

**BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN PARK
BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Franklin Park was held on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 2344 West Ingomar Road, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15237.

Council President Jim Hogg called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Cathy Krummert called the roll:

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

James W. Hogg present
Jiang Li present
Brian S. Malkin present
John P. Parks present
Thomas C. Schwartzmier present
Susan Striz present
Junior Councilperson Nathan Gierczynski present
Mayor Dennis E. O'Keefe present

ENGINEER:

Michael Malak, Senate Engineering Company present

SOLICITOR:

Robert Max Junker, Babst Calland present

STAFF:

Zach Brower, Recreation Program Director present
Gary Bucuren, Superintendent of Public Works present
Rege Ebner, Borough Manager present
Walt Healy, Police Chief present
Cathy Krummert, Borough Secretary present
Tim Phillips, Building Inspector/Zoning Officer present
Bill Schweitzer, Manager of Golf Course & Parks Facilities present

MOMENT OF SILENCE - A moment of silence was held in memory of Gary Scheller. Gary was a lifelong resident of the borough, a member of the fire company for 46 years and he had served as captain and chief of the fire company.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Mr. Parks moved the minutes of the January 15, 2020 pre/post meeting, the January 15, 2020 regular meeting and the February 5, 2020 work session meeting, be approved, seconded by Mr. Malkin and carried.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT - Mr. Ebner summarized the January Treasurer's Financial Report. January revenues totaled \$333,475 and January expenditures totaled \$851,319. This tracks closely with the last two years. The borough does not have a lot of revenue in the month of January. Ms. Striz moved the January Treasurer's Financial Report be accepted as read, seconded by Dr. Li and carried.

POLICE REPORT – Mayor O'Keefe read the Police Report and activity report for the month of January 2020. The Mayor noted that the February 13th Tribune Review listed Franklin Park as the 8th safest community in Pennsylvania. Mr. Parks recommended the Police Report be filed with the Police Secretary.

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FIRE COMPANY REPORT - Mr. Parks read the Fire Company Report for January 2020.

BUILDING INSPECTION REPORT - Mr. Phillips read the Building Inspection Report for January 2020. Mr. Phillips issued 13 permits and collected \$14,204.00 in fees. Total value of construction was \$1,934,521.00.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION – Mr. Hogg announced that Borough Council held an executive session on February 5, 2020 to discuss labor relations and the Gray litigation; the Personnel Committee met in executive session on February 19, 2020 to discuss personnel; and Borough Council held an executive session on February 19, 2020 to discuss personnel.

AGENDA ITEM REMOVED, BLISS PLAN - Mr. Junker noted that the posted agenda for this meeting had included an item under Old Business to consider a resolution for the approval of the Bliss Plan. The developer has been trying to work out an agreement with the residents on Washington Lane and has requested that the plan be taken off the agenda tonight. They are planning to come back to the April meeting, and the agenda item will be placed under Old Business.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Satish Jindel, 1605 Blackburn Heights Drive - Mr. Jindel commented that Junior Councilperson Nate Gierczynski is a wonderful young man. Mr. Jindel also commented on a letter sent to him by the Borough Solicitor terminating the lease for the Linbrook Cricket Field. Mr. Jindel disagrees with the termination, and he would like to discuss the matter further.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS – Mr. Malkin moved Council authorize the payment of the bills, which have been reviewed and approved since the last meeting, seconded by Dr. Li and carried.

ENGLERT FORD PLAN OF LOTS, ROCHESTER ROAD – Mr. Schwartzmier moved to approve Subdivision Application SS-20-02-01, submitted by the North Allegheny School district for the Englert Ford Plan of Lots, a subdivision of 3 lots into 4 lots for a right-of-way dedication to PennDOT for a turning lane to service the Franklin Elementary School at 2403 Rochester Road in the R-2 zoning district, contingent upon compliance with the Building Inspector/Zoning Officer's Staff Report dated January 27, 2020, and the letter from Senate Engineering Company dated February 4, 2020, seconded by Ms. Striz and carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 656-2020, ACCEPTING RIDGE FOREST PRD AND THE ESTATES AT RIDGE FOREST – Mr. Junker summarized Ordinance No. 656-2020. Mr. Malkin moved to enact Ordinance No. 656-2020 accepting and adopting as borough streets Villanova Court, Georgetowne Drive, Notre Dame Court, Syracuse Court, Pittsburgh Court, DePaul Court, and all appurtenances in the Ridge Forest Planned Residential Development Plan of Lots and the Estates at Ridge Forest Plan of Lots, seconded by Mr. Parks and carried.

RIDGE FOREST PRD, FULL RELEASE OF DEVELOPMENT SECURITY – Mr. Parks moved Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America Subdivision Performance Bond No. 105405459 dated March 16, 2012, for the Ridge Forest PRD in the amount of \$610,500.00, be reduced by \$610,500.00 leaving a balance of \$0.00 and canceled, in accordance with the Borough Engineer's recommendation letter dated December 5, 2019, seconded by Mr. Malkin and carried.

