

**BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN PARK
BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Franklin Park was held on Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 8:00 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.

Pledge of Allegiance

Cathy Krummert called the roll:

- COUNCIL MEMBERS:**
Jiang Lipresent
Brian S. Malkinabsent
Lucas R. Myslinski, Vice Presidentpresent
Uday Palledpresent
John P. Parks, Presidentpresent
Thomas C. Schwartzmier, Second Vice Presidentpresent
Mayor Dennis E. O’Keefepresent

- BOROUGH ENGINEER:**
Shawn Wingrove, Lennon, Smith, Souleret Engineering, Inc.present

- SOLICITOR:**
Harlan Stone, 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.....absent
Cathy Krummert, Borough Secretarypresent
Andy Nock, Assist. Bldg. Insp./Fire & Tech Official.....present
Tim Phillips, Building Inspector/Zoning Officer.....absent
Sam Snyder, Police Lieutenant.....present

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

APPOINT JULIA O’KEEFE AS JUNIOR COUNCIL PERSON – Mr. Myslinski moved Julia O’Keefe be appointed as the Junior Council Person for the 2023/2024 school year, seconded by Dr. Li and carried. Mayor O’Keefe administered the Junior Council Person Pledge.

CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION TO AARYA SHAMKUWAR FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY CAMP CADET – Lieutenant Sam Snyder and Officer Brittaney Smith presented a Certificate of Achievement to resident Aarya Shamkuwar for graduating from Allegheny County Camp Cadet. Camp Cadet is a week-long camp that simulates a police academy-like environment for kids ages 12-14. Candidates go through a very rigorous process and only 40 were selected to attend out of 80 candidates. The camp fosters positive relationships between police and children. Aarya showed courage, discipline, honor and hard work, and she represented Franklin Park very well.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

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APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Dr. Li moved the minutes of the August 16, 2023 pre/post meeting, the August 16, 2023 regular meeting, and the September 6, 2023 work session, be approved, seconded by Mr. Myslinski and carried.

TREASURER’S FINANCIAL REPORT – Mrs. Crain summarized the August Treasurer’s Financial Report. The General Fund revenues for the month of August totaled \$885,907. Year-to-date total revenues are \$6,826,244, which represents 62% of the 2023 total budget. The General Fund expenditures for the month of August totaled \$787,089. Year-to-date total expenditures are \$6,499,116, which represents 49% of the 2023 total budget. Mr. Schwartzmier moved the August 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 August 2023. The police responded to 461 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 August 2023. Mr. Myslinski indicated that the fire company responded to 21 calls for the month and the manpower for the month totaled 504 volunteer hours.

BUILDING INSPECTION REPORT - Mr. Ebner read the Building Inspection Report for August 2023. Mr. Phillips issued 18 permits and collected \$18,348 in fees. Year to date 165 permits were issued.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION – Mr. Parks announced that Borough Council Personnel Committee held an executive session on August 16, 2023 to discuss police contract negotiations; the Personnel Committee held an executive session on September 6, 2023 to discuss police contract negotiations; Borough Council held an executive session on September 6, 2023 to discuss a police personnel matter; and the Borough Council Personnel Committee held an executive session on September 20, 2023 to discuss police contract negotiations.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 1339-2023, FRANKLIN PARK BOROUGH-OHIO TOWNSHIP JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – Mr. Stone summarized Resolution No. 1339-2023. Mr. Myslinski moved to adopt Resolution No. 1339-2023 adopting and approving the 2023 Franklin Park Borough – Ohio Township Joint Comprehensive Plan dated September 20, 2023, seconded by Mr. Schwartzmier and carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 1340-2023, OFFICIAL SEWAGE FACILITIES PLANNING MODULE FOR THE BELL PROPERTY, 2606 BIG SEWICKLEY CREEK ROAD – Mr. Stone summarized Resolution No. 1340-2023. Mr. Schwartzmier moved to adopt Resolution No. 1340-2023 adopting an Official Sewage Facilities Planning Module for the installation of a small flow treatment facility to replace an existing on lot sewage system on the Bell property, located at 2606 Big Sewickley Creek Road, seconded by Dr. Li and carried.

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RESOLUTION NO. 1341-2023, RAAC GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE ACORN PARK REHABILITATION & UPGRADES PROJECT

– Mr. Stone summarized Resolution No. 1341-2023. Dr. Li moved to adopt Resolution No. 1341-2023 authorizing the filing of an application for grant funds with the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County ("RAAC") in the amount of \$300,000.00 for the Acorn Park Rehabilitation and Upgrades Project, seconded by Mr. Schwartzmier and carried.

PAYMENT PROCESSING AGREEMENT FOR BOROUGH WEBSITE OPERATED BY CIVIC PLUS

– Mr. Myslinski moved to ratify the Borough Manager's execution of the Payment Processing Agreement with CSG Forte Payments, Inc., for payment processing on the Borough's website operated by Civic Plus, seconded by Mr. Palled and carried.

ANNETTE BLANAR RESIGNATION FROM THE SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION COMMITTEE

– Mr. Palled moved to accept the resignation of Annette Blonar from the Scholarship Selection Committee effective August 27, 2023, seconded by Mr. Myslinski and carried.

INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 679-2023, ACCEPTING & ADOPTING ROYAL OAK DRIVE IN THE SQUIRE RIDGE PLAN PHASE III

– Mr. Stone introduced Ordinance No. 679-2023, accepting and adopting Royal Oak Drive and other public infrastructure in the Squire Ridge Plan Phase III. This ordinance will be properly advertised for potential enactment at the October regular meeting

INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 680-2023, ACCEPTING & ADOPTING LAPLACE POINTE COURT IN THE LAPLACE POINTE LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN, AKA TAYLOR RIDGE APARTMENTS

– Mr. Stone introduced Ordinance No. 680-2023, accepting and adopting LaPlace Pointe Court and all other public infrastructure in the LaPlace Pointe Land Development Plan, AKA Taylor Ridge Apartments. This ordinance will be properly advertised for potential enactment at the October regular meeting.

LAPLACE POINTE RELEASE OF SUBDIVISION PLAN PERFORMANCE SECURITY

– Mr. Myslinski moved Dollar Bank Letter of Credit No. 02535 in the amended amount of \$4,400.00 issued for the LaPlace Pointe Subdivision Plan, be reduced by \$4,400.00 leaving a balance of \$0.00 and cancelled, with the requirement that the developer provide the Borough with a cash bond in the amount of \$4,400.00 to secure that the curb cut ramp along the southern side of LaPlace Pointe Court is reinstalled in accordance with ADA criteria in accordance with the letter from Lennon, Smith, Souleret Engineering, Inc. dated August 10, 2023, seconded by Mr. Schwartzmier and carried.

LAPLACE POINTE RELEASE OF LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN PERFORMANCE SECURITY

– Mr. Schwartzmier moved Dollar Bank Letter of Credit No. 02531 in the amended amount of \$322,990.00 issued for the LaPlace Pointe Land Development Plan, be reduced by \$322,990.00 leaving a balance of \$0.00 and cancelled, in accordance with the letter from Lennon, Smith, Souleret Engineering, Inc. dated August 10, 2023, seconded by Dr. Li and carried.

INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 681-2023, AMENDING CHAPTER 180 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN PARK, "STREETS AND SIDEWALKS"

– Mr. Stone introduced Ordinance No. 681-2023, amending Chapter 180 in the Code of the Borough of Franklin Park, "Streets and Sidewalks," to add a new Article IV titled "Street Permits" which regulates the opening or excavation of Borough Streets, requiring a permit for opening or excavation of Borough streets, and establishing standards for opening, excavation, and restoration of Borough streets. This ordinance will be properly advertised for potential enactment at the October regular meeting.

INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 682-2023, AMENDING CHAPTER 178 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN PARK, "STORMWATER MANAGEMENT"

– Mr. Stone introduced Ordinance No. 682-2023, amending Chapter 178 in the Code of the Borough of Franklin Park, "Stormwater Management", to provide for additional standards for regulating underground detention facilities. This ordinance will be properly advertised for potential enactment at the October regular meeting.

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PURCHASE TWO (2) 2023 FORD POLICE INTERCEPTOR UTILITY AWD VEHICLES – Mr. Palled moved to authorize the purchase of two (2) 2023 Ford Police Interceptor Utility AWD vehicles from Woltz & Wind Ford, Inc. of Heidelberg, PA, at a cost of \$40,155.00 each, under COSTARS Contract No. 13-E22-220, seconded by Mr. Myslinski and carried.

REAPPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 1325-2023 GRANTING REVISED PRELIMINARY & FINAL SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL FOR THE ADDITION OF A PAVILION AT THE BAIERL FAMILY YMCA – Dr. Li moved to reapprove Resolution No. 1325-2023 granting revised preliminary and final Subdivision and Land Development approval to the Baierl Family YMCA for the addition of a pavilion to be constructed on the property located at 2565 Nicholson Road in the R-2 zoning district, with all of the conditions as set forth when Resolution No. 1325-2023 was originally adopted on March 15, 2023, seconded by Mr. Schwartzmier and carried.

BOROUGH MANAGER – Welcomed Julia O’Keefe, Junior Council Member.

MAYOR O’KEEFE – Congratulated Arya Shamkuwar and noted that Officer Smith provides good leadership at Camp Cadet. He welcomed Julia O’Keefe, Junior Council Member.

MR. PALLED – Welcomed Julia O’Keefe, Junior Council Member.

MR. MYSLINSKI – Welcomed Julia O’Keefe, Junior Council Member and thanked Annette Blonar for her service on the Scholarship Selection Committee.

DR. LI – Welcomed Julia O’Keefe, Junior Council Member.

MR. SCHWARTZMIER – Welcomed Julia O’Keefe, Junior Council Member.

JULIA O’KEEFE, JUNIOR COUNCILPERSON – Thanked everyone and noted that she is very excited to learn over the next year.

POLICE LIEUTENANT

- Thanked Borough Council for approving the purchase of the police vehicles.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

- Welcomed Julia O’Keefe, Junior Council Member.

FINANCE DIRECTOR/TREASURER

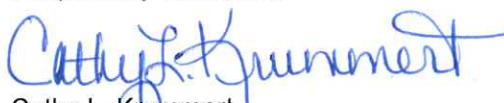
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COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR – None

MR. PARKS – Welcomed Julia O’Keefe, Junior Council Member, congratulated Arya Shamkuwar and recognized Officer Smith for being so involved.

MOTION TO ADJOURN – Mr. Myslinski moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Palled and carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Cathy L. Krummert
Borough Secretary