

**BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN PARK
BOROUGH COUNCIL PRE/POST MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2023**

A pre/post meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Franklin Park was held on Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 2344 West Ingomar Road, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15237. The meeting was also held virtually via remote audio and video conferencing.

Council President John Parks called the meeting to order.

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 Ava 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.....absent
Cindy Crain, Finance Director/Borough Treasurerpresent
Rege Ebner, Borough Managerpresent
Walt Healy, Police Chief.....absent
Cathy Krummert, Borough Secretarypresent
Andy Nock, Assist. Bldg. Insp./Fire & Tech Official.....present
Tim Phillips, Building Inspector/Zoning Officer.....present
Sam Snyder, Police Lieutenant.....present

PRE-MEETING

AUDIENCE: 5 (3 in person and 2 virtually)

INTERVIEW BHEEMA VADLAMURI FOR TAC – Council interviewed Bheema Vadlamuri for a position on the TAC.

OLD BUSINESS - None

AGENDA REVIEW - The following February 15, 2023 regular meeting agenda items were discussed:

- Yochus public hearing – The hearing will be continued and public comments regarding that matter will be held until that time. Council discussed a written email comment received regarding this matter.
- Cardinal Ridge Plan - Mr. Junker amended the resolution from last month, and the matter will be discussed further in executive session.
- Fireworks Ordinance - Council received written email comments requesting changes to the timing and days. However, Mr. Junker explained that those are mandated by Act 74 and the Borough cannot restrict the timing and days more than the State requirements.

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- WetGo Pro Car Wash, 2620 Nicholson Road – It is moving along but they had to request an extension since they are beyond six months from the vote to record the plan. The Development Agreement is done, and they have recorded the buffer yard easement next door. They have posted the security.
- Sanitary Sewer Line Easement Agreement for property on Panno Lane - A motion was added to approve the Agreement in the name of the current owner, James D. Oliver.
- Deerfield Estates Plan security reduction – Mr. Palled asked for clarification regarding the recommended reduction. Mr. Wingrove explained that the developer only requested a reduction for the utility trenching, and LSSE inspected and recommended the reduction.

MANAGER’S REPORT DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee – Mr. Ebner asked for guidance regarding the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee. Two Council members are members of the Committee, and when the Committee holds meetings, they have a public comment period. We have received email comments after those meetings that are addressed to Council with a request that Mr. Ebner forward them to the entire Committee. He asked if that is what Council would like him to do, and Council concurred. We will also notify all residents that they have the ability to send in comments at any time, and the Committee will address the comments at a meeting.

COUNCIL TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE – Mr. Parks asked Mr. Myslinski and Mr. Schwartzmier to join the Committee to deal with the communications issue in the Borough on a rapid basis because it is a critical safety issue. We need to expedite the process to make a decision on the recommendations regarding cell towers and small cells. He has asked Mr. Ebner and the Committee to focus on this matter and quickly get deeply involved in resolving the issue. Mr. Parks asked Mr. Ebner to immediately contact all cell tower companies and provide information to the Committee. The Committee will meet on March 1st at 6 p.m.

AMBULANCE AUTHORITY MEETINGS – The five managers met with Chief Chris Dell last week to discuss concerns. The other four municipalities want to walk through the Consultant’s Report item by item and do an audit of the last three years before they are ready to discuss membership and contributions. It will probably take the majority is this year to go through the report and to do an audit of the last three years before they will even be ready to discuss changing the governance of the Ambulance Authority and contributing any money at all. The Borough will not contribute to the audit. The Managers are meeting with Chief Dell on February 27th to start going through the first two sections of the report. Mr. Parks and Mr. Ebner had a telephone conversation with the Manager and President at McCandless, and they had agreed in concept that they would get the Presidents and the Managers of the five municipalities together with Chief Dell to start the process. Now the Managers are meeting without the decision makers, and it may be appropriate to get in contact with the decision makers independently in the future.

FIRE COMPANY LIFE MEMBER RECOGNITION – Years ago, the Borough recognized the Fire Company Life Members at a public meeting. Council discussed and concurred to hold an annual recognition of current active Fire Company members who are Life Members. The Fire Company will need to provide the information to Mrs. Krummert to prepare and schedule the recognitions each year.

ADD LINK TO WEBSITE FOR RECORDED MEETING VIDEOS – Mr. Parks received a request to make the recorded Zoom recordings public. Council discussed and concurred to post Council work sessions and voting meetings.

NEW BOROUGH LOGO DESIGNS – Council will review the new logo designs and indicate their preferences for further discussion at the March work session.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS & MAYOR

- **Mr. Malkin** asked about the status of the Nevin/Dalton/Lenora stormwater work. Mr. Ebner stated that there is an idea, but we do not think that the DEP will let us pipe it in. We are looking at something very expensive and will have to discuss the option and if budget money is available.
- **Mr. Palled** had met with Stephanie Gundling of the EAC to discuss their priorities and what is happening with the EAC. The EAC would like to have a landing page on the Borough website where they could post information. There was discussion that the EAC is an advisory board, and they should submit information for the Borough to review and post.
- **Dr. Li** had a resident ask when his street was last paved because he believes that it was 20-25 years ago. It was noted that Mr. Bucuren has a list of all streets and when they are paved. Council decides which streets are paved each year based on the condition of all roads.
- **Mr. Schwartzmier** noted that the I-79/Route 910 Wexford Interchange Project was presented by PennDOT last week. He has received several emails regarding the proposed project, and he noted that this project was probably the best solution to stay within the owned right of way.

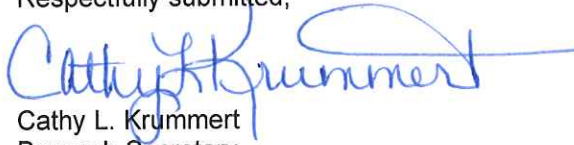
The regular meeting was held from 8:00 p.m. to 10:45 p.m.

POST-MEETING

EXECUTIVE SESSION – An executive session was held to discuss a potential property purchase, Bliss potential litigation, police personnel and Carriage Lane potential litigation.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Cathy L. Krummert
Borough Secretary