



# Mayor and Common Council Borough of Flemington

May 28, 2014

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Council Meeting Room

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## I. Work Session Agenda 7:00 pm

### **IMPROVEMENTS TO TUCCAMIRGAN PARK AND FUNDING OPTIONS (SAL RANDAZZESE)**

Sal Randezese, Director of Maintenance and Activities for Morales and Tuccamirgan Parks, was present to give an overview of upcoming improvements to Tuccamirgan Park.

Mr. Randazzese informed the listed items are already budgeted for, using the monies accumulated over many years by the Parks Department.

Mr. Randazzese spoke of the value Tuccamirgan Park has to the Borough, citing its current use for sports programs and future use as an arts venue, once these improvements are completed.

Mr. Randazzese informed St. Magdalen's Church has offered usage of its lot for spillover parking during large events at the park.

Councilwoman Fine, noting all the church events that fill their lot, suggested speaking with the church again to solidify their commitment to aiding the park.

Mr. Randazzese asked Council to consider funding improvements at the two entrances to the park.

Council asked that Mr. Randazzese present estimates for these improvements, so that they may consider his request.

Councilman Greiner and Councilwoman Fine suggested the Shade Tree Commission may be of help with this project.

**Motion To: Close Work Session 7:25 pm**

**RESULT:**           **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:**           Brian Swingle, Council President  
**SECONDER:**       Dorothy Fine, Councilwoman  
**AYES:**             Dorothy Fine, John Gorman, Phil Greiner, Brian Swingle  
**ABSENT:**          Joey Novick, Phil Velella

## II. Regular Meeting Agenda 7:30 pm

### Flag Salute

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Dorothy Fine	Councilwoman	Present	
John Gorman	Councilman	Present	
Phil Greiner	Councilman	Present	
Joey Novick	Councilman	Absent	
Phil Velella	Council Vice President	Absent	
Brian Swingle	Council President	Present	
Erica Edwards	Mayor	Present	

### Motion To: Amend the Agenda to Add Resolution 2014-108.

**RESULT:**           **APPROVED [3 TO 0]**  
**MOVER:**           Phil Greiner, Councilman  
**SECONDER:**       Brian Swingle, Council President  
**AYES:**             Dorothy Fine, Phil Greiner, Brian Swingle  
**ABSTAIN:**         John Gorman  
**ABSENT:**          Joey Novick, Phil Velella

### Public Comments -- Session I (up to approximately 3 minutes each, for a maximum of approximately 30 minutes)

Lois Stewart, 26 Spring Street - questioned if Habitat for Humanity had been contacted concerning the available lot on Capner Street.

Councilman Greiner informed he had met with the group more than once and they had no interest in this parcel or any of the others he had suggested.

Carla Tabussi, 8 Brown Street - said there are three homes on Brown Street that are for sale, suggesting Mr. Greiner inform Habitat for Humanity of their availability.

Mr. Greiner asked Ms. Tabussi to give him a list of the homes and he will forward it to the organization.

Ms. Stewart - noting the proclamation on the evening's agenda concerning Arbor Day, suggested Council recognize May as Older Americans Month.

Mayor Edwards asked Council to amend the agenda to add this proclamation.

Ms. Stewart - asked for clarification of Resolution 2014-100.

Council President Swingle explained it states the general agreement that municipalities in the county can reach out to each other when necessary.

Ms. Stewart - asked when work would commence on Spring Street.

Councilman Gorman informed it would start in approximately two weeks, and hopefully, be finished by summers end.

Ms. Stewart asked about the impact of Ordinances 2014-12 and 2014-13.

Mr. Swingle informed there would be no impact on the current year, adding future effects would depend on loans and grants.

Mayor Edwards informed the Borough is currently applying for USDA low interest loans and grants.

Ms. Stewart - asked why there will be an increase in water/sewer rates.

Mayor Edwards informed Council took a healthy step last year by increasing rates, but had made it clear that rates could increase to strengthen the infrastructure for redevelopment.

Ms. Stewart - suggested requiring the redeveloper pay for any upgrades.

Mayor Edwards said Council would work with the redeveloper on financing, but noted, the Borough must plan ahead to be ready for the start of new projects.

Ms. Stewart - thanked Councilman Gorman and the Borough Engineer for taking the time to go on a walking tour with her of Borough streets planned for road and sidewalk work. Ms. Stewart is concerned for the trees in these areas.

Steve Karpew, 32 Allen Street - asked for the status of the Capner Street lot.

