

**BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN PARK
BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Franklin Park was held virtually on Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. via Zoom audio and video conferencing due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Council President Jim Hogg called the meeting to order.

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 absent/excused

SOLICITOR:

Robert Max Junker, Babst Calland present

STAFF:

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

Mr. Hogg announced that the staff members that would normally attend the regular meeting have been excused from tonight's meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Mr. Malkin moved the minutes of the April 29, 2020 special meeting and the May 13, 2020 work session, be approved, seconded by Ms. Striz and carried.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT - Mr. Ebner summarized the April Treasurer's Financial Report. Revenues through April totaled \$1,981,353 (approximately \$38,000 less than this time last year). Expenditures through April totaled \$2,254,491 (approximately \$4,000 more than this time last year). Mr. Ebner indicated that the borough will keep a close eye on the revenues on a monthly basis. We do believe that the COVID-19 pandemic will have an impact on the revenues, and we will have to find ways to make up for that in our budget. Ms. Striz moved the April Treasurer's Financial Report be accepted as read, seconded by Mr. Malkin and carried.

POLICE REPORT – Mayor O'Keefe read the Police Report and activity report for the month of April 2020. Mr. Schwartzmier recommended the Police Report be filed with the Police Secretary.

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

BUILDING INSPECTION REPORT - Mr. Ebner summarized the Building Inspection Report for April 2020. Mr. Phillips issued 5 permits and collected \$749.00 in fees. Total value of construction was \$368,942.00.

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION – Mr. Hogg announced that Borough Council held an executive session on May 13, 2020 to discuss police department staffing (personnel), the Deerfield Estates Plan (Attorney-client privilege) and the Gray litigation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Ebner read the names and addresses of the following residents who had submitted written comments pertaining to the upcoming May 27, 2020 Special Meeting of Borough Council and noted that these comments will be read at the May 27th meeting:

1. Pat and Steve Lampe, 1436 Laurel Drive
2. Jason Sun, 1402 Mystic Valley Drive
3. Rodney Fink, 1427 Laurel Drive

Mr. Ebner then summarized the following written comments received pertaining to this meeting:

David and Mary Toler, 1550 Dalton Drive – Mr. and Mrs. Toler have been impacted by stormwater from Nevin Drive and West Ingomar Road, and they are concerned that if work is not done to address the issue it will continue. They and other neighbors had met with Mr. Ebner in November 2019 to explain the issue, and they are hopeful that the matter will be resolved soon.

Tim and Susan White, 1552 Dalton Drive – Mr. and Mrs. White have been impacted by stormwater from West Ingomar Road, Nevin Drive and Dalton Drive. They are disappointed in the progress to resolve this issue. They believe that there are three specific areas where the stormwater problems are occurring.

No other public comments were heard from the virtual attendees of the meeting.

Mr. Hogg stated that there are four major stormwater projects that the borough will need to address. Senate Engineering will be presenting plans at the June 3rd work session to address each of these four areas. The Dalton Drive project is the most complicated and the most expensive. The initial estimate is approximately \$600,000 to \$800,000.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

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

JUSTIN & TANA MITCHELL, 1522A KING JOHN DRIVE, CONDITIONAL USE FOR HOME OCCUPATION – Mr. Parks moved to continue the commencement of the public hearing for CU-20-02-02 for Home Occupation submitted by Justin & Tana Mitchell to have a commissary for their coffee trailer mobile café business at the residential property located at 1522A King John Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15237, in the R-2 zoning district, seconded by Ms. Striz and carried. It was noted on the agenda that the applicant had consented to a third extension, and this matter/public hearing will now be commenced at the May 27, 2020 special meeting of Borough Council in accordance with the procedure in Act 15 of 2020.

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RESOLUTION NO. 1220-2020, SALE OF VEHICLES AT AUCTION – Mr. Junker summarized Resolution No. 1220-2020. Ms. Striz moved to adopt Resolution No. 1220-2020 declaring a 2007 Ford Explorer (last four digits of Vin# are 5020) and a 1999 Jeep Cherokee (last four digits of Vin# are 5997) as surplus personal property; declaring the estimated fair market value of each vehicle over \$2,000; authorizing the sale and disposition at public auction on Saturday, June 27, 2020 at Mathies & Sons, Inc., T/A 422 Sales, Slippery Rock, PA, and directing the Secretary to advertise the sale, seconded by Dr. Li and carried.

ANNUAL DONATION TO THE McCANDLESS-FRANKLIN PARK AMBULANCE AUTHORITY – Dr. Li moved to authorize the annual donation of \$30,000.00 to the McCandless-Franklin Park Ambulance Authority, seconded by Mr. Parks and carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 1223-2020, CABLE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH COMCAST – Mr. Junker summarized Resolution No. 1223-2020. Mr. Schwartzmier moved to adopt Resolution No. 1223-2020 authorizing the execution of a Cable Franchise Agreement with Comcast Cable Communications Management, LLC, for a period of ten years, seconded by Mr. Parks and carried.

INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 657-2020, NORTHLAND LIBRARY REVISED AGREEMENT – Mr. Junker introduced Ordinance No. 657-2020 approving a revised Agreement between the Township of Ross, the Town of McCandless, the Township of Marshall, the Borough of Franklin Park and the Borough of Bradford Woods regarding the Northland Public Library, for the purpose of amending the library funding formula to better reflect library usage. This ordinance will be advertised for action at the June 17, 2020 regular meeting.

MAYOR O'KEEFE – Mayor O'Keefe recognized the Franklin Park Police, the Franklin Park Fire Company and EMS for their cooperative effort on Saturday to hold a first responders appreciation parade to thank the borough residents for their support.

MR. PARKS – Mr. Parks noted that it was wonderful to see hundreds of Franklin Park citizens cheering and clapping for the police, fire and EMS during the parade. Mr. Hogg also noted that there were a lot of signs made by the residents.

MR. MALKIN – Mr. Malkin thanked the residents of Franklin Park for doing their part to stay safe and healthy during the pandemic restrictions, and he hopes for the same in the future.

MS. STRIZ – Ms. Striz announced that she will be moving to South Carolina, and she has enjoyed being a resident of this community for six years. She will be resigning from Borough Council at the end of the month, and she hopes that Borough Council will find a wonderful replacement.

DR. LI – Dr. Li wished Ms. Striz the best. He enjoyed working with her and appreciated her passion to make this community better.

MR. SCHWARTZMIER – Mr. Schwartzmier stated that all Franklin Park residents will vote at the municipal building for the upcoming primary election, and he asked everyone to pass the information along to their neighbors.

MR. HOGG – Mr. Hogg thanked Ms. Striz for her service and contributions over the last few months.

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MOTION TO ADJOURN – Mr. Malkin moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Striz and carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Cathy L. Krummert
Borough Secretary

Virtual Attendees - 4