

FLORENCE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION

January 9, 2008

8:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Baldorossi called the meeting to order.

SUNSHINE STATEMENT

The Opening Statement was read: Notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice was published in the Burlington County Times on January 6, 2008; given to the Register News for information; posted on the municipal bulletin board.

ROLL CALL

Present: Bruce Garganio, Dennis O'Hara, Sean Ryan, Jerry Sandusky, Frank Baldorossi

Also Present: Mayor William Berry; Richard A. Brook, Township Administrator; Thomas Sahol, Assistant Municipal Administrator; Dante Guzzi, Township Engineer; Russell Trice, Township Water and Sewer Engineer; William John Kearns, Jr., Township Solicitor; Joy M. Weiler, Township Clerk

PRESENTATION: CAROLYN CAMPBELL - RETIREE

On behalf of the Mayor and Council, Council President Baldorossi presented a clock/plaque to Carolyn Campbell in honor of her retirement and years of dedicated service to Florence Township in the Water and Sewer Billing Department from June 1, 1987 – December 31, 2007.

Mrs. Campbell thanked Mayor and Council. She stated that when you say it in years it sounds like a long time but it does not when you work it; that is because Florence Township has a special way with its employees of making them friends and family. She will not miss the job; she knows she is leaving it in good hands to Christine Swiderski. She will miss the people because they have become family and it has been beautiful.

Richard Brook, Township Administrator, has been here for 18-19 years and never has he seen a husband bring his wife flowers every week for 18-19 years like Elmer Campbell has for his wife, Carol. It was one of the most touching things he has ever seen.

Administrator Brook stated that Mrs. Campbell was very dedicated and a strong advocate for her position. It has been a pleasure working with her over the years and will miss her.

David Lebak, Water and Sewer Superintendent, thanked Mrs. Campbell for her dedication to her job and will miss her.

Mayor Berry spoke regarding not having the opportunity to work with Mrs. Campbell but out of all the employees, she is the one he knows the best. He has known her since 1967. Mr. & Mrs. Campbell were his next door neighbors and watched him grow up. They have a special place in his heart and are dear friends.

Valerie Sweeney stated that she has worked with Mrs. Campbell for 18 years, and they have had many good times together. She will truly miss her.

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Council President Baldorossi invited everyone to the front conference room for cake and coffee.

8:06 PM: RECESS

8:31 PM: MEETING RESUMED

PUBLIC COMMENT

Don Kaminski, 10 McCay Drive, stated that at the December 19, 2007 meeting there was discussion that the Delaware Avenue Ordinance would be on January 16, 2008 Agenda. He asked if that was still the target date? Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that the Ordinance is set for introduction next week, January 16th.

All residents having an opportunity to be heard, MOTION by Garganio; seconded by Sandusky to close the public portion of the meeting. All ayes - motion carried.

TOWNSHIP WATER AND SEWER ENGINEER

Well No. 6: B&H Contracting – Current Estimate No. 6

Russell Trice, Township Water and Sewer Engineer, reviewed and recommended payment of Current Estimate No. 6. This payment is for period ending November 30, 2007. The contractor has most of the equipment in to start up the well. They are now waiting for Public Service. The contractor has had some difficulty scheduling Public Service. Assistant Administrator Sahol spoke with his contact there and Public Service now states that they will be there January 15th to do the cut ins to bring electric to the facility. Approximately a week after Public Service is there, the contractor should be able to start up and test the well. Afterwards, the contractor should be able to finish the site work and wrap up punch list items. After the well is started up, tested and capable of pumping water, NJDEP needs to be notified. NJDEP will come and take samples back to their laboratory. He is not sure how long NJDEP will take.

Mayor Berry expressed dissatisfaction that there was difficulty scheduling Public Service. He asked Assistant Administrator Sahol if his contact gave an explanation? Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that they had the work order but there was a small delay due to writing a procedure and getting it approved.

