



Mayor and Common Council Borough of Flemington

March 9, 2020

Council Meeting Room

Call to Order

Mayor Driver called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Executive Session (6:00 PM)

1. RESOLUTION 2020-66: EXECUTIVE SESSION RE: COURTHOUSE SQUARE PROJECT

RESULT:	ADOPTED [4 TO 0]
MOVER:	Michael Harris, Council Member
SECONDER:	Kimberly Tilly, Council Vice President
AYES:	Michael Harris, Jeremy Long, Christopher Runion, Kimberly Tilly
AWAY:	Caitlin Giles-McCormick, Jessica Hand

Attorney Andrew Brewer was present. Ms. Giles-McCormick arrived at 6:10 p.m. Ms. Hand arrived at 6:40 p.m. Mr. Harris left the session at 7:20 p.m. Executive session minutes kept separately.

Results of Executive Session

No action was taken following the executive session. Ms. Giles-McCormick moved and Mr. Runion seconded returning to open session. All members present voted in favor, and Council returned to open session at 7:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting (7:30 PM)

This meeting is being held in conformance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Flag Salute

Roll Call:

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Caitlin Giles-McCormick	Council President	Present	6:10 PM
Jessica Hand	Council Member	Present	6:40 PM
Michael Harris	Council Member	Present	
Jeremy Long	Council Member	Present	
Christopher Runion	Council Member	Present	
Kimberly Tilly	Council Vice President	Present	
Betsy Driver	Mayor	Present	

I. Adjournment of Public Hearings

More people were in attendance than the Council meeting room allows. Mayor Driver asked for motions to move the public hearings on Ordinances 2020-2 and

2020-3 to March 25, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. at the historic Hunterdon courthouse, 71 Main St., Flemington.

1. ORDINANCE 2020-2: ESTABLISHING THE MIXED-USE MULTI-FAMILY OVERLAY DISTRICT

RESULT:	ADJOURNED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 3/25/2020 7:00 PM
MOVER:	Kimberly Tilly, Council Vice President	
SECONDER:	Christopher Runion, Council Member	
AYES:	Giles-McCormick, Hand, Harris, Long, Runion, Tilly	

Public hearing adjourned to March 25, 2020, 7 p.m. at the historic courthouse, 71 Main St., due to overcrowding.

2. ORDINANCE 2020-3: PERMITTING SOCIAL CLUBS AND CERTAIN THEATER USES IN THE DOWNTOWN BUSINESS DISTRICT, THE DOWNTOWN II BUSINESS DISTRICT, AND THE VILLAGE ARTISAN SHOPPING DISTRICT

RESULT:	ADJOURNED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 3/25/2020 7:00 PM
MOVER:	Christopher Runion, Council Member	
SECONDER:	Jessica Hand, Council Member	
AYES:	Giles-McCormick, Hand, Harris, Long, Runion, Tilly	

Public hearing adjourned to March 25, 2020, 7 p.m. at the historic courthouse, 71 Main St., due to overcrowding.

Following passage of the motions, enough people left the audience that the meeting could continue.

II. Mayor's Proclamation: Good Citizen Award

Mayor Driver presented a proclamation to Borough resident Matthew Danek, who interrupted an assault while driving his UPS route in town.

III. Mayor's Report

A Liberty Village representative met with several Borough officials recently to say they're looking to build something in the future that fits the Borough's desires. A new committee looking at redevelopment of Liberty Village includes Scot Bennett, a Coppermine Village resident; Frank Banisch; Mayor Driver; Council Member Long; and FCP Executive Director Robin Lapidus.

The next budget workshop is Thursday, March 12 at 7 p.m. at Borough Hall. She's in touch with state leaders about the coronavirus and everyone's keeping a close eye on the situation.

At a recent New Jersey Future conference there was a big push for sustainability, particularly regarding stormwater.

The presentation about the Nilkanth Agway site planned by Cardinal Capital Management on March 25 has been postponed due to the coronavirus threat, and will be rescheduled.

IV. Council Members' Reports

Council Vice President Tilly

Fireworks - The Borough received approval from the Flemington-Raritan school board to host the event at RFIS in July. Marc Hain has applied to the Fire Marshal, and asked the Fire Department and Rescue Squad for support. A Maker's Day event is planned March 21 by Mediatech at the Flemington Free Public Library.

A solicitor was in town last week without a permit. The Clerk issues badges that solicitors must carry, and Ms. Tilly advised residents to call the police non-emergency number, 908-782-3434, if they're bothered by unlicensed solicitors.

Council Member Hand

She attended national American Pets Alive training for animal welfare last week, and found that Flemington Borough is doing a lot of things right regarding animal control.

Council Member Harris

The electricity bill for the snowflakes was in line with previous years.

Animal control - We pay \$16,000 annually for animal control, which is less than we previously paid when added fees were taken into account. The \$16,000 is all-inclusive. He's reviewing recommendations from the ACO on ways to lower costs.

Restaurant Week is this week.

He's reached out to the Local Finance Board regarding whether or not he or colleagues on the Council have a conflict of interest, due to connections with the Friends of Historic Flemington.

Council President Giles-McCormick

Menus for Restaurant Week can be found online at WeLoveFlemington.com. On Feb. 26, the FCP stakeholders met at Chimney Rock to discuss future plans. At a HUD meeting last week, Flemington was shown as an example of how Opportunity Zone marketing can work.

