved to increase the salary of Donna Platt, Secretary/Receptionist, to \$27,500 retroactive to September 10, 2008 based on a six-month performance appraisal, seconded by Mr. Hrishenko and carried unanimously.

STURBRIDGE COURT PLAN OF LOTS, LETTER OF CREDIT REDUCTION – Mr. Marwah moved Letter of Credit No. 188 in the amended amount of \$41,014.84 issued by Washington Federal Savings Bank for the Sturbridge Court Plan of Lots, be reduced by \$6,567.05 leaving a balance of \$34,447.79, seconded by Mrs. Sable and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 951-2008, AUTHORIZING ELECTRONIC ACCESS TO FILE LIQUID FUELS FORMS – Mr. Junker summarized Resolution No. 951-2008. Mrs. Hopey moved Resolution No. 951-2008 authorizing the execution of the Agreement to Authorize Electronic Access to PennDOT Systems to use the dotGrants system to file the required Liquid Fuels forms annually, be adopted, seconded by Mr. Hartman and carried unanimously.

APPROVE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PRUDENTIAL FOR DEFINED BENEFIT PORTION OF THE GENERAL EMPLOYEES' PENSION PLAN – Mr. Marwah moved to approve the Administrative Services Agreement with Prudential Retirement Insurance & Annuity Company, the Trust Agreement with Prudential Bank & Trust, FSB, and all necessary acknowledgments for the purposes of implementing and administering the defined contribution portion of the General Employees' Pension Plan, seconded by Mr. Hartman and carried unanimously.

BOROUGH MANAGER – Mr. Rocca commented on the award of the gas and diesel fuel.

SOLICITOR – Mr. Junker wished everyone Happy Thanksgiving.

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MR. HRISHENKO – Mr. Hrishenko responded to the comments made by Mrs. Dietz earlier in the meeting. Mr. Hrishenko also commented on the borough's pension plan investment manager and the pension funds.

MAYOR CLARK – Mayor Clark responded to Mr. Hrishenko's comments regarding the pension plan manager and pension funds.

MRS. HOPEY – Mrs. Hopey responded to Mr. Hrishenko's comments regarding the pension plan manager and pension funds. Mrs. Hopey also reported that she had attended the Northland Library meeting.

MRS. SABLE – Mrs. Sable wished everyone Happy Thanksgiving.

MR. MARWAH – Mr. Marwah reported that he attended a luncheon arranged by State Senator Ferlo and State Senator Logan regarding implementation of the Uniform Construction Code.

MR. HARTMAN – Mr. Hartman wished everyone Happy Thanksgiving.

MR HRISHENKO – Mr. Hrishenko responded to the Mayor and Council's comments.

BRYAN HOGG – Mr. Hogg wished everyone Happy Thanksgiving.

MRS. CREESE – Mrs. Creese responded to Mr. Hrishenko's comments. Mrs. Creese also reported that she had attended the Veterans' Day Program at Franklin Elementary School and that the borough's marker dedication and antiques programs are being shown on NATV. Mrs. Creese wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

- Mr. Merriman delivered the report of the Public Works department.

CHIEF OF POLICE

- Chief Dorsch wished everyone Happy Thanksgiving.
- Chief Dorsch reported that he would be on vacation from November 21st to December 2nd, and Sergeant Healy would be in charge.
- Chief Dorsch reported that motorists are only required to stop once at the intersection of West Ingomar and Rochester Roads, and that there is not a separate stop sign at Lenora Drive.
- Chief Dorsch reported that Officer Al Mitchell was with the department for 18 years. Even though he was a part-time officer, he would do whatever he could to work when he was called. Al Mitchell is the definition of public servant. He will be missed.

BUILDING INSPECTOR/ZONING OFFICER

- Mr. Phillips showed council and the audience the GIS system on the new projection system in the meeting room. Mr. Rocca also noted that the microphones had been fixed since the last meeting.

ASSISTANT PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR

- Miss Morris congratulated the Boy Scouts and thanked them for their service to the Borough.
- Miss Morris reported on the construction of the pavilion.
- Miss Morris reported that the DCNR granted an extension for the completion of the pavilion.
- Miss Morris reported that the Boy Scouts of America sent a letter granting permission for the Borough to name the trail at Linbrook Park "The Linbrook Park Eagle Scout Trail."
- The Halloween Party was successful, although there were lower numbers than usual.
- Lunch with Santa will be held on Sunday, December 14th at 1 p.m. at the Activity Center.

GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT/MANAGER

- Mr. Schweitzer reported that the golf course shut down last Saturday due to weather. The course will reopen if weather and turf conditions permit.

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF POST MEETING AND EXECUTIVE SESSION - Mrs. Creese announced that Council would hold a post meeting for further discussion. Mrs. Creese also announced that council would hold an executive session regarding matters related to the initiation of investigations of possible or certain violations of the law pertaining to state grant funds and also to discuss police contract negotiations.

MOTION TO ADJOURN – Mr. Hartman moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Hopey and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy L. Krummert
Borough Secretary

Audience Present – 64