Council Member Ryan asked Mr. Trice to request NJDEP to expedite the sampling. Mr. Trice has been in touch with NJDEP, they know it is coming and he has been providing as much paperwork ahead of time as he is able.

Council Vice President O'Hara asked if he could start preparing a punch list now for work that has been completed? Mr. Trice can provide the contractor with a preliminary punch list of items to work on before they get the final.

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

Stormwater Management: Greenbriar

Dan Guzzi, Township Engineer, discussed a request from the developer to not complete the basin in accordance with the plans. They provided some stormwater management calculations to back up their proposal but the review was not complete because we did not have the updated as built plans.

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Mr. Guzzi has since received the as built plans and went out and did some spot checks. He explained that the original as built plans for the storm sewer system showed some significant problems with the installation. They have submitted another set which seems to alleviate those problems, so he went out and spot checked seven (7) locations and out of those seven (7) locations he found four (4) significant deviations from the as built that were provided. He sent a letter to the developer requesting a meeting with them and their surveyor to discuss why he keeps receiving incomplete and incorrect as built. Justine Bloch of Lennar did call last week and Mr. Guzzi went over the problems with him. Mr. Bloch was supposed to get back to Mr. Guzzi but has not. At this point nothing is happening and the developer needs to finalize before Mr. Guzzi can report to the governing body and get direction as to how the governing body wants to handle the basin and the rest of the stormwater issues.

Mr. Guzzi explained that it is a wet basin and a wet basin has to be constructed in tiers as it goes down. The idea is that if someone were to fall into the basin they would land on one of those tiers and be able to stand up. The tiers do not exist in this basin; it is a continuous slope down to the bottom of the basin. Lennar suggests that they can modify the outlet structure and install a post and rail fence around the basin to alleviate the safety concerns. Mr. Guzzi stated that is a deviation from NJ State standards in addition to a deviation from the Planning Board approval. There is also a larger issue and that is the storm sewer system and the problems with that and the pipes coming into the basin. He would like them to handle as one comprehensive issue.

Council Member Garganio asked about the trees? Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that Mr. Bloch was supposed to contact him regarding the trees but has not.

Mr. Guzzi stated that in December he walked the entire site with Mr. Bloch and went over every single punch list item, except for the trees. He agreed with just about all of the punch list items and is working on them. The two significant items that remain out there are the trees and the stormwater management.

After further discussion, it was decided that Administrator Brook will write a letter to the Bonding Company explaining that Lennar has been given many chances and has been unresponsive. A copy of the letter will also be sent to Lennar.

Atlantic Coast/Salson Logistics, Inc.: Maintenance Bond

Mr. Guzzi sent a letter on December 14, 2007 stating that there were two (2) items, fire lane striping and gate to the trash enclosure, that need to be taken care of before release of the Maintenance Bond. He has not heard back from them. Mr. Guzzi suggested notifying the bonding company.

Council Vice President O'Hara asked if they met the requirements of the landscaping? Mr. Guzzi stated that they eventually did.

A Resolution denying the Maintenance Bond Release will be prepared for next week's meeting.

Olive Street Senior Housing (Legacy at Meadowcraft): Bond Reduction

Mr. Guzzi reviewed and recommends a Performance Bond Reduction for site work completed to date.

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Administrator Brook stated that Ryan Homes informed him that they will not be breaking their contract and will be completing the development.

Mr. Guzzi explained that when Ryan Homes does a development they do not do the site work portion; they build the houses. This bond is for the developer doing the site work. Ryan has separate escrows posted.

