

Florence, New Jersey
January 21, 2004

The Florence Township Council held a regular meeting on the above date in the Municipal Complex, 711 Broad Street, Florence, New Jersey.

The meeting was called to order by President Fratinardo at 8:00 PM. President Fratinardo led the Salute to the Flag.

The Township Clerk read the following statement: "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 4, 2004 and given to the Register News for information. Notice was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board."

Upon roll call the following were found to be present:

John Fratinardo, President
Frank Baldorossi
Bruce Garganio
Elizabeth Ryan
Jerry Sandusky

Also present:

Michael Muchowski, Mayor; Richard Brook, Township Administrator; Thomas Sahol, Assistant Administrator; Dante Guzzi, Township Engineer; William John Kearns, Jr., Township Solicitor; Joy Weiler, Township Clerk

PRESENTATION

Oath of Office: John Bunce, Sergeant

Joy Weiler, Township Clerk, administered the Oath of Office to Patrolman John Bunce, promoting him to the position of Sergeant, while his family looked on. Mayor and Council presented Mrs. Bunce with flowers.

Chief of Police, Gordon Dawson, congratulated Sergeant Bunce. Chief Dawson feels that the promotion is well deserved.

Sergeant Bunce thanked Mayor, Council, Chief of Police, his fellow officers and his wife and children for their support.

Retirement: Detective Lonney Brown and Sergeant Louis Lung

On behalf of himself and Township Council, Mayor Muchowski presented Detective Lonney Brown, 22 years of service, with a clock/plaque in honor of his retirement. Council President Fratinardo presented Mrs. Brown with a bouquet of flowers.

Detective Brown stated that he has had the honor of working with one of the best police departments in the County. He thanked the Chief, Captain, his fellow officers and his family for all of their support over the years. He thanked Betty Wargo, Carol Potpinka and Darlene Taylor, employees of the Township, for all of their support. He also thanked everyone for attending this evening.

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On behalf of himself and Township Council, Mayor Muchowski presented Sergeant Louis Lung, 29 years of service, with a clock/plaque in honor of his retirement. Council President Fratinardo presented Mrs. Lung with a bouquet of flowers.

Sergeant Lung thanked the Township, his fellow officers and his family.

Mayor Muchowski expressed his appreciation and respect to Detective Brown and Sergeant Lung, who have given a large part of their lives to the community. He wished them well in their retirement years.

MINUTES

None at this time.

FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky; seconded by Ryan to receive and file the Court Administrator's report for December. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

Sandusky made a MOTION; seconded by Ryan to approve the Treasurer's Bill List. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE

None at this time.

APPLICATIONS

A. Catering Permit: C. Reed's Place at the Roebing Fire House, 2/7/04, 4:00 – Midnight

It was on the MOTION of Ryan, seconded by Sandusky to approve the above application.

On the Question

In response to Council Member Sandusky, Joy Weiler, Township Clerk, explained that this allows C. Reed's Place from Mansfield to use their ABC license in Florence Township for a social function for one day.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Garganio, Ryan, Sandusky, Fratinardo

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jennifer Eckman, 4-5 Florence Tollgate Place, stated that the right hand turn lane to turn off of Route 130 onto Hornberger Avenue was removed, but the right hand turn only sign is still up. Assistant Administrator stated that the sign should have been removed and DOT has been contacted. They will be removing the sign.

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Bill Bott, 64 Riverbank Drive, stated that he has not smelled any odor from the landfill lately. Council Member Garganio stated that they stopped mining the site.

Mr. Bott stated that a driver removing the contaminated dirt from the berm along the railroad tracks informed him that the County no longer wants the dirt. Council Member Garganio stated that the township has paperwork from the County saying that they want the dirt to use for capping.

Mr. Bott asked if the fence along the railroad tracks would go up before the lightrail begins running? Mayor Muchowski stated that if the fence is not up before service begins a temporary barrier will be put up.

Bill Strimple, Route 130, asked how much distance is required for a left hand turn lane on Route 130? He discussed the left hand turn lanes on Route 130 and the fact that the turn lane into his property was removed. Mayor Muchowski stated that township is aware and has sent letters to DOT and NJ Transit.

Mr. Strimple stated that Whitesell has a mountain of dirt on their property without a sediment fence around it. Mr. Strimple is concerned as to where the dirt came from. Mayor Muchowski will call Whitesell tomorrow.

