

**BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN PARK
BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Franklin Park was held on Wednesday, April 17, 2019 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:

Laura A. Coombs, Second Vice President..... present
James W. Hogg, President..... present
James W. Lawrence..... present
Lucas R. Myslinski..... present
John P. Parks, Vice President..... present
Thomas C. Schwartzmier..... present
Junior Councilperson Nicholas Bridges 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
Walt Healy, Chief of Police..... present
Rege Ebner, Borough Manager absent
Walt Healy, Police Sergeant..... present
Cathy Krummert, Borough Secretary present
Tim Phillips, Building Inspector/Zoning Officer..... present
Bernie Rossman, Superintendent of Public Works present
Bill Schweitzer, Manager of Golf Course & Sports Fields..... present

SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR JANE A. HOPEY, FORMER COUNCILMEMBER AND PAST COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Joe Weidner of Speaker of the House Mike Turzai's office, read and presented a citation on behalf of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives and thanked Mrs. Hopey for her service.

Bill Kirk, representing Allegheny County Councilmember Cindy Kirk, read and presented a proclamation on behalf of Allegheny County.

Linda McFadden, President of the Northland Library Board, presented a certificate and gift on behalf of Northland Library, and she thanked Mrs. Hopey for her service as a Northland Library board member.

Mr. Hogg presented Mrs. Hopey with Borough Resolution No. 1183-2019 recognizing her years of service. He also acknowledged Mrs. Hopey's accomplishments during the years she served on Borough Council, and he thanked her for her dedication and service to the borough. Mr. Hogg noted that Mrs. Hopey's dedication to Northland Library and the borough parks stand out among her accomplishments. Mrs. Hopey stated that it was a great honor and privilege to serve all of the constituents of Franklin Park., and she thanked everyone for the recognition this evening.

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Mr. Junker summarized Resolution No. 1183-2019. Mr. Myslinski moved to adopt Resolution No. 1183-2019 recognizing former Borough Councilmember, Jane A. Hopey for her years of dedicated community service, seconded by Mr. Lawrence. Mr. Lawrence noted that it was a joy to serve with Mrs. Hopey, and he thanked her for her leadership noting. She will be missed. The motion was then voted on and carried. Mr. Hogg presented a copy of Resolution No. 1183-2019 to Mrs. Hopey.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - Mr. Lawrence moved the minutes of the March 20, 2019 pre/post meeting, the March 20, 2019 regular meeting, and the April 3, 2019 work session, be approved, seconded by Mrs. Coombs and carried.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT – Mrs. Coombs read the March Treasurer's Financial Report. March revenues totaled \$575,520.26 and March expenditures totaled \$457,565.37. Year-to-date revenues totaled \$1,424,353.45 and year-to-date expenditures totaled \$1,653,501.46. Mr. Schwartzmier moved the March Treasurer's Financial Report be accepted as read, seconded by Mr. Myslinski and carried.

POLICE REPORT – Mayor O'Keefe read the Police Report and activity report for the month of March 2019. Mr. Lawrence recommended the Police Report be filed with the Police Secretary.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT - Mr. Parks read the Fire Company Report for March 2019.

BUILDING INSPECTION REPORT - Mr. Phillips read the Building Inspection Report for March 2019. Mr. Phillips issued 22 permits and collected \$14,782.00 in fees. Total value of construction was \$1,643,557.00.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION – Mr. Hogg announced that an executive session was held on April 3, 2019 to discuss personnel matters and the Haggerty litigation; and on April 17, 2019 to discuss emergency management with the Emergency Management Coordinator.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR - None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

SWEAR IN WALTER J. HEALY AS POLICE CHIEF AND SAMUEL W. SNYDER AS LIEUTENANT – Mayor O'Keefe administered the oath of office to the new Police Chief, Walter J. Healy, and the new Police Lieutenant, Samuel W. Snyder.

RESOLUTION NO. 1193-2019, APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION RULES AND REGULATIONS – Mr. Junker summarized Resolution No. 1193-2019. Mr. Lawrence moved to adopt Resolution No. 1193-2019 approving the Civil Service Commission's amendments to its Rules and Regulations regarding the general examination requirements for promotion, seconded by Mrs. Coombs and carried.

APPOINT NEW POLICE SERGEANTS: ARON M. LEACH, KEVIN T. LESTITIAN AND RONALD W. SKILLEN JR. - Mr. Parks moved to appoint Aron M. Leach, Kevin T. Lestitian and Ronald W. Skillen Jr. as Police Sergeants, effective April 18, 2019, at a salary of \$100,646.22, seconded by Mr. Lawrence and carried. Mayor O'Keefe administered the oath of office to the new Police Sergeants. Chief Healy thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing him to promote these exceptional officers who will serve the department well.

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APPROVAL OF THE BILLS - Mr. Myslinski moved Council authorize the payment of the bills, which have been reviewed and approved since the last meeting, seconded by Mrs. Coombs and carried.

