

**BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN PARK
BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Franklin Park was held on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at 8:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 2344 West Ingomar Road, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15237. The meeting was also held virtually via Zoom remote audio and video conferencing due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Council President John Parks called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Cathy Krummert called the roll:

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

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

APPOINT ROBERT W. JARVIS AS A FIRE POLICE OFFICER – Mr. Junker summarized Resolution No. 1293-2022. Mr. Myslinski moved to adopt Resolution No. 1293-2022 appointing Robert W. Jarvis as a Fire Police Officer for the year 2022 and providing for duties and control by the Chief of Police, seconded by Mr. Schwartzmier and carried. Mayor O'Keefe administered the Oath of Office.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following attended the meeting in person and commented:

Patrick Pagano, 1408 Mystic Valley Drive – Commented on Act 14 notifications, tree clearing in the Deerfield Estates Plan and increased noise from the Interstate.

Thaddeus Popovich, 1654 Stone Mansion Drive – Read a statement regarding climate and environmental issues.

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Mr. Parks summarized the following public comment email that was submitted prior to the meeting:

Megan Turnbull, 1405 Field Club Court – Commented on the Planning Commission review of the current Zoning Ordinance permitting telecommunications towers in the R-2 zoning district.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Mr. Schwartzmier moved the minutes of the January 3, 2022 pre-meeting, the January 3, 2022 reorganization meeting, the January 19, 2022 pre-meeting, the January 19, 2022 regular meeting, and the February 2, 2022 work session minutes, be approved, seconded by Dr. Li and carried.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT – Mrs. Crain summarized the January Treasurer's Financial Report. The General Fund revenues for the month of January and year-to-date totaled \$350,158.00, which represents 3% of the 2022 total budget. The General Fund revenues overall, as a percentage of the budget, are in line with the corresponding period last year. The General Fund expenditures for the month of January and year-to-date totaled \$801,744.00, which represents 6.0% of the 2022 total budget. The General Fund expenditures overall, as a percentage of the budget, are also in line with the corresponding period last year. Mr. Myslinski moved the January 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 January 2022. The police responded to 549 calls for service. Mr. Schwartzmier recommended the Police Report be filed with the Police Secretary.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT - Mr. Myslinski read the Fire Company Report for January 2022. Mr. Myslinski indicated that the fire company responded to 25 calls for the month and the manpower for the month totaled 349 volunteer hours.

BUILDING INSPECTION REPORT - Mr. Phillips read the Building Inspection Report for January 2022. Mr. Phillips issued 13 permits and collected \$2,738.00 in fees. Total value of construction was \$292,558.00.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION – Mr. Parks announced that Borough Council held executive sessions on January 19, 2022 to discuss the Public Works/Parks CBA and a potential property purchase and on February 2, 2022 to discuss the Public Works/Parks contract negotiations, Davies litigation, Hartman Farms litigation and potential litigation. The Personnel Committee held an executive session on February 16 to discuss employee performance appraisals and salaries.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

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 Dr. Li and carried.

INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 655-2022, AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO INCLUDE BUFFER REQUIREMENTS FOR PROPERTIES ABUTTING INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS - Mr. Junker introduced Ordinance No. 655-2022* amending Chapter 212 in the Code of the Borough of Franklin Park, "Zoning," to: (1) add a definition of "interstate highway"; (2) establish buffer yard requirements for properties abutting interstate highways; (3) to amend additional impacted sections; (4) to repeal all inconsistent ordinances; (5) to establish a savings clause; and (6) establish the ordinance effective date. This ordinance was subject to a pending zoning ordinance doctrine resolution last month. The public hearing is scheduled for the March 16th regular meeting and will be advertised. This ordinance is in pending status and in effect as if it had been enacted as we proceed through the enactment process.

