

**BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN PARK
BOROUGH COUNCIL PRE/POST MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2022**

A pre/post meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Franklin Park was held on Wednesday, September 21, 2022 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 via Zoom
Junior Councilperson Jackie DiGiacomopresent
Mayor Dennis E. O'Keefepresent

BOROUGH ENGINEER:

Kevin Brett, 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 Managerabsent
Walt Healy, Police Chief.....present
Cathy Krummert, Borough Secretarypresent
Tim Phillips, Building Inspector/Zoning Officer.....present

PRE-MEETING

AUDIENCE: 5 (1 in person and 4 virtually)

McCANDLESS FRANKLIN PARK AMBULANCE AUTHORITY (MFPAA) UPDATE – Chief Chris Dell was in attendance to provide Council and Mayor with an update regarding the MFPAA. Chief Dell started in late June, and he has been very busy. The personnel and level of clinical care are very good, and there are lots of opportunities to fix other areas. They had a few vehicles with over 150,000 miles, and he was able to find a “demo” ambulance that was on the market to update the fleet. They now have a fleet of five vehicles. They have three ambulances in service during daylight hours Monday through Friday until 11 p.m. They take care of the high schools and events in and around the community. It is not uncommon on a Friday night to have two units at two different high school football games and three units staffed for the emergencies they are handling. They had previously ordered another ambulance before he started, and they are expecting delivery in 2023. They will then have six in the fleet, but one will not be staffed or equipped. They are able to take the box off the back of an ambulance and place it on a new chassis to save approximately \$80,000 per vehicle. They can do that four times for every box that they have. They are doing a lot of things to fix a broken financial system. They have outsourced the billing and changed the way they are managing their EMS calls. Chief Dell is trying to have better communication and outreach to the municipalities. He wants to do anything he can to be involved, and he wants to be recognized as the face of the organization. He provided an operations report for the Borough that includes the number of calls they answer in the community each day and each month. He noted that the Borough should not hesitate to ask if there is anything that MFPAA can do for the Borough. He will be attending the Borough budget meeting on October 8th. Chief Dell then answered questions.

**BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN PARK
BOROUGH COUNCIL PRE/POST MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2022**

OLD BUSINESS - None

AGENDA REVIEW - The following September 21, 2022 regular meeting agenda items were discussed:

- Resolution No. 1310-2022 - This resolution was added for the emergency purchase of golf course equipment due to equipment failure.
- Ordinance No. 669-2022 for the acceptance of the Oak Grove Subdivision – The developer submitted the signed Maintenance Agreement and a cash maintenance bond. We will return the remaining cash bonds once the check clears for the maintenance bond.
- Resolution 1309-2022 for the Northland Library grant application. All communities must sign a resolution with respect to the life of the Northland Library Authority in order for the library to submit a grant application. Northland Library Executive Director Amy Steele was present.
- Resignations – Two motions were added to accept resignations.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS & MAYOR

- Mr. Malkin met with Mr. Ebner regarding the landlocked property behind his house.
- Mr. Myslinski discussed an email from resident Annie Graziani regarding infrastructure, communications and a tax increase. Mr. Myslinski noted that we had a horrible winter and a lot of the streets in the Borough had buckled. They usually settle back down in the spring. The public works department performed extensive crack sealing, and they spend a lot of time taking care of the streets. It was noted that there was a water main break on King James and the area was temporarily patched. West View Water is supposed to come back to permanently fix the area. FIOS infrastructure and Penn Power outages are out of the Borough's control. Penn Power did provide advance notice to residents by phone calls and emails. Nicholson Road construction is controlled by PennDOT, and the Borough has no control over that work. It was noted that the North Allegheny School District appeals property assessments and that cause taxes to be raised. The Borough does not participate in the tax assessment appeals. Mr. Parks will work with Mr. Ebner and Mr. Junker to prepare a response to the email.
- Mayor O'Keefe had distributed pictures of street signs that are in poor condition and noted that we should think about a program to improve the appearance of the street signs. Mr. Bucuren will be including summer help in next year's budget to assist with painting and improving the appearance of street signs. He also noted that it would be very costly to purchase new style signs because they are expensive, and most streets have two signs.
- Dr. Li thanked public works for a good job paving the streets in Nicholson Woods. The work is very well organized, and he and his neighbors appreciate the work that was done with little disruption.
- Mr. Palled attended and enjoyed the tour of Northland Library last week along with Mr. Ebner and Mayor O'Keefe. He is receiving and monitoring comments regarding the Nicholson Road construction. The road paving was needed and will be worth it, although the inconvenience during construction can be painful. The Planning Commission met last night and reviewed three applications. Cardinal Ridge still has a lot of issues to address, and some residents in the Aldon Drive area attended the meeting. An application was reviewed for the development of lots on Pine Creek Road across the street from the Barrington Plan. Mr. Palled commented on the email from Annie Graziani. He noted that a study is currently being completed regarding cell service in the Borough, and Ms. Graziani is on the Technology Advisory Committee (TAC).

**BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN PARK
BOROUGH COUNCIL PRE/POST MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2022**

The power outage in her neighborhood was necessary for upgrades since this is an older neighborhood. Mr. Palled recommended that social media be explored by the TAC concurrent with the cell service issue since it is a very good way to get information out to residents.

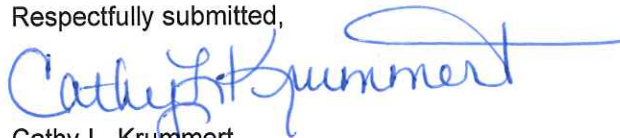
EXECUTIVE SESSION – An executive session was held to discuss a personnel matter, a potential property purchase and Willow Ridge potential litigation.

The regular meeting was held from 8:00 p.m. to 8:37 p.m.

POST-MEETING

As there was no further business, no post meeting was held.

Respectfully submitted,



Cathy L. Krummert
Borough Secretary