HIRE JOSEPH J. WHARREY AS PARKS GROUNDSKEEPER - Mrs. Coombs moved to hire Joseph J. Wharrey as a Parks Groundskeeper, effective April 1, 2019, at a rate of \$16.00 per hour, seconded by Mr. Myslinski and carried.

APPOINT MERRILL JONES TO THE RECREATION BOARD - Mr. Schwartzmier moved to appoint Merrill Jones to the Recreation Board for a five-year term, which term will expire December 31, 2023, seconded by Mr. Lawrence and carried.

ANNOUNCE THE 2019 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS - Mrs. Coombs moved to announce the 2019 Scholarship recipients, seconded by Mr. Lawrence and carried. Mr. Bridges read the names of the scholarship recipients:

Jordana Avigad
Riya Divekar
Kristen Chomos
Megan George
Shweta Gudapati
Thomas Lyons
Elise Maletta
Nadine Oury
Connor Poisker
Tomer Shamir
Rebecca Shaw
Jessica Smith
Zach Trdinich

AWARD BID FOR TRUCKING SERVICES - Mr. Lawrence moved to award Cronin Enterprises, LLC of Imperial, PA, the bid for Trucking Services at a weekday rate of \$87.00 per hour and an evening/weekend rate of \$92.00 per hour, for the year 2019, with two possible option years, seconded by Mr. Myslinski and carried.

NORTHLAND LIBRARY SECOND QUARTER PAYMENT - Mrs. Coombs moved the Treasurer's office be authorized to prepare a check in the amount of \$88,630.25 payable to Northland Library for the second quarter payment of 2019, seconded by Mr. Lawrence and carried.

REAPPROVE SUGAR CREEK PLAN OF LOTS SUBDIVISION APPLICATION - Mr. Myslinski moved to reapprove Subdivision Application No. SS-18-10-11 submitted by Robert Treser for the Sugar Creek Plan of Lots, to subdivide one lot into two lots on the property known as the Sugar Creek Plan located on Magee Road Extension in the R-1 zoning district, with all of the conditions as set forth when the application was originally granted approval on October 17, 2018, seconded by Mr. Lawrence and carried.

REAPPROVE FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PLAN OF LOTS SUBDIVISION APPLICATION - Mr. Parks moved to reapprove Subdivision Application No. SS-18-10-14 submitted by the North Allegheny School District for the Franklin Elementary School Plan of Lots, for a lot line revision to consolidate properties located at 2401 Rochester Road in the R-2 zoning district, seconded by Mr. Lawrence and carried.

REAPPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 1172-2018 GRANTING LAND DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL FOR RENOVATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO THE FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - Mr. Schwartzmier moved to reapprove Resolution No. 1172-2018, granting Preliminary and Final Land Development approval to North Allegheny School District for LPF-18-10-01 for renovations and additions to Franklin Elementary School, with all of the conditions as set forth when Resolution No. 1172-2018 was originally adopted on December 19, 2018, seconded by Mr. Myslinski and carried.

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RESOLUTION NO. 1194-2019, WAIVING RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BOROUGH MANAGER – Mr. Junker summarized Resolution No. 1194-2019. Mr. Lawrence moved to adopt Resolution 1194-2019, waiving the residency requirement for the Borough Manager as set forth in Section 34-3 of the Code of the Borough of Franklin Park, seconded Mrs. Coombs and carried.

DONATION OF OLD REFRIGERATOR TO RENNERDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY - Mrs. Coombs moved to authorize the donation of an old refrigerator to the Rennerdale Volunteer Fire Company located in Collier Township, seconded by Mr. Myslinski and carried.

AWARD 2019 SHACOG SPRING COMMODITIES BIDS - Mr. Myslinski moved to award the 2019 spring commodities bids as listed on the agenda and submitted to the SHACOG Purchasing Alliance for its bid opening on March 18, 2019:

Bituminous Surfacing Materials.....	Lindy Paving, New Galilee, PA 16141
Liquid Asphalt.....	Russell Standard Corporation, Valencia, PA 16059
Plastic Pipe.....	Stephenson Equipment, Inc., Prospect, PA 16052
Precast Concrete Inlets.....	Wine Concrete Products, Inc., Sewickley, PA 15143
Road Aggregates.....	Amerikohl Aggregates, Inc., Stahlstown, PA 15687
Traffic Signs and Posts	Stephenson Equipment, Inc., Prospect, PA 16052,

seconded by Mr. Schwartzmier and carried.

PURCHASE HEI-WAY® GENERAL PURPOSE MIX UNDER STATE CONTRACT - Mr. Lawrence moved to authorize the purchase of HEI-WAY® General Purpose Mix from HEI-WAY, LLC of Sarver, PA at a cost of \$81.54/ton, under State Contract No. 4600015465, under Parent Contract #CN00038402, and additional discounts with a final price of \$77.74/ton, seconded by Mr. Schwartzmier and carried.