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BLISS RESIDENTIAL LAND DEVELOPMENT, SET-ASIDE AGREEMENT REDUCTION – Mr. Malkin moved the Set-Aside Agreement in the amended amount of \$458,590.00 for the Bliss Residential Land Development, be reduced by \$69,830.00 leaving a balance of \$388,760.00, in accordance with the letter from Lennon, Smith, Souleret Engineering, Inc. dated January 24, 2022, seconded by Dr. Li. Mr. Myslinski added that a release in the approximate amount of \$96,000 was requested by the developer for work that had been completed in the development, and the Borough Engineer inspected the completed work and recommended the release of approximately \$70,000. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 1290-2022, AMENDING AND REVISING THE SCHEDULE OF FEES – Mr. Junker summarized Resolution No. 1290-2022. Mr. Schwartzmier moved to adopt Resolution No. 1290-2022 amending and revising the schedule of fees per Borough ordinances, seconded by Mr. Malkin and carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 1291-2022, RATIFYING THE REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR'S BOND – Mr. Junker summarized Resolution No. 1291-2022. Dr. Li moved to adopt Resolution No. 1291-2022 ratifying the Real Estate Tax Collector's Bond in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 for the four-year period beginning January 1, 2022 through January 1, 2026, seconded by Mr. Myslinski and carried.

PURCHASE NEW 2022 FORD F-350 FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT – Mr. Myslinski moved to authorize the purchase of one (1) new 2022 Ford F-350 for the Public Works Department from Woltz & Wind Ford, Inc. of Heidelberg, PA 15106, under Costars Contract No. 025-032 at a cost of \$38,920.00, seconded by Dr. Li and carried.

RESIGNATION OF KATHLEEN MASTERS FROM THE RECREATION BOARD – Mr. Palled moved to accept the resignation of Kathleen Masters from the Recreation Board, effective January 31, 2022, seconded by Mr. Myslinski and carried.

PITNEY BOWES POSTAGE MACHINE LEASE AGREEMENT – Mr. Schwartzmier moved to authorize a 60-month Lease Agreement with Pitney Bowes for a SendPro P1000 Series Postage Machine, beginning May 1, 2022, at a cost of \$265.27 per month, under State Contract No.4400015965 (under Parent Contract 4400015964), seconded by Mr. Malkin and carried.

HIRE MEGAN A. GEORGE, TEMPORARY SCANNING CLERK – Mr. Myslinski moved to ratify the hiring of Megan A. George as a Temporary Part-time Scanning Clerk at a rate of \$15.00 per hour effective January 19, 2022, seconded by Dr. Li and carried.

HIRE DAVID P. O'KEEFE AS POLICE DEPARTMENT CUSTODIAN – Mr. Malkin moved to hire David P. O'Keefe as the Police Department Custodian at a rate of \$25.00 per hour effective February 10, 2022, seconded by Mr. Myslinski and carried.

ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE CURB & GUTTER REPLACEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE 2023 ROAD PAVING PROGRAM – Dr. Li moved to authorize advertising for bids for the Curb & Gutter Replacement Program for the 2023 Road Paving Program, seconded by Mr. Palled and carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 1292-2022, STATEWIDE LOCAL SHARE ASSESSMENT GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS GARAGE PROJECT – Mr. Junker summarized Resolution No. 1292-2022. Mr. Myslinski moved to adopt Resolution No. 1292-2022 for the submission of a Statewide Local Share Assessment Grant in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the Public Works Garage Project, seconded by Mr. Malkin and carried.

TEAMSTERS LOCAL 249 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT EXTENSION AGREEMENT – Mr. Malkin moved to ratify the Borough Manager's execution of the Extension Agreement between the Borough and Teamsters Local 249 to extend the terms of the collective bargaining agreement that was scheduled to expire on December 31, 2021, through March 17, 2022, seconded by Mr. Schwartzmier and carried.

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MAYOR O'KEEFE – The Mayor thanked the members of the volunteer fire company for their dedication and service.

COUNCIL MEMBERS – Council Members congratulated Mr. Jarvis, thanked residents for attending the meeting and sharing their comments this evening and thanked the Public Works Department.

CHIEF OF POLICE

- Congratulated Mr. Jarvis.
- Noted that the police had arrested an intoxicated person who had climbed in the glass dumpster at the rear of the municipal building.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

- Reminded residents that the yard waste site will be open on March 1st.
- Thanked Mr. Jarvis and the firefighters for their service.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR - None

MOTION TO ADJOURN – Mr. Myslinski moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Malkin and carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Cathy L. Krummert
Borough Secretary

Audience Present - 14 (9 in person/5 virtual)