Council Member Garganio questioned the berm. Mr. Guzzi stated that the berm has not been resolved. He still has not received the as builts but knows that the berm is about a foot low from the approved plans. The developer did not realize it was low until Mr. Guzzi requested an as built. The reason he requested the as built was because when you are looking from Olive Street it seems a lot lower than anticipated, even though it is a relatively high berm at the back of the site, the site drops back. Council Member Garganio stated that when they came in for the zoning change they made a presentation that showed a much larger berm. When a six foot fence on top of the berm was discussed at that time, Council worried that it would be so high it would be an eyesore. He believes the old records should be checked to see what was represented. The berm does not do anything. Council Vice President O'Hara stated that the berm was a major discussion at the Planning Board. He remembers that the developer was responsible for part of the berm and Ready Pac was responsible for the other half. He asked if both parties have done their part and if any plantings have been done? Mr. Guzzi stated that there are trees but if you stand on Olive Street and look across the development, you can see the Ready Pac building. On paper it looked a lot bigger. Council Vice President O'Hara asked what will happen to the plantings when they raise the berm another foot? They will have to remove them; their plan is to do that in the spring. Council President Baldorossi believes Ready Pac will still be visible after the berm is raised a foot. Council Member Garganio feels that they misrepresented themselves and should be made to build what they represented. If that was going to be the berm, Council Member Garganio would not have voted for the zone change. Council Vice President O'Hara asked if it would make sense for them to install a fence now? Council Member Garganio and Council President Baldorossi would rather have a fence now. Council Member Garganio will not vote to approve the reduction; he is uncomfortable, not with Mr. Guzzi's recommendation, but because he believes they misrepresented themselves when they came before Council. Administrator Brook explained that this is not the original developer; Council has not met him. He is building what he bought on the approved Planning Board plans. The plans will be pulled and a meeting will be set up with the developer.

Council Member Sandusky stated that when the sidewalks were installed on Olive Street two sections were skipped. Mr. Guzzi explained that the developer's intent is to continue the sidewalks but is waiting for the two (2) residents approval. Administrator Brook and Assistant Administrator Sahol will contact the residents.

2008 Road Program – NJDOT Grant Award

Mr. Guzzi is finalizing the Road Program for this year. As a separate issue, notification was received that the township was awarded a \$150,000 NJDOT Grant for repaving Second Avenue and Fifth Avenue in Roebing. The \$150,000 does not cover the cost for both. The cost estimate for Second Avenue from Hornberger Avenue to Riverside Avenue is approximately \$155,000; the cost estimate for Fifth Avenue from Hornberger Avenue to Riverside Avenue is approximately \$211,000. The opportunity to include one or both of those roads in the Road Program that is being finalized now is there. The alternative is to do one or both of those roads as part of a separate road program later this year or early next year.

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Council Member Ryan questioned the 200 block of Fifth Avenue? Administrator Brook explained that NJDOT is more likely to fund feeder roads; that is why the 200 block of Fifth Avenue was not included in the application. Secondary roads are not likely to be approved for funding.

Mr. Guzzi explained that they do not have to do Second Avenue and Fifth Avenue to receive the funding but the grant can only be used towards one or both of those roads.

Council Member Sandusky knows that it is rather costly to do a complete alley and suggested expanding and asphaltting, just the ends of one or two alleys a year, in Roebbling. Mr. Guzzi stated that has been done in the past so the trash trucks could maneuver better. Administrator Brook stated that there are alleys proposed for the Road Program; they are bid as alternates.

Following a brief discussion, Council decided to do the entire length of Second Avenue. The trees and curbing would be looked at during the project.

Council Vice President O'Hara verified that there is a safe continuous walkway from the train station to the Main Gate once the museum opens? Council President Baldorossi stated that there is.

Council President Baldorossi stated that there is still a problem with the collapsed storm drain on the mill side. Mr. Guzzi is working with the EPA contractor to resolve it. He will keep on them.

Council President Baldorossi stated that there are survey marks (orange paint) on the brick flowerbed at the entrance to the mill site. Assistant Administrator Sahol has not seen those markings but has seen a lot of other paint marks and believes they are for the trail the County is working on. He will contact the County and see if it was their work.

TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR

Economic Development Board: Draft Ordinance

Solicitor Kearns stated that there was discussion regarding formally establishing the Economic Development Committee. He put together a very rough draft Ordinance, with a lot of questions, for the governing body to discuss.