Mayor Edwards informed Council Vice President Velella had taken the lead on this issue, noting he was not present this evening.

Mr. Karpew - asked for status on the 4-way stop signs on Borough streets.

Mr. Swingle informed of amped up police enforcement and placement of radar signs in these areas.

**Motion To: Amend the Agenda to Add a Proclamation Recognizing May as Older Americans Month in the Borough of Flemington**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Brian Swingle, Council President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	John Gorman, Councilman
<b>AYES:</b>	Dorothy Fine, John Gorman, Phil Greiner, Brian Swingle
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Joey Novick, Phil Velella

**Mayor's Report (up to approximately 3 minutes)**

Mayor Edwards spoke of the 2014 budget, which would be introduced this evening. Ms. Edwards informed, as the budget must be on file for 28 days, a hearing would be held on Wednesday, June 25th at Borough Hall. Mayor Edwards proposed moving the Council meeting scheduled for Monday, June 23rd to the 25th, coinciding with the budget hearing.

Mayor Edwards spoke of the newly established Creative Team, noting they would be meeting on June 5th. Ms. Edwards said discussions would include recommendations by the current steering committee on the addition of new members.

**Motion To: Amend the Agenda to Add Resolution 2014-109.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Brian Swingle, Council President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	John Gorman, Councilman
<b>AYES:</b>	Dorothy Fine, John Gorman, Phil Greiner, Brian Swingle
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Joey Novick, Phil Velella

**Council Members' Reports (up to approximately 3 minutes each)**

**Councilwoman Fine**

Ms. Fine informed the Environmental Commission would be submitting an application with Sustainable New Jersey on May 29th, seeking Bronze status.

Ms. Fine informed the Commission is still seeking a chair for the Green Team, noting plans are in the works for a Green Fair in the Borough.

Ms. Fine informed the Shade Tree Commission had relocated a tree from the front of the library, where it was obstructing the view of traffic, to Bonnell Street.

### **Councilman Gorman**

Councilman Gorman informed, concerning the work being done on Maple Avenue and William and Spring Streets, water lines are in and are now being connected to the homes. Mr. Gorman said storm drain work would be next.

Mr. Gorman said he had met with the DPW earlier in the day.

Mr. Gorman informed there would be a meeting on May 29th to discuss construction on Stangl Road.

Mr. Gorman informed he had attended a meeting with residents and businesses of Stangl Road to discuss a work schedule. Mr. Gorman said timing will be addressed.

Mr. Gorman said he had attended the Memorial Day Parade.

### **Councilman Greiner**

Councilman Greiner informed he had attended a Library Board meeting on May 19th. Mr. Greiner said the newly formed Friends of the Library group had held a screening of the movie Gravity, and is working to schedule book discussions and "pop up" libraries around the Borough.

Mr. Greiner informed of a \$1,400 grant from FM Global, which was secured by Borough Fire Marshal David Turner, to be used for equipment.

Mr. Greiner said he had attended the recent budget workshops.

Mr. Greiner said the HPC had heard and approved four applications at their last meeting.

Mr. Greiner informed he had attended a recent transportation meeting held by HART.

Mr. Greiner informed the Planning Board has approved the Global Ag site as an area in need of redevelopment. Mr. Greiner noted an adjacent private residence was not included in this approval.

Mr. Greiner spoke of working on updates to the Master Plan in regard to areas included in the BID study and other significant properties. Mr. Greiner informed these changes would be minor.

Mr. Greiner also informed he had attended the Memorial Day Parade.

### **Councilman Novick**

Councilman Novick was not present.

### **Council President Swingle**

Council President Swingle informed his family welcomed a baby girl, who they named Madeleine Grace, the morning after the last Council meeting.

Mr. Swingle said he has had several meetings with the Police Department in the past two weeks.

Mr. Swingle informed he had attended the recent budget meetings.

Mr. Swingle thanked Councilman Gorman and the Borough Engineer for looking into the flooding issue on Brown Street.

### **Council Vice President Velella**

Council Vice President Velella was not present.