AWARD CONTRACT FOR THE CRESTVIEW STORM WATER DETENTION PROJECT - Mr. Parks moved to award the contract for the Crestview Storm Water Detention Project to Graff Excavating, Sewickley, PA 15143, at a cost of \$16,750.00, seconded by Mr. Myslinski and carried.

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING ORDINANCE NO. 649-2019, TO CHANGE THE ZONING DISTRICT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2460 NICHOLSON ROAD - Mr. Hogg turned the meeting over to Mr. Junker to conduct the public hearing. Sherry Erwin, court reporter, was present to take a verbatim transcript of the hearing. Mr. Junker reviewed the procedures for the public hearing this evening. Attorney Bill Sittig spoke on behalf of the applicant, Maronda Homes, and made a brief presentation regarding their request. Mr. Sittig explained that the property is a little over 32 acres and it is situated between I-79 and Nicholson Road. It is the only property that is zoned R-1 in that area. The property to the north is zoned R-3 and the property to the south is zoned M-1. The applicant is requesting that the property be changed to the R-3 zoning district because it fits with the plans that Maronda Homes has in mind for the property. The property is located on a state road and they would have to obtain a Highway Occupancy Permit from PennDOT, and they would have to meet required sight distances. Mr. Patrick Cooper of Gateway Engineers stated that the plan is for 42-50 single-family homes to be constructed on the property, if the property is rezoned. A large amount of the property would remain green, although they could build an additional 10 homes. The property is under agreement provided it is rezoned to R-3 by the borough. Dr. Ronald Mehok, the property owner, described the history of the property since he had purchased it. Mr. Cooper provided a preliminary layout for the development of the property, but the borough would have to approve any land development plan for the property. Mr. Michael Seydor of Maronda Homes indicated that they would like to build single-family homes to compliment the borough. The price range for the homes would be \$450,000 to \$650,000, for 3,500 to 4,500 square feet homes with 4 bedrooms and 3-1/2 baths. They plan to conserve as much open space as possible. The representatives answered questions and provided clarifications.

Public Comments - None. Mr. Hogg noted that several residents who had previously spoken at the Planning Commission meeting were notified by mail regarding tonight's public hearing.

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Mr. Junker reviewed the possible actions Council could take this evening. Mr. Lawrence moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Mrs. Coombs and carried.

Mr. Myslinski moved to table Ordinance No. 649-2019 until the May 15th regular meeting, seconded by Mr. Lawrence, and carried.

SOLICITOR – Mr. Junker congratulated Chief Healy, Lieutenant Snyder and Sergeants Leach, Lestitian and Skillen. He congratulated Mrs. Hopey and wished her well.

MAYOR O'KEEFE – Mayor O'Keefe is very proud of the police department and the reorganization. The Mayor stated that Mrs. Hopey was a fantastic leader who accomplished much, and he wished her well. The Mayor acknowledged the recreation department for their work to make the Easter Egg Hunt a successful event.

MR. PARKS – Mr. Parks congratulated Chief Healy and noted that Mrs. Hopey will be missed.

MR. LAWRENCE - Mr. Lawrence congratulated Chief Healy and all of the officers who were promoted.

MR. MYSLINSKI - Mr. Myslinski congratulated Chief Healy and wished everyone happy Easter.

MRS. COOMBS - Mrs. Coombs congratulated Chief Healy and wished everyone happy Easter.

MR. SCHWARTZMIER - Mr. Schwartzmier congratulated Chief Healy and wished everyone a happy and safe Easter.

NICHOLAS BRIDGES, JUNIOR COUNCILPERSON - Mr. Bridges congratulated Chief Healy and wished everyone happy Easter.

MR. HOGG - Mr. Hogg thanked Mrs. Hopey for her many years of dedicated service to the borough. He congratulated Chief Healy and all of the promoted officers. It is very impressive that we have so many qualified candidates to internally fill these leadership positions. Mr. Hogg thanked the Scholarship Committee for reviewing the 32 scholarship applications, and he thanked the Civil Service Commission for their work over the last several months regarding hiring and promotions in the police department. Mr. Hogg noted that approximately 50 people serve on the borough boards and commissions and all vacancies have been filled.

CHIEF OF POLICE

- Chief Healy thanked the Mayor and Council and the members of the Civil Service Commission: Jerry Horn, Frank Greco and Matt Rak.

BUILDING INSPECTOR/ZONING OFFICER

- Mr. Phillips congratulated the officers promoted this evening.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Albert Sieg, 1602 Stone Mansion Drive - Mr. Sieg expressed concern regarding fracking near his home and recommended that Council consider a multiple municipal zoning concept. Mr. Hogg noted that he is meeting with the Stone Mansion Homeowners Association tomorrow night, and he will address that issue at the meeting.

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MOTION TO ADJOURN – Mr. Myslinski moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Coombs and carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Cathy L. Krummert
Borough Secretary

Audience Present - 64