At the present time there are 10 members, Mayor Berry would like to increase to 12 members.

Council Vice President O'Hara asked if there was still a need for the Advisory Committee for Economic Development and Redevelopment? Council Member Garganio does not believe that committee is needed. There are no scheduled meetings; there is a meeting when someone feels a meeting is needed. Council Vice President O'Hara feels that it is duplication and believes that a strong Economic Development Advisory Committee should be established. Solicitor Kearns suggested using the term "advisory committee" so the members know that they have to come to the governing body with suggestions, not going off on their own.

Solicitor Kearns added language that they cannot spend money except within an appropriation that is in the budget and any purchases have to be processed through administration so purchases are handled properly.

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Council Vice President O'Hara does not have a problem expanding to 12 members. He believes all members of the governing body are concerned about bringing ratables into the community and helping with the tax base. He would like to see some sort of marketing, maybe working in conjunction with Mark Remsa, Coordinator for Burlington County Economic Development and Regional Planning. He would like this committee to have some teeth and also direction from Mayor and Council as to exactly what they would like them to do. He would like the governing body to receive a monthly report on their activities. Mayor Berry asked if a clerk would be provided for the committee? Council Member Ryan suggested a member of the committee use a laptop to take minutes. He also stated that there are monthly Burlington County Economic Development meetings and suggested one of the township's Economic Development Committee members attend so there is a sense of awareness as to what is going on at the County level.

Council Member Garganio would like to aggressively pursue forming a strong Economic Development Committee, fund it and put in members that will do the job. He would also like an administrative employee to attend the meetings to do the minutes so there is a proper set of minutes. The members are all volunteers and may not have the time to do the clerical work. He stated that there have always been decent people on that committee; but to get the best out of them, the governing body needs to point them in a direction and let them know what is expected.

Council Vice President O'Hara attended an Economic Development meeting and sensed frustration from the members that nothing comes about from their meetings. He feels it would boost the morale of the committee that the Mayor and Council are concerned, want them to do a good job and appreciate their efforts.

Once the governing body decides how to establish the committee, how many members and how the appointments would be made, Administrator Brook stated that it is not a problem funding the committee through the budget, an administrative employee can do the minutes and a marketing strategy could be worked on.

Solicitor Kearns has researched and can not find any policy on how the appointments are made, whether by Mayor or Council. Council Member Ryan feels that in the best interest of the township and moving forward with Economic Development as a whole, six (6) members should be appointed by the Mayor and six (6) members by Council.

Discussion took place regarding the list of appointments Mayor Berry presented to Council but were not acted on. Mayor Berry presented a list of ten (10) people, he spoke to them before the Reorganization Meeting and they were all interested in serving. They are all one-year terms. Council Vice President O'Hara suggested keeping the ten (10) appointments Mayor Berry presented and Council make two (2) additional appointments for this year. At Council Member Sandusky's suggestion, Mayor Berry will verify that each person is still interested.

For the future, Council Member Garganio suggested that the Mayor appoint eight (8) members and Council appoint four (4) members. He stated that the Mayor tends to drive the Economic Development, Planning Board, etc.

Solicitor Kearns suggested, for continuity, going with staggered two (2) year terms.

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Discussion followed regarding rolling the Advisory Committee on Economic Development and Redevelopment into the Economic Development Committee and rolling the Citizens Advisory Committee on Landfill Matters into the Environmental Commission. The two (2) boards do not meet because there is truly nothing for them to do and are there in name only. Administrator Brook recommends combining the boards. He feels it is better to have a stronger Economic Development Committee. He stated that the Mayor, no matter what party he is, is the point person.

Council Member Ryan asked Mayor Berry if he would be taking an active part in the monthly Economic Development Committee meetings? He stated that he would attend or a designee if he is unable.

