

**BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN PARK
BOROUGH COUNCIL PRE/POST MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2023**

A pre/post meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Franklin Park was held on Wednesday, October 18, 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 Julia O’Keefepresent
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.....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: 4

OLD BUSINESS - None

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA REVIEW:

- Ordinance No. 683-2023 – The introduction of the ordinance for the General Employees’ Pension Plan restatement was added to the regular meeting agenda. This has been a long process to put everything into one document following the approval of the Teamsters Collective Bargaining Agreement, as well as some other provisions. We worked with Mockenhaupt, and it has been reviewed by the pension committee.
- Truck purchase for Public Works - The motion for the purchase of a Peterbilt cab and chassis was removed from the agenda and the reference to the Peterbilt cab and chassis should also be removed from the motion regarding the truck body upfit. The Borough will only purchase an International cab and chassis and upfit.
- Resolution No. 1344-2023 – This resolution amends the fees for street opening permits and eliminates exemptions.

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- Snyder Easement Encroachment Agreement – The Snyders have requested to install a fence in their backyard that would encroach into the easement area. A motion for approval has been placed on the regular meeting agenda, and the Agreement would be recorded at the expense of the property owner.

MANAGER’S REPORT DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Interview schedule for wireless telecommunications consultants – Mr. Ebner scheduled the following interviews on November 1st:
 - CityScape Consultants will interview virtually from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m.
 - Seidel Planning and Design will interview virtually from 7:30 to 8:00 p.m.
- Ingomar Heights Road update – Mr. Ebner and Mr. Bucuren met with West View Water Authority on Monday and reported that there may have been a breakdown of communication. When WVWA first bid out the job, the Borough had indicated that we would pave our section of the road following the completion of the project. When the project was delayed, the Borough decided there would not be enough time to pave the road. WVWA never built into their specifications that they would have to do something to make the road hold up over the winter because they thought the Borough would pave the road. The WVWA contractor will mill and overlay the lane in the McCandless portion because that was in the bid specifications. WVWA is willing to have the contractor mill and overlay the lane in the Borough, and they asked if the Borough would contribute toward the cost. Council discussed and concurred to negotiate and offer no more than \$25,000 toward the cost. Council also discussed the possibility of an emergency declaration. It was noted that the current conditions of the road must be addressed to avoid further deterioration and to prevent damage to snow plow equipment.
- Proposed Agreement with Bradford Woods for “as needed” zoning and code enforcement – It seemed like the neighborly thing to do, but the more we talk about the details, it is best that we do not provide this service for Bradford Woods.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS & MAYOR

- Mr. Palled discussed solar activated speed limit radar signs. He noted that the cost is between \$3,000-\$5,000, and the Borough could seek grants. Council discussed, and Mr. Bucuren will check on other prices. Mr. Palled noted that the WetGo contractor has caused damage to Nicholson Road while constructing the WetGo car wash. Mr. Phillips clarified that WVWA caused the damage to the road. Staff will notify PennDOT since it is a state road. Mr. Palled discussed the Borough’s revolving accounts and noted that there may be higher yielding accounts that we can look into. Mrs. Crain will reach out to First National Bank.
- Dr. Li commented on speeding and the speed limit radar signs noting that many neighborhoods may want them. He asked if we should find out how many of the signs are needed before obtaining prices. He also noted that the WetGo car wash construction is leaving debris on Nicholson Road. The police can issue a non-traffic citation, and Lieutenant Snyder will notify the officers.
- Mr. Schwartzmier thanked the police for monitoring speed in different areas of the Borough.

- **Mr. Parks** asked if the Borough should invoice for the annual fire inspections conducted by the Borough each year. Mr. Phillips recommends invoicing for the inspections. Council discussed and indicated that it makes sense to begin invoicing. Staff will review the process with Mr. Junker before implementation. Mr. Parks discussed a resident inquiry regarding a deceased deer in their yard. Lieutenant Snyder indicated that residents should call 9-1-1 or the police department, and they will call out a company to take care of it. Mr. Parks discussed that on November 3rd Saints John and Paul Church will have a relic on display, and they anticipate that thousands of people will attend. The church is working with police, fire and ambulance. Lieutenant Snyder indicated that the Police have plans in place to address traffic, and he will provide more information in his November report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – An executive session was held to discuss police personnel.

The regular meeting was held from 8:00 p.m. to 8:34 p.m.

POST-MEETING

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

Respectfully submitted,



Cathy L. Krummert
Borough Secretary