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-37

**APPROVE PAYMENT OF CURRENT ESTIMATE NO. 2 FOR
RMS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, 1985 DUTCH MILL ROAD
NEW PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY**

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-38

**APPROVE PAYMENT OF CURRENT ESTIMATE NO. 1
FOR SECOND AVENUE
WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT
TO SPENCER V. MAUSSNER, INC.
PO BOX 408
MARLTON, NJ 08053**

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-39

**AWARD CONTRACT FOR ONE NEW 2004
MACK CV703 6 WHEEL TRUCK
(ROLL OFF DUMPSTER)**

**TRENTON MACK SALES & SERVICE, INC.
5 CROSSROADS DRIVE
HAMILTON, NJ 08691**

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-40

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATES
FOR 301 AND 309 WEST FRONT STREET
BLOCK 35, LOTS 15 AND 18**

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-41

**EMERGENCY STORM DRAINAGE REPAIRS – FLORENCE TOWNSHIP
DECEMBER 2003**

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-42

**EMERGENCY RESOLUTION – NJS 40A:4-48
EMERGENCY STORM DRAINAGE REPAIRS
(Under 3% limitation)**

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-43

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE,
IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE
PREPARATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF OFFERING DOCUMENTS IN
CONNECTION WITH THE SALE OF THE TOWNSHIP'S GENERAL OBLIGATION
REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2004; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND
AWARD OF SAID BONDS; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND
COVENANTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN
ACTIONS RELATED THERETO**

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Ryan that Resolutions 2004-37 through 2004-43 be adopted.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Garganio, Ryan, Sandusky, Fratinardo

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

ORDINANCES

**ORDINANCE NO. 2003-31
(2nd Reading)**

REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY PROVIDING FOR THE REFUNDING OF THE TOWNSHIP'S SERIES 1994 GENERAL IMPROVEMENT AND WATER AND SEWER UTILITY BONDS DATED FEBRUARY 1, 1994, THE TOWNSHIP'S SERIES 1998 GENERAL IMPROVEMENT, WATER AND SEWER UTILITY AND WATER AND SEWER ASSESSMENT BONDS DATED APRIL 1, 1998, AND THE TOWNSHIP'S SERIES 1999 GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS DATED JUNE 15 1999, APPROPRIATING NOT TO EXCEED THE AGGREGATE SUM OF \$7,370,000 THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$7,370,000 REFUNDING BONDS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE FOR FINANCING THE COST THEREOF

NOTE: THIS ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED IN 2003; NJ DEPT. OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS APPROVED IN JANUARY 2004. TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR ADVISED THAT ORDINANCE COULD BE RE-ADOPTED AS IS. TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR, WILLIAM JOHN KEARNS, JR. AND SPECIAL BOND COUNSEL, THOMAS COLEMAN, CONCURRED. TOWNSHIP COUNCIL IS NOW RE-ADOPTING ORDINANCE.

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Fratinaro to approve Ordinance No. 2003-31 on second reading for adoption.

Public Comment

Council President Fratinaro opened the meeting to the public for comments at this time.

Bill Strimple, Route 130, questioned Ordinance No. 2003-31. Council President Fratinaro explained that this is a Bond Ordinance for refinancing. It is a combination of general improvement and water and sewer utility bonds.

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Fratinaro to close the public hearing. All eyes – motion carried.

On the Question

Council Member Garganio asked if the community center was part of this Ordinance. Administrator Brook stated that this does not include the community center. This refinances some of the older debt that was out at the higher rates.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Garganio, Ryan, Sandusky, Fratinaro

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

**ORDINANCE 2004-01
(1st Reading)**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE
AMENDING CHAPTER 134 OF THE FLORENCE
TOWNSHIP CODE TO PROVIDE FOR TRUCK ROUTES**

**AND FOR STREETS OR PARTS OF STREETS WHERE
TRUCKS OVER FOUR TONS GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT
ARE PROHIBITED**

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Ryan to approve Ordinance No. 2004-01 and set adoption for February 4, 2004.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Garganio, Ryan, Sandusky, Fratinardo

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

REPORTS

Committees, Boards and Officers

- Nothing at this time.

Mayor Muchowski

- Nothing at this time.

Administrator

- Nothing at this time.

Assistant Administrator

- Nothing at this time.

Township Solicitor

- Nothing at this time.

Township Engineer

- Dan Guzzi, Township Engineer, stated that the contractor for the new public works building received his permits this week. Work will begin when the weather breaks.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council Member Sandusky explained that since the Roebing Drug Store closed down, Boyd's Pharmacy will deliver to the senior citizens in Roebing, free of charge.

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NEW BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Nothing at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS

Nothing at this time.

8:50 PM MOTION by Sandusky, seconded by Ryan to adjourn meeting. Roll call vote - all ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

8:50 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER
Township Clerk

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