

**BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN PARK
BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Franklin Park was held on Wednesday, October 19, 2022 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. 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, Smith, Souleret Engineering, Inc.present

SOLICITOR:

Robert Max Junker, Babst Callandabsent

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

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Mr. Schwartzmier moved the minutes of the September 21, 2022 pre/post meeting, the September 21, 2022 regular meeting, and the October 5, 2022 work session, be approved, seconded by Mr. Myslinski and carried.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT – Mrs. Crain summarized the September Treasurer's Financial Report. The General Fund revenues for the month of September totaled \$1,963,913.00. Year-to-date total revenues are \$9,230,944.00, which represents 88% of the 2022 total budget. The General Fund expenditures for the month of September totaled \$1,602,078.00. Year-to-date total expenditures are \$7,955,026.00, which represents 65% of the 2022 total budget. Dr. Li moved the September Treasurer's Financial Report be accepted as read, seconded by Mr. Palled and carried.

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POLICE REPORT – Mayor O’Keefe read the Police Report and activity report for the month of September 2022. The police responded to 678 calls for service. Mr. Myslinski recommended the Police Report be filed with the Police Secretary.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT - Mr. Myslinski read the Fire Company Report for September 2022. Mr. Myslinski indicated that the fire company responded to 23 calls for the month and the manpower for the month totaled 347 volunteer hours.

BUILDING INSPECTION REPORT - Mr. Phillips read the Building Inspection Report for September 2022. Mr. Phillips issued 31 permits and collected \$21,138.00 in fees. Total value of construction was \$1,920,976.00.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION – Mr. Parks announced that Borough Council held an executive session on October 5, 2022 to discuss a personnel matter, the Odorisio litigation, the Yochus litigation and the Bliss potential litigation, and Borough Council held an executive session on October 19, 2022 to discuss the Bliss Development potential litigation, a pickleball investigation and a personnel matter.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

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

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE FRANKLIN PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY NO. 1 – Mr. Myslinski moved the Treasurer be authorized to prepare a check in the amount of \$100,000.00 payable to the Franklin Park Volunteer Fire Company No. 1, which represents the Borough’s annual contribution to the Fire Company, seconded by Mr. Palled and carried.

FOURTH QUARTER PAYMENT TO NORTHLAND LIBRARY – Mr. Palled moved the Treasurer’s office be authorized to prepare a check in the amount of \$86,215.25 payable to Northland Library for the fourth quarter payment of 2022, seconded by Dr. Li and carried.

LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH DAVID A. GRAFF – Mr. Schwartzmier moved to ratify the License Agreement between the Borough and David A. Graff, seconded by Mr. Myslinski and carried.

POLICE OFFICER VACANCY – Mr. Myslinski moved to notify the Civil Service Commission of a Police Officer vacancy due to Tyler Jamison’s resignation and to request the certification of an eligibility list, seconded by Dr. Li and carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 1311-2022, DCNR GRANT FOR BLUEBERRY HILL PARK TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT – Mr. Ebner summarized Resolution No. 1311-2022. Dr. Li moved to adopt Resolution No. 1311-2022 for the submission of a DCNR Grant Application for the Blueberry Hill Park Trail Improvements Project, seconded by Mr. Myslinski and carried.

BLISS RESIDENTIAL LAND DEVELOPMENT, SET-ASIDE AGREEMENT REDUCTION – Mr. Schwartzmier moved the Set-Aside Agreement in the amended amount of \$339,720.00 for the Bliss Residential Land Development, be reduced by \$109,400.00 leaving a balance of \$230,320.00, in accordance with the letter from Lennon, Smith, Souleret Engineering, Inc. dated October 11, 2022, seconded by Mr. Malkin. Mr. Malkin asked how much the developer had requested to be released.

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Mr. Wingrove indicated that the developer had requested \$191,549.00, but when you did the math, the actual request was \$142,504.00. Mr. Wingrove had recommended the release of \$109,400.00, which was approximately \$33,000.00 less than the developer's request. The motion carried.

RIVER CITY BRASS BAND ENGAGEMENT FOR BOROUGH BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION –

Mr. Palled moved to authorize the execution of the Performance Agreement Quote, dated September 26, 2022, with River City Brass Band for a Full Band engagement for the Borough Bicentennial Celebration to be held on June 24, 2023 at a cost of \$9,875.00, seconded by Mr. Schwartzmier and carried.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 672-2022, SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE –

Mr. Ebner introduced Ordinance No. 672-2022, amending Chapter 180 in the Code of the Borough of Franklin Park, "Streets and Sidewalks," to describe sidewalk defects and conditions that require repair. Mr. Ebner explained that currently all sidewalks are to be maintained by homeowners, and they are to be maintained in the condition at which they were installed. This ordinance amendment will ease the requirements and will specifically call out the defects that would need to be repaired. This ordinance will be advertised for action at the November 16, 2022 regular meeting.

MR. MALKIN – Encouraged everyone to keep an eye out for Trick or Treaters and be careful driving on Halloween.

CHIEF OF POLICE - The police department will have at least six officers patrolling and handing out candy on Halloween.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - Brush chipping will begin on Monday, November 7th for approximately two weeks.

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 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Cathy L. Krummert
Borough Secretary

Audience Present - 6 (3 in person/3 virtual)