She attended the New Jersey Future conference last week, which addressed zoning information, and also the concept of Aging in Place - keeping people involved as they get older.

The FCP will resume offering walking tours Saturday mornings at 10 a.m., for a fee of \$10. They'll be every Saturday starting April 18.

Council Member Runion

The Environmental Commission will meet on Monday at 7 p.m.

Council Member Long

The Planning Board had some recommendations to make about Ordinance 2020-3, which he will share at the public hearing rescheduled for March 25, 7 p.m. at the historic courthouse.

He's happy to serve on the Liberty Village redevelopment committee, and looks forward to making sure appropriate development is suggested.

The Planning Board has changed its meeting schedule, and will now meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month, rather than the 1st Monday and 4th Tuesday. It fits better with Council's schedule, Mayor Drive noted.

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

Lois Stewart, Flemington, discussed options for Liberty Village, cable TV service, fencing to close off the alley between the hotel and Higgins News, and the status of the redeveloper's escrow account.

Charles Pettibone, 3 1/2 Lloyd Ave., discussed the increasing traffic on that road, its condition and maintenance.

Dave Cuddeback, Park Ave., discussed dangers he's concerned about at the intersection of Park and Capner streets.

Robert Shore, 47 Broad St., discussed the need to negotiate a good deal for low-income people in the cable franchise contract still pending. He asked about shared services; Mayor Driver said she will be reaching out to Raritan Township officials to see if there is any interest. Mr. Shore also addressed speeding on Park Avenue.

VI. Approval of Minutes

Motion To: **Approve Minutes: February 24, 2020 Regular Council Meeting**

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michael Harris, Council Member
SECONDER:	Christopher Runion, Council Member
AYES:	Giles-McCormick, Hand, Harris, Long, Runion, Tilly

Motion To: **Approve Minutes: February 24, 2020 Exec. Session**

RESULT:	APPROVED [5 TO 0]
MOVER:	Kimberly Tilly, Council Vice President
SECONDER:	Jeremy Long, Council Member
AYES:	Giles-McCormick, Hand, Long, Runion, Tilly
ABSTAIN:	Michael Harris

Regular Agenda

1. FIRST READING ORDINANCE 2020-4: AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF BOROUGH-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 144 MAIN STREET
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Attorney St. Angelo described the Borough's attempts to sell 144 Main St., and said this ordinance allows an auction by sealed bids.

RESULT:	INTRODUCED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 3/23/2020 7:30 PM
MOVER:	Michael Harris, Council Member	
SECONDER:	Kimberly Tilly, Council Vice President	
AYES:	Giles-McCormick, Hand, Harris, Long, Runion, Tilly	

2. FIRST READING ORDINANCE 2020-5: REGULATING AND PERMITTING COMMERCIAL, TELEVISION, MOVIE AND STILL FILMING ON PUBLIC PROPERTY WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF FLEMINGTON

RESULT:	INTRODUCED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 3/23/2020 7:30 PM
MOVER:	Kimberly Tilly, Council Vice President	
SECONDER:	Jessica Hand, Council Member	
AYES:	Giles-McCormick, Hand, Harris, Long, Runion, Tilly	

3. RESOLUTION 2020-65: REGARDING THE RECORDING AND ARCHIVING OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

Mr. Harris discussed changing the wording to apply to all public meetings, but there was not enough support on Council for that change.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michael Harris, Council Member
SECONDER:	Christopher Runion, Council Member
AYES:	Giles-McCormick, Hand, Harris, Long, Runion, Tilly

4. RESOLUTION 2020-67: AUTHORIZING THE CLOSING OF STANGL ROAD FROM CHURCH STREET TO MINE STREET FROM 4:00 PM TO 10:00 PM ON JULY 18, 2020 FOR SALSA NIGHT

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michael Harris, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jeremy Long, Council Member
AYES:	Giles-McCormick, Hand, Harris, Long, Runion, Tilly

5. RESOLUTION 2020-68: AUTHORIZING STREET CLOSURES FOR A MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS RUN & WALK ON APRIL 26, 2020

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michael Harris, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jessica Hand, Council Member
AYES:	Giles-McCormick, Hand, Harris, Long, Runion, Tilly

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

Lois Stewart, Flemington, discussed the status of trees trimmed at the site of the new Red Crab restaurant, and pushed for more greenery in town. Ms. Tilly said she'd follow up with the construction official to find out more about the trees. Thomas Chen, 7 Main St., asked for some details about the filming ordinance. Robert Shore, 47 Broad St., discussed the pending cable TV contract, and suggested the town be declared an area in need of rehabilitation, to take advantage of opportunities posed by the Borough's Opportunity Zone designation. He also discussed the multiple street lights on Main Street.

VIII. Attorney's Report

Nothing in addition to what was covered earlier in this meeting.

IX. Payment of the Bills

Motion To: **Pay the Bills in the Amount of \$332,595.74**

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Caitlin Giles-McCormick, Council President
SECONDER:	Kimberly Tilly, Council Vice President
AYES:	Giles-McCormick, Hand, Harris, Long, Runion, Tilly

X. Executive Session for any other applicable matter identified during the regular meeting (Action may be taken)

None needed.

XI. Adjournment

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Attest: _____
Sallie Graziano, Borough Clerk