BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN PARK
BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2011

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Franklin Park was held on Wednesday, December 21, 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 ..... absent
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
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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Mr. Quatchak moved the minutes of the November 16, 2011 pre/post meeting, the November 16, 2011 regular meeting and the December 7, 2011 work session, be approved, seconded by Mr. Hartman and carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT - Mr. Rocca read the November 2011 Treasurer's Financial Report. November 2011 revenues totaled $476,193.73 and November 2011 expenditures totaled $372,534.30. Year-to-date revenues totaled $7,134,085.17 and year-to-date expenditures totaled $6,605,482.86. Mrs. Hopey moved the November 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 November 2011. Mr. Hartman recommended the Police Report be filed with the Police Secretary.

BUILDING INSPECTION REPORT - Mr. Phillips read the Building Inspection Report for November 2011. Mr. Phillips issued 18 permits and collected $9,674.00 in fees. Total value of construction was $1,113,603.00.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION - Mrs. Sable announced that an executive session was held on December 7, 2011 to discuss personnel matters and police negotiations and on December 21, 2011 to discuss a personnel matter.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR - None

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. Quatchak and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING APPLICATION PRDF-11-10-03 RIDGE FOREST FINAL PRD PHASES 1, 2 and 3 - Mrs. Sable turned the meeting over to Mr. Junker to conduct a public hearing to consider Application PRDF 11-10-03 for the Ridge Forest Final PRD Phases 1, 2 and 3. Mary Ellen Wolf, court reporter, was present to take a verbatim transcript of the hearing. Mr. Phillips stated that the Planning Commission had recommended approval with the conditions listed on his Staff Report and the Borough Engineer's letter. There were no comments or questions regarding the application. Mrs. Hopey moved Final PRD approval be granted for Application PRDF 11-10-03 submitted by Ridge Forest Developers, L.P. for the Ridge Forest Final PRD Phases 1, 2, and 3, a 95-acre parcel of land at Georgetowne Drive in the R-4 zoning district, contingent upon compliance with the Building Inspector/Zoning Officer's Staff Report dated November 30, 2011, and the letter from Senate Engineering Company dated December 1, 2011, seconded by Mr. Quatchak. Mr. Hartman voted "No" and all other Councilmembers present voted "Aye". The vote was 3-1 and the motion carried.

2012 BUDGET – Mrs. Hopey moved the annual budget for the year 2012 be approved as introduced and with the noted addition of $30,000 necessary for the YMCA left turning lane easement acquisition (the official budget will be available in the general office during normal business hours), seconded by Mr. Quatchak and carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 591-2011, TAX ORDINANCE FOR 2012 - Mr. Junker summarized Ordinance No. 591-2011. Mr. Quatchak moved Ordinance No. 591-2011 levying and assessing taxes for general and specific purposes for the year 2012, be enacted, seconded by Mrs. Hopey and carried unanimously.

2012 TABLE OF ORGANIZATION – Mrs. Hopey moved the 2012 Table of Organization fixing the salaries for employees and appointees of the Borough for the calendar year 2012 be adopted, seconded by Mr. Hartman and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 1008-2011, APPROVING 2012 ENGINEERING FEES - Mr. Junker summarized Resolution No. 1008-2011. Mrs. Hopey moved Resolution No. 1008-2011 ratifying and approving engineering fees for the year 2012, seconded by Mr. Hartman and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 1009-2011, POLICE PENSION CONTRIBUTION - Mr. Junker summarized Resolution No. 1009-2011. Mr. Hartman moved Resolution No. 1009-2011 establishing the contribution rate of 2% of compensation for the participants of the Borough of Franklin Park Police Pension Plan for the 2012 plan year, be adopted, seconded by Mrs. Hopey and carried unanimously.

GREY OAKS PLAN OF LOTS PHASES 2, 3 & 4, LETTER OF CREDIT REDUCTION – Mr. Quatchak moved Letter of Credit No. 1398 in the amended amount of $10,755.09 issued by First National Bank of Pennsylvania for the Grey Oaks Plan of Lots Phases 2, 3 and 4, be reduced by $764.09 leaving a balance of $9,991.00, in accordance with the letter from Senate Engineering dated November 29, 2011, seconded by Mrs. Hopey and carried unanimously.

HIRE THOMAS SEAPKER AS GOLF COURSE GREENSKEEPER – Mrs. Hopey moved to hire Thomas Seapker as the Golf Course Greenskeeper effective January 2, 2012 at a rate of $17.11 per hour, contingent upon the pre-employment physical and drug test, seconded by Mr. Quatchak and carried unanimously.