### **Approval of Minutes**

#### **Motion To: Approve Minutes: May 12, 2014 Regular Council Meeting**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Phil Greiner, Councilman
<b>SECONDER:</b>	John Gorman, Councilman
<b>AYES:</b>	Dorothy Fine, John Gorman, Phil Greiner, Brian Swingle
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Joey Novick, Phil Velella

### **PROCLAMATION: PROCLAIMING APRIL 25, 2014 AS ARBOR DAY**

### **PROCLAMATION: PROCLAIMING MAY AS OLDER AMERICANS MONTH IN THE BOROUGH OF FLEMINGTON**

**RESOLUTION 2014-100: AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE AND THE MAYOR TO SIGN A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT**

**RESULT:** ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Brian Swingle, Council President  
**SECONDER:** John Gorman, Councilman  
**AYES:** Dorothy Fine, John Gorman, Phil Greiner, Brian Swingle  
**ABSENT:** Joey Novick, Phil Velella

**RESOLUTION 2014-101: APPROVING AN ON PREMISE RAFFLE FOR THE FRIENDS OF FLEMING CASTLE TO BE HELD ON JUNE 13, 2014**

**RESULT:** ADOPTED [3 TO 0]  
**MOVER:** Dorothy Fine, Councilwoman  
**SECONDER:** Brian Swingle, Council President  
**AYES:** Dorothy Fine, Phil Greiner, Brian Swingle  
**ABSTAIN:** John Gorman  
**ABSENT:** Joey Novick, Phil Velella

**RESOLUTION 2014-102: APPROVING A SOCIAL AFFAIR PERMIT FOR O CHADASH SYNAGOGUE TO SERVE WINE AND BEER AT THE STANGL FACTORY ON JUNE 14, 2014**

**RESULT:** ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** John Gorman, Councilman  
**SECONDER:** Phil Greiner, Councilman  
**AYES:** Dorothy Fine, John Gorman, Phil Greiner, Brian Swingle  
**ABSENT:** Joey Novick, Phil Velella

**RESOLUTION 2014-103: AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE NUMBER 1009-33-002-006 FOR THE BRIAD GROUP, LLC FOR THE YEAR 2014-2015**

**RESULT:** ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Phil Greiner, Councilman  
**SECONDER:** John Gorman, Councilman  
**AYES:** Dorothy Fine, John Gorman, Phil Greiner, Brian Swingle  
**ABSENT:** Joey Novick, Phil Velella

**RESOLUTION 2014-104: AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF CLUB LIQUOR LICENSE NUMBER 1009-31-005-001 FOR THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST 7856 FOR THE YEAR 2014-2015**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Brian Swingle, Council President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Phil Greiner, Councilman
<b>AYES:</b>	Dorothy Fine, John Gorman, Phil Greiner, Brian Swingle
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Joey Novick, Phil Velella

**RESOLUTION 2014-105: AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH REIVAX CONTRACTING CORPORATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$339,623.15 FOR THE WILLIAM STREET, SPRING STREET AND MAPLE AVENUE ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	John Gorman, Councilman
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Phil Greiner, Councilman
<b>AYES:</b>	Dorothy Fine, John Gorman, Phil Greiner, Brian Swingle
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Joey Novick, Phil Velella

**ORDINANCE 2014-11: FIRST READING: AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14) FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2014**

Mayor Edwards informed the budget hearing would be held during the rescheduled June 25th Council meeting, 5:00 PM, at Borough Hall. Mayor Edwards said the hearing would be scheduled toward the end of the meeting out of respect to the public, who may not be able to arrive at 5:00 PM.

Mayor Edwards informed that, even though the budget is up \$135,000 over last year, it is still under the levy cap.

Mayor Edwards informed the tax rate is up due to rising out of capital expenses and a decrease in revenue.

Mayor Edwards informed Council is establishing a capital improvement fund of \$200,000 to aid in planning for the purchase of higher priced items such as vehicles and larger equipment.

Mayor Edwards informed the property tax on a house valued at \$240,000 has increased in 2014 from \$1,800 to \$2,000.

**RESULT:** INTRODUCED [UNANIMOUS] **Next: 6/25/2014 5:00PM**  
**MOVER:** Dorothy Fine, Councilwoman  
**SECONDER:** John Gorman, Councilman  
**AYES:** Dorothy Fine, John Gorman, Phil Greiner, Brian Swingle  
**ABSENT:** Joey Novick, Phil Velella

**RESOLUTION 2014-106: INTRODUCTION OF THE 2014 MUNICIPAL BUDGET OF THE BOROUGH OF FLEMINGTON**

**RESULT:** ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS] **Next: 6/25/2014 5:00PM**  
**MOVER:** Phil Greiner, Councilman  
**SECONDER:** Brian Swingle, Council President  
**AYES:** Dorothy Fine, John Gorman, Phil Greiner, Brian Swingle  
**ABSENT:** Joey Novick, Phil Velella