Discussion took place regarding how many appointments the Mayor would make and Council would make and the people who have served on the committee for years. Concern was expressed regarding the fact that Mayor Berry has already spoken to people and asked them to serve. Council Vice President O'Hara requested that Mayor Berry speak to each individual and explain to them that there are discussions between Council, that all of Council is in agreement that the Economic Development Committee should be moving forward and Council would like to increase their role in what they do for the community and that there are discussions going back and forth about how the appointments will take place, which has not been ironed out yet. He asked Mayor Berry to get a sense of how the individuals feel and report back. Also advise the individuals that terms may be changed to two (2) years. Mayor Berry will speak to each individual face to face and report back.

Council Vice President O'Hara asked Solicitor Kearns to follow up on the ideas that have been discussed this evening. Solicitor Kearns will provide a revised draft Ordinance and leave open the way the appointments are made.

Solicitor Kearns stated that the way the Ordinance is written now there are actually fourteen (14) members; twelve (12) citizen members, a Council Member and the Mayor as ex officio. After further discussion Council decided to have twelve (12) members; ten (10) citizen members, a Council Member and the Mayor as full voting members. Council Vice President O'Hara will represent Council on the Economic Development Committee.

As Mayor Berry speaks with each individual he will advise all Council Members of the outcome.

ASSISTANT MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR

Background Checks

With the change the New Jersey State Police made where the township will no longer be able to process fingerprints for the volunteer's background checks locally and volunteers having to travel to get fingerprinted, Assistant Administrator Sahol recommends, in order to continue with the program and have it manageable, extending the existing approvals by one (1) year. If Council agrees to extend, he would ask the coaches that are granted the extension to start moving forward with the electronic fingerprinting for next year now. Even though the NJ State Police are not implementing the change until March 15, 2008, Assistant Administrator Sahol also recommends beginning the new program February 1, 2008 for any new coaches that need a background check. In the interim, he suggested that if approvals were extended from two (2) years to three (3) years, a name check be done internally. This would build in an additional level of protection.

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Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that if the additional year is not granted there will be 138 volunteers that will need to get their electronic fingerprints before July of this year. Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that they indicated that one of the benefits is once you are fingerprinted it stays in the system and you do not have to go again. He will be attending a course next week.

Council Member Garganio discussed looking into if an individual already has a background check, such as through the State or School System, if that would satisfy the requirements to be a volunteer and not have to have another. That would save money for the township and time for the individual. At the present time the fee is \$36. They have discussed lowering the fee but that has not been implemented. The township pays the fee, which does cause a dilemma. The volunteer being fingerprinted has to pay at Sagem Morpho and they only accept credit cards or money orders. The township cannot set up an account there. The Roebing Bank gives the township free money orders so he has discussed with Sandra Blacker, Chief Financial Officer, creating a certain number of money orders to be held and then given to an applicant along with the required township paperwork to take with them to be fingerprinted. The applicant would not have to wait to be reimbursed.

If Council agrees all coaches from now on would have a three (3) year approval term. Extending approvals would have to be done by Ordinance. Council in agreement to extend the approval term to three (3) years. An Ordinance will be prepared for next week's meeting.

Traffic Calming Measures

As discussed in the past by Council Member Sandusky and former Council Member Fratinardo, Assistant Administrator Sahol looked into pricing for creating eight (8) foot stenciling of letters and numbers with large white bars that could be applied as vehicles come off higher speed roads onto residential roads. The cost would be \$55 per location. The first locations discussed were Ninth Street off Cedar Lane and Brookside Drive off Old York Road. Assistant Administrator Sahol suggested if Council would like to implement, to survey the residents in the area. Council Member Ryan stated that another area of concern that residents have expressed to him is South Street onto Sixth Avenue. There are a great deal of children that play in the area. Council Member Ryan suggested also surveying the residents after the stenciling is applied to see how it is working.