POLICE DEPARTMENT SHIFTS – Mr. Hartman moved to return to 8-hour shifts for the police department as of January 1, 2012, seconded by Mr. Quatchak and carried unanimously.

FIELDS OF NICHOLSON PHASE 3, LETTER OF CREDIT REDUCTION – Mr. Quatchak moved Letter of Credit No. 70060711 in the amended amount of $51,900.00 issued by ESB Bank for the Fields of Nicholson Phase 3, be reduced by $25,300.00 leaving a balance of $26,600.00, in accordance with the letter from Senate Engineering dated December 7, 2011, seconded by Mrs. Hopey and carried unanimously.

AGREEMENT WITH LINDA V. MOTTERN & OTHERS REGARDING THE YMCA TURNING LANE – Mr. Quatchak moved to ratify the execution of an Agreement with Linda V. Mottern and others regarding the YMCA left turning lane in lieu of condemnation authorized by Ordinance No.590-2011, and to discontinue the eminent domain proceedings consistent with Section 1 of the Ordinance, seconded by Mrs. Hopey and carried unanimously.

AGREEMENT WITH LEONARD & MARY AFTANAS REGARDING THE YMCA TURNING LANE – Mrs. Hopey moved to ratify the execution of an Agreement with Leonard M. Aftanas Jr. and Mary J. Aftanas regarding the YMCA left turning lane in lieu of condemnation authorized by Ordinance No.590-2011, and to discontinue the eminent domain proceedings consistent with Section 1 of the Ordinance, seconded by Mr. Quatchak and carried unanimously.

AGREEMENT WITH SHANNOPIN COUNTRY CLUB FOR 2012 SCHOLARSHIP GOLF OUTING – Mrs. Hopey moved to approve the agreement with Shannopin Country Club for the 2012 Scholarship Golf Outing to be held on Monday, July 23, 2012, seconded by Mr. Hartman and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 1010-2011, APPOINTING BRIAN W. BLAKLEY AS A PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER - Mr. Junker summarized Resolution No. 1010-2011. Mr. Hartman moved Resolution No. 1010-2011 appointing Brian W. Blakley as a part-time police officer effective December 12, 2011, be adopted, seconded by Mr. Quatchak and carried unanimously. Mayor O'Keefe administered the Oath of Office to Brian Blakley.

RESOLUTION NO. 1011-2011, RECOGNIZING COUNCILMAN ANDREW HRISHENKO - Mr. Junker summarized Resolution No. 1011-2011. Mr. Quatchak moved Resolution No. 1011-2011 recognizing Councilman Andrew Hrishenko for his years of dedicated community service, seconded by Mrs. Hopey. Mr. Hartman abstained from voting and all other Councilmembers present voted "Aye". The motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 1012-2011, RECOGNIZING COUNCILMAN ASHOK K. MARWAH - Mr. Junker summarized Resolution No. 1012-2011. Mr. Quatchak moved Resolution No. 1012-2011 recognizing Councilman Ashok K. Marwah for his years of dedicated community service, seconded by Mrs. Hopey. Mr. Hartman abstained from voting and all other Councilmembers present voted "Aye". The motion carried.

BOROUGH MANAGER – The 2012 Budget maintains all services and does not require a tax increase. Mr. Rocca noted that he does not foresee a tax increase for some time. Things are on a positive note financially for the borough.

Council, Mayor, Solicitor and Staff welcomed Officer Blakley and wished everyone Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year. Mrs. Sable also welcomed her parents from Long Island and her aunt from San Francisco who were in the audience this evening.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Betty Gail Dietz, 2443 Rochester Road – Mrs. Dietz thanked Council for the nice Christmas Party held last Friday night. It was very nice and well attended. Mrs. Hopey noted that Mrs. Dietz had also helped with the party.

Wayne Haas, 2568 Nicholson Road – Mr. Haas asked for clarification of the $30,000 added to the budget. Mr. Rocca explained that in lieu of legal proceedings, the borough negotiated a settlement with both property owners to obtain the necessary easements to facilitate the installation of the turning lane. The YMCA is paying for the installation of the turning lane which will cost approximately $250,000.00.

MOTION TO ADJOURN – Mrs. Hopey moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Quatchak and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8: 30p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy L. Krummert
Borough Secretary

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