**RESOLUTION 2014-107: AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF FLEMINGTON TO CONDUCT THE ANNUAL BUDGET EXAM**

**RESULT:** ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Brian Swingle, Council President  
**SECONDER:** John Gorman, Councilman  
**AYES:** Dorothy Fine, John Gorman, Phil Greiner, Brian Swingle  
**ABSENT:** Joey Novick, Phil Velella

**RESOLUTION 2014-108: AUTHORIZING THE COMMITMENT OF UP TO \$10,000.00 IN OPEN SPACE FUNDS TO FINANCE THE REPAIR OF THE FENCE SURROUNDING THE VETERANS MONUMENT ON MAIN STREET, AND TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE COUNTY'S OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE FOR THE FUNDS.**

**RESULT:** ADOPTED [3 TO 0]  
**MOVER:** Phil Greiner, Councilman  
**SECONDER:** Dorothy Fine, Councilwoman  
**AYES:** Dorothy Fine, Phil Greiner, Brian Swingle  
**ABSTAIN:** John Gorman  
**ABSENT:** Joey Novick, Phil Velella

**RESOLUTION 2014-109: AUTHORIZING COUNCIL TO RESCHEDULE THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING FROM MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2014 TO WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 2014. THE MEETING WILL COMMENCE WITH A WORK SESSION AT 5:00 PM, FOLLOWED BY A COUNCIL MEETING AT 5:30 PM, WHICH WILL INCLUDE A HEARING CONCERNING THE 2014 BUDGET FOR THE BOROUGH OF FLEMINGTON.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	John Gorman, Councilman
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Brian Swingle, Council President
<b>AYES:</b>	Dorothy Fine, John Gorman, Phil Greiner, Brian Swingle
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Joey Novick, Phil Velella

**ORDINANCE 2014-12: FIRST READING: BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR SEWER SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS ON WALTER'S LANE BY THE SEWER UTILITY OF THE BOROUGH OF FLEMINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$270,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$270,000 IN BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>INTRODUCED [UNANIMOUS]</b>	<b>Next: 6/25/2014 5:00PM</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	John Gorman, Councilman	
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Brian Swingle, Council President	
<b>AYES:</b>	Dorothy Fine, John Gorman, Phil Greiner, Brian Swingle	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Joey Novick, Phil Velella	

**ORDINANCE 2014-13: FIRST READING: BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR WATER SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS ON WALTER'S LANE AND STANGL ROAD BY THE WATER UTILITY OF THE BOROUGH OF FLEMINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$560,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$560,000 IN BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>INTRODUCED [UNANIMOUS]</b>	<b>Next: 6/25/2014 5:00PM</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	John Gorman, Councilman	
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Dorothy Fine, Councilwoman	
<b>AYES:</b>	Dorothy Fine, John Gorman, Phil Greiner, Brian Swingle	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Joey Novick, Phil Velella	

**Public Comments -- Session II (up to approximately 3 minutes each, for a maximum of approximately 30 minutes)**

Elaine Gorman, 34 New York Avenue - thanked Council for hearing the report from the Friends of Samuel Fleming House Board during the last meeting. Ms. Gorman informed of their major fundraiser, which is being held on June 13th at Gallo Rosso Restaurant. Ms. Gorman also informed of their June 14th open house from 1-4 PM.

Ms. Gorman spoke of how nice the Memorial Day Parade had been.

Lois Stewart, 26 Spring Street - asked if members of the public would be included on the committee tasked with updating the Borough Master Plan.

Councilman Greiner said yes, informing there would also be four members of the Planning Board working with Beth McManus of Clark, Caton, Hintz, on the update. Mr. Greiner asked Ms. Stewart to attend the next board meeting on June 2nd.

**Attorney's Report**

No Report

**Payment of the Bills**

**Motion To: Pay the Bills**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Phil Greiner, Councilman
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Brian Swingle, Council President
<b>AYES:</b>	Dorothy Fine, John Gorman, Phil Greiner, Brian Swingle
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Joey Novick, Phil Velella

**Executive Session for Any Other Applicable Matter Identified During the Regular Meeting (Action May Be Taken)**

No Items for Executive Session

**Adjournment**

**Motion To: Adjourn 8:30PM**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Brian Swingle, Council President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	John Gorman, Councilman
<b>AYES:</b>	Dorothy Fine, John Gorman, Phil Greiner, Brian Swingle
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Joey Novick, Phil Velella

June 9, 2014

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**Robin M. Hughes**  
Deputy Clerk  
Borough of Flemington