Other locations mentioned were Station Road off Delaware Avenue, Olive Street off Delaware Avenue and Hornberger off Route 130. Council Member Sandusky suggests trying Ninth Street off Cedar Lane first.

Council Member Garganio likes the idea but asked if there is any documentation that says it works? Mr. Guzzi explained that it works for the driver that is not speeding intentionally; their mind may just be on something else. Council Member Garganio feels it is worth trying. He knows the township cannot install speed bumps but can do speed "humps." He suggested considering speed humps in some of the areas discussed through a road program. Administrator Brook explained that speed humps were considered on Brookside Drive, the problem was none of the residents wanted them in front of their homes.

Alley Vacating Request

Assistant Administrator Sahol received a request from a resident to vacate an alley. He explained it would only be fair that the other residents that would benefit from the additional land share the burden. There would be some legal work, survey work and filing work that the cost would be divided equally between the residents. As far as utilities there is nothing keeping the township from

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vacating the alley. If Council agrees, Assistant Administrator Sahol will survey the residents to see if they are interested and have them respond in writing. Council in agreement for Assistant Administrator Sahol to follow up.

Zip Code Update

Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that the United States Postal Service is asking how the governing body would like them to complete the survey; one (1) survey to both Bordentown and Burlington or two (2) separate surveys, one (1) to Bordentown, one (1) to Burlington? He explained that if one (1) survey is done that response rate would stand on its own; if two (2) separate surveys are done and one passes and the other fails the results stand. If the survey fails it cannot be done for 10 years. There must be an 85% response rate; 75% of those respondents must approve to make the change. After discussing, Council in agreement to have the United States Postal Service send one (1) survey to both Bordentown and Burlington. Assistant Administrator Sahol will send a letter to the residents explaining the survey and when they should expect it. There are regulatory guidelines that the United States Postal Service must follow.

Recreation Committee

Assistant Administrator Sahol reported that the Recreation Committee voted last evening to change their meeting dates from the 1st Tuesday of the month to the 4th Wednesday of the month. Mayor Berry requested a monthly attendance list from the Recreation Committee meetings.

Gypsy Moths

In regards to the letter in the packet, Council Member Ryan asked if a representative would be attending the meeting regarding Gypsy Moths? Administrator Brook stated that Assistant Administrator Sahol will be attending.

ORDINANCE: YACHT CLUB LEASE RENEWED

Joy Weiler, Township Clerk, stated that the lease for the Yacht is automatically renewed every three (3) years. She asked if the governing body would like to review the lease, which must be renewed before March? Council Member Sandusky would like to look at the lease. His concern is making sure the township receives the insurance liability certificate before the lease is approved, that the Yacht Club complies with submitting an annual report to Council setting forth the use of which the premises were used the prior calendar year and whether or not the language should stay in that the Yacht Club agrees to remove and install their dock at the same time the township dock is removed and installed. He would like to find out if the Yacht Club plans to ever put in a dock again. Council Member Sandusky does not have a problem renewing the lease as long as those concerns are addressed. Clerk Weiler will look into.

PROPERTIES: USE IDEAS

Administrator Brook stated that Council asked that this topic be added to begin general discussions regarding moving forward with the various township owned buildings. He suggested forming a subcommittee for the former Duffy School for affordable housing. The township is in the process of arranging a settlement with the school. The township has agreed to take over the utility costs effective January 1st. Insurance coverage is being worked on. The subcommittee would meet with a COAH planner to begin discussing options on how to proceed. Council President Baldorossi, Council Member Garganio and Mayor Berry will serve on the subcommittee.

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Administrator Brook suggested beginning discussions in the near future on the other township owned buildings, such as the Rescue Squad building, the former public works building and the Third Street Firehouse.