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ESTATES AT RIDGE FOREST, FULL RELEASE OF DEVELOPMENT SECURITY – Dr. Li moved Dollar Bank Letter of Credit No. 03044 in the amended amount of \$30,100.00 for the Estates at Ridge Forest Plan, be reduced by \$30,100.00 leaving a balance of \$0.00 and canceled, in accordance with the Borough Engineer's recommendation letter dated December 12, 2019, seconded by Ms. Striz and carried.

TRUCKING SERVICES FIRST-YEAR CONTRACT EXTENSION – Ms. Striz moved to authorize the First-Year Contract Extension with Cronin Enterprises, LLC, Imperial, PA 15126, for Trucking Services for the borough for the year 2020 maintaining a weekday rate of \$87.00/hour and an evening/weekend rate of \$92.00/hour, and all other terms and conditions of the previous contract shall remain the same, seconded by Mr. Parks and carried.

PURCHASE 2020 FORD F-550 CAB AND CHASSIS FOR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT – Mr. Malkin moved to authorize the purchase of one (1) 2020 Ford F-550 Cab and Chassis from Shults Ford of Wexford, PA for the Public Works Department, at a cost of \$38,417.00 under Costars Contract No. 025-040, seconded by Dr. Li and carried.

PURCHASE ACCESSORIES FOR NEW CAB AND CHASSIS (DUMP BODY, HYDRAULICS, SPREADER & PLOW) – Mr. Schwartzmier moved to authorize the purchase of the following accessories: dump body, hydraulics, tailgate spreader and plow from U. S. Municipal of Huntingdon, PA, 16658 for the new cab and chassis authorized above for the Public Works Department at a cost of \$38,766.00 under COSTARS Contract No. 025-019, seconded by Ms. Striz and carried.

ESTATES AT FRANKLIN FIELDS PHASE II, SECOND ADDENDUM TO DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT – Mr. Parks moved the Borough enter into a Second Addendum to Development Agreement with Franklin Fields 2, LP, for the Estates at Franklin Fields Phase II located off Rochester Road and Stevensan Drive, as well as any necessary amendment to the Set Aside Agreement as required by Northwest Bank, seconded by Mr. Malkin and carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 1217-2020, DISPOSITION OF RECORDS – Mr. Junker summarized Resolution No. 1217-2020. Mr. Malkin moved to adopt Resolution No. 1217-2020 declaring the borough's intent to follow the schedules and procedures for the disposition of records as set forth in the Municipal Records Manual approved December 16, 2008, as amended March 28, 2019, seconded by Mr. Schwartzmier and carried.

APPOINT LAURA KUECHLER TO THE RECREATION BOARD – Ms. Striz moved to appoint Laura Kuechler to the Recreation Board for a five-year term, which term will expire December 31, 2024, seconded by Mr. Parks and carried.

HHSDR ARCHITECTS PROPOSAL FOR ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR RELOCATION OF YARD WASTE AREA IN BLUEBERRY HILL PARK – Dr. Li moved to accept the proposal from HHSDR Architects in the amount of \$5,600.00, to perform architectural/engineering services for the relocation of the yard waste recycling area in Blueberry Hill Park, seconded by Mr. Parks and carried.

SOLICITOR – Mr. Junker responded to Mr. Jindel's earlier comments noting that the most important reason for the Linbrook Cricket Field lease termination is that the Linbrook Cricket Club no longer exists.

MAYOR O'KEEFE – The Mayor stated that he was invited to attend the Church of Latter Day Saints Pittsburgh North State Conference where former Pittsburgh Steeler, Chris Hoke, was installed as the president of the church. The Mayor was appreciative of being invited to the event.

MR. PARKS – Mr. Parks announced that a blessing service for Gary Scheller would be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Schellhaas Funeral Home in Franklin Park with viewing on Thursday from 6-8:00 p.m. and on Friday from 2-4:00 and 6-8:00 p.m.

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MR. MALKIN – Mr. Malkin thanked everyone for attending and watching government at work.

MR. SCHWARTZMIER – Mr. Schwartzmier announced that Paul Black's wife had passed away two weeks ago. Mr. Black served on Council and as president in the 1990's.

NATHAN GIERCZYNSKI, JUNIOR COUNCILPERSON – Mr. Gierczynski announced that many North Allegheny High School students will be participating in the Project Water Charity Dodgeball Tournament to raise money for clean water in Africa.

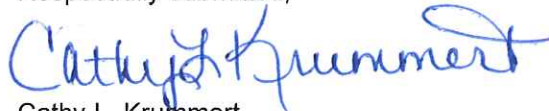
SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

- Mr. Bucuren announced that Allegheny County will begin work on Brandt School Road on March 16th and delays are expected. As the borough receives more information from Allegheny County, it will be posted on the borough website.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR - None

MOTION TO ADJOURN – Mr. Malkin moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Parks and carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Cathy L. Krummert
Borough Secretary

Audience Present - 12