

**BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN PARK
BOROUGH COUNCIL PRE/POST MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2022**

Council President John Parks called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Jiang Lipresent
Brian S. Malkinpresent
Lucas R. Myslinski, Vice Presidentpresent
Uday Palledpresent
John P. Parks, Presidentpresent
Thomas C. Schwartzmier, Second Vice Presidentpresent
Junior Councilperson Jackie DiGiacomopresent
Mayor Dennis E. O'Keefepresent

BOROUGH ENGINEER:

Shawn Wingrove, Lennon, Smith, Souleret Engineering, Inc.present

SOLICITOR:

Robert Max Junker, Babst Callandpresent

STAFF:

Zach Brower, Recreation Program Directorpresent
Gary Bucuren, Superintendent of Public Works.....present
Cindy Crain, Finance Director/Borough Treasurer.....present
Rege Ebner, Borough Managerpresent
Walt Healy, Police Chief.....present
Cathy Krummert, Borough Secretarypresent
Tim Phillips, Building Inspector/Zoning Officer.....present

PRE-MEETING

AUDIENCE: 1

OLD BUSINESS - None

AGENDA REVIEW - The following February 16, 2022 regular meeting agenda items were discussed:

- Curb and Gutter Replacement Program for 2023 Road Paving – Mr. Bucuren indicated that we are bidding out this work now to be completed in the summer and fall so it is complete prior to paving next year.
- Grant Application for Public Works Garage Project – Mr. Wingrove explained that this grant program is more wide open, and he recommended submitting an application. Mr. Ebner indicated that we will be installing a sprinkler system as part of the project. He hopes that this may help the Borough receive the grant noting that a recent fire in another municipality's public works building had destroyed most of their equipment. The grant is for \$1 million and the project has an estimated cost of over \$2 million. If the grant is not received, the project will be put on hold.
- Public Comment via email – A public comment was received via email from Megan Turnbull regarding the Planning Commission review of the current Zoning Ordinance permitting telecommunications towers in the R-2 zoning district.

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Mr. Palled attended the recent TAC and Planning Commission meetings. He reviewed the discussions regarding wireless and radio communications and answered questions from Council. There was discussion regarding the scope of engagement of the Cohen Law Group by the North Hills COG to address small cell sites in municipal ordinances since Cohen had made amendments to the ordinance that were not requested. The Planning Commission tabled the matter until March when Crown will review the technology and how it works.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – An executive session was held to discuss Police Personnel, Public Works/Parks contract negotiations, potential litigation, the Hartman Farms litigation and a potential property purchase.

The regular meeting was held from 8:00 p.m. to 8:33 p.m.

POST-MEETING

CONTINUATION OF EXECUTIVE SESSION – The executive session continued to discuss Police Personnel, Public Works/Parks contract negotiations, potential litigation, the Hartman Farms litigation and a potential property purchase.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Cathy L. Krummert
Borough Secretary