Council Member Sandusky stated that there are two (2) female police officers on the force now that are working out of a trailer located on the side of the building. He would like to make expanding the building for the police department or moving them to another building a priority so the female police officers no longer have to use the trailer. Council Member Garganio stated that the subcommittee did discuss space for the Police Department and there are preliminary ideas and drawings that will be distributed to Council. They did not move forward due to funding. Council Vice President O'Hara asked if the expansion was only for the Police Department? Administrator Brook stated that there were several ideas. One being expanding the current municipal building for full administration use and a building would be built for the Police Department. He stated that the current building is too small to serve its purpose. One suggestion is to renovate the old public works building for the Police Department. Solicitor Kearns stated that if the Police Department is moved to a different building, the Court Department has to be moved with it.

FARMLAND PRESERVATION

Council Member Garganio would like to start looking into having a referendum added to the November ballot asking for a .01¢ increase in the tax rate to go to Farmland Preservation. The township has done a lot to preserve open space but has not really gotten involved, outside of the landfill area, with the County Preservation program because of lack of funding. The municipal rate has not been increased in ten (10) years. Solicitor Kearns stated that it is not strictly for Farmland Preservation; it is for Farmland Preservation, Open Space and Recreation. The governing body would decide how those funds are to be used. Solicitor Kearns explained that a trust fund would be created for those funds and they are segregated from the budget. He will look into and report back.

PAPERLESS PACKETS

Council Member Garganio discussed the possibility of moving to paperless packets for the governing body. It would save reams of paper. Laptops would be utilized and the packets could be put on CD. Council Member Ryan suggested looking into for the Planning Board packets also. The plans could be reduced. Council Vice President O'Hara asked about the scale of the plans if they are reduced? Solicitor Kearns stated that the township and the professionals would have a full set of plans that could be looked at if needed. Mr. Guzzi stated that a lot of Planning Boards are asking for reduced plans for their members. Assistant Administrator Sahol has been in contact with a company and will ask them to make a presentation to the governing body in March.

ACTION

APPLICATIONS

- A. Catering Permit: Police Dinner, February 9, 2008, Roebing Main Street Firehouse
- B. Raffle: Night at the Races, Florence Township Civic Association, Inc., March 1, 2008, 6:00PM-2:00AM, Florence Township Firehouse
- C. Raffle: Off Premise 50/50, NJLESA Civic Association, April 9, 2008, 7:30PM, Bung's Tavern

It was on the MOTION of O'Hara, seconded by Ryan to approve the above applications.

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On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: O'Hara, Ryan, Baldorossi

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Garganio, Sandusky

Motion carries.

PENINSULA'S APPLICATION

Administrator Brook reported that Mayor Berry received a call from an advisory committee member expressing concern with Peninsula's application. Administrator Brook contacted Peninsula and requested that they meet with the Environmental Commission and other advisory committee. A meeting will be set up for January 22nd or 23rd. Notification will be sent to both groups and the Planning Board.

BUSTLETON ROAD PROPERTY

Administrator Brook has received calls from NFI and Whitesell expressing interest in a site on Bustleton Road and they have both asked if the township has an interest in talking to them about the site, if they were to provide access solely from Route 130? Administrator Brook stated that is a sensitive subject; it is pushing deeper into the ARG Zone. They both said the same thing, if Florence Township is not interested tell us and we will not pursue it.

Council Vice President O'Hara expressed concern that if New Jersey Governor Corzine's toll increase goes through, it will impact Route 130 dramatically. His other concern is COAH. Administrator Brook feels that if COAH stays in its current format it will stop development all throughout the state. Even the township's tax abatement plan will not help. Solicitor Kearns expects when COAH adopts the rules they will be challenged, almost immediately, in court by developers, housing advocates and various municipalities along with the League of Municipalities.

Administrator Brook stated that Florence Township will formally object to COAH on the record.

Council in agreement to meet with NFI and Whitesell, which Administrator Brook will set up. Council Member Garganio requested that they bring in a conceptual drawing of what they are looking to do.

11:30 PM MOTION by Sandusky, seconded by Ryan to adjourn meeting. Roll call vote - all ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

11:30 PM Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER, RMC/MMC
Township Clerk

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