

Florence, New Jersey  
January 21, 2009

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 Council President Baldorossi at 8:25 PM. President Baldorossi led the Salute to the Flag.

The following statement was read by the Township Clerk: "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 11, 2009; 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:

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

Also present:

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

### **MINUTES**

Nothing at this time.

### **FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE**

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

### **REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE**

Nothing at this time.

### **APPLICATIONS**

- A. RAFFLE: Off Premise 50/50 Raffle, Parish of Sts. Francis & Clare, May 9, 2009, 10:00AM, McGrath Hall
- B. RAFFLE: Penny Auction, Florence Township Civic Association, March 6, 2009, 6:00PM – 10:00PM, Riverfront School

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

### **On the Question**

Nothing at this time.

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Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: O'Hara, Ryan, Sandusky, Baldorossi

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Garganio

Motion carries.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Nothing at this time.

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

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2009-39**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE  
WAIVING THE APPOINTMENT OF A RISK MANAGEMENT  
CONSULTANT/INSURANCE PRODUCER AND  
INDEMNIFYING AND HOLDING HARMLESS THE  
BURLINGTON COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND  
AS A RESULT OF ANY CLAIMS ARISING FROM SAID ACTION**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2009-40**

**EXTEND THE ABC CONSUMPTION & CLUB LICENSES  
SUNDAY HOURS FOR SUPER BOWL SUNDAY**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2009-41**

**APPROVE CURRENT ESTIMATE NO. 5  
AND CHANGE ORDER NO. 2  
COMMUNITY CENTER  
EAGLE CONSTRUCTION SERVICES  
1624 JACKSONVILLE ROAD  
BURLINGTON, NJ 08016**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2009-42**

**APPROVE CURRENT ESTIMATE NO. 5 FOR  
2008 ROAD PROGRAM  
AMERICAN ASPHALT COMPANY  
116 MAIN STREET  
W. COLLINGSWOOD, NJ 08059**

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2009-43**

**APPROVE THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
K. HOVNANIAN AT FLORENCE I, L.L.C.  
PLATINUM DEVELOPERS AT FLORENCE I, L.L.C.  
AND  
THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2009-44**

**RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND  
CREAM-O-LAND  
CONDITIONED UPON POSTING A MAINTENACE BOND  
NOTE: Also conditioned upon payment of any escrow funds due.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2009-45**

**A RESOLUTION CANCELING TAXES ON PROPERTY  
OWNED BY A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2009-46**

**WATER AND SEWER PAYMENT PLAN FOR BLOCK 165.04, LOT 52  
216 LEFFLER CIRCLE**

**RESOLUTION 2009-47**

**TRANSFERRING CERTAIN 2008 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS**

Administrator Brook noted that Resolution No. 2009-44 was initially a denial for bond release. He explained that from the time Council last met at the Worksession until today, Dan Guzzi's office, Township Engineer, faxed over a letter stating that Cream-O-Land has complied with the one outstanding item. Council has a choice of either authorizing the bond release this evening or waiting until February 4, 2009. Mr. Guzzi confirmed that the inspection was done and Cream-O-Land has complied. Administrator Brook explained that if Council wishes to vote on this evening, Resolution No. 2009-44 will be amended to authorize the bond release because the Township Engineer has advised the governing body that Cream-O-Land has met and fulfilled their one last remaining obligation and he has provided the township with a written letter to that effect. Council Members are in agreement to vote on Resolution No. 2009-44, as amended, this evening.

It was on the MOTION of Ryan, seconded by Sandusky that Resolutions 2009-39 through 2009-47 be approved.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

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Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Garganio, O'Hara, Ryan, Sandusky, Baldorossi  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

(NOTE: **Resolution No. 2009-48 is on HOLD  
WATER AND SEWER PAYMENT PLAN FOR BLOCK 134, LOT 3  
64 Riverside Avenue)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2009-49**

**AUTHORIZE FILING OF RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT  
APPLICATION**

It was on the MOTION of Garganio, seconded by Sandusky that Resolution 2009-49 be approved.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Garganio, O'Hara, Ryan, Sandusky, Baldorossi  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2009-50**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE  
TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL SERVICE AGREEMENT  
FOR THE "BURLINGTON COUNTY DWI TASK FORCE" PROGRAM**

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Ryan that Resolution 2009-50 be approved.

On the Question

Council Vice President O'Hara asked if this is the first time this has ever come before Council? Administrator Brook explained usually when municipalities get together, one municipality is the lead agency in seeking grants. In this case Bordentown is the lead agency and obtained the grant. All of the municipalities included in the Resolution work together on DWI. Because it is a cooperative working relationship each governing body approves a Resolution. Administrator Brook noted that all of the municipalities have said yes.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Garganio, O'Hara, Ryan, Sandusky, Baldorossi  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

**ORDINANCES**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2009-01  
(1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE PROHIBITING NON-RESIDENT STUDENT ENROLLMENT WHERE THE PERSON IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND THE FLORENCE TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS AND PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES AND FOR RESTITUTION TO THE FLORENCE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT**

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by O'Hara to approve Ordinance 2009-01 on first reading and set adoption for February 4, 2009.

On the Question

Council Member Ryan asked if it would be prudent for the governing body to have a clear definition of what an enrollable student is? Solicitor Kearns stated that is done under the Education Law and would be a determination of the school district; it is not the municipality's determination.

Council Member Ryan questioned the wording in Section C: All residents hosting other families in their residence must register with the Florence Township Housing Authority. Administrator Brook stated that should read Florence Township School District and it will be corrected.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows

YEAS: Garganio, O'Hara, Ryan, Sandusky, Baldorossi  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2009-02  
(1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE  
AMENDING THE FLORENCE TOWNSHIP CODE BY  
AMENDING SECTION 134-42. - SCHEDULE X.: THROUGH  
STREETS BY ADDING FIREHOUSE LANE AS A THROUGH  
STREET**

It was on the MOTION of Garganio, seconded by Ryan to approve Ordinance 2009-02 on first reading and set adoption for February 4, 2009.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows

YEAS: Garganio, O'Hara, Ryan, Sandusky, Baldorossi  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

**REPORTS**

**Committees, Boards and Officers**

- Nothing at this time.

**Mayor**

- Nothing at this time.

**Administrator**

- Administrator Brook reported that Assistant Administrator Sahol has been working on setting up a **paper shredding date for the community** for April 25<sup>th</sup>. It will be held behind the municipal building. Assistant Administrator Sahol will begin advertising. It is held for local residents; the residents can watch their paperwork being shredded.

**Assistant Municipal Administrator**

- Assistant Administrator Sahol reported that the **United States Navy Band** has accepted the township's request to come with the Electric Brigade to our **Patriotic Celebration Day**.
- Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that the Chief of Police and his staff did an excellent review of the **request for delineated parking spaces on Hornberger Avenue** for the law firm. He feels that the Chief has made very good points and will respond to Mr. Petkevics indicating that it is not in the township's best interest or safe to do what would be needed to do what is necessary for delineated parking spaces.
- Assistant Administrator Sahol discussed the memo from the **Florence Township Education Association**. They are proposing a **5k/walk and kid's race as a fundraiser**, following the same route as the township's Patriotic Celebration Day 5k. They are requesting, at the township's expense, police officers and public works employees to help in this event. Assistant Administrator Sahol explained that an alternate route would be the walking path in the park but that raises concerns with a large crowd running on the narrow pathway and the risk of injury due to the uneven surface adjacent to the pathway. The safest is on the roadway but there is a serious cost to the township. Council Member Ryan asked if this is a one-time request or a recurring event? Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that if it is successful, they may be looking to do it every year. Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that there is also a Parents Group with special needs children in the community looking to do a 5k around the same time frame for Autism Awareness Month. Council Member Ryan has a couple of suggestions to help eliminate some of the costs to the township. One suggestion is to consolidate the education association's 5k with the township's annual 5k. If that would not work, the alternate is to have the education association hold their event at Marter Park, if there is the needed distance for a 5k and if the width of the paths was appropriate. Council Member Sandusky does not believe it would be possible to combine the school's event with the township's event, since the township's 5k is held in July and school is out of session. There may not be as many students available as during the school year. He likes the suggestion of Marter Park or Veterans Park and to reduce the risk of injury he suggested a walk opposed to a run. Council Vice President O'Hara suggested that runners could take off first and as they loop around the walkers could step aside. Council President Baldorossi suggested that they use the high school property. Assistant Administrator Sahol will report back to the education association with the governing body's suggestions. Council Member

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Garganio asked if the township would have to provide police or public works employees if they held the 5k in one of the parks? Assistant Administrator Sahol suggested some police presence since children are involved. Council Member Garganio asked if it would be overtime or police officers on duty at that time? Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that he would have to discuss with the Chief of Police. Council Member Garganio suggested that if the township is involved with incurring an expense that it be split with the Board of Education.

### **Township Solicitor**

- Nothing at this time.

### **Township Engineer**

- Nothing at this time.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Council Member Garganio questioned the status of the **recycling toters**. Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that the first 1,000 toters have been delivered. A letter will be going out to those residents February 24<sup>th</sup> notifying them that the Recycle Bank program will be kicking off. They will be advised to have their toter out on recycling day so the identification tag can be attached. They will receive the registration packets soon after.

Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that the County asked him if the township is ready for another 1,800 toters? He cannot give an answer at this time because he is still figuring out where that would put the township financially based on the recycle tonnage grants. He hopes to have an answer during budget time.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Council Member Ryan stated that there was an article in the **Burlington County Times** several weeks ago under the **Making a Difference** section that **featured a Florence resident**, Donna Frappolli. The article acknowledged Mrs. Frappolli for her years of service to the community, helping children, preparing meals for families in need and going out of her way to provide Christmas for those that are less fortunate. He asked if Mayor and Council would be receptive to acknowledging Mrs. Frappolli by a Proclamation for her service throughout the years? Council President Baldorossi noted that another Florence Township resident, a gentleman with the Florence Methodist Church, was also featured in the Making a Difference section of the Burlington County Times. Mayor and Council are in agreement to honor the two (2) township residents in some way.

Council Member Ryan stated that energy efficiency has been and is becoming a big part of our world. He believes that we will continue to see dramatic shifts in how we use energy in the future. He would like to see the municipality become an early adopter of energy efficiency and realize some of those cost savings that exist. Council Member Ryan spoke with Mr. Guzzi and from a solar standpoint there is a long waiting list, however there may be funding available for the municipality to offset some of its expenses to start to look at some of the buildings owned by the municipality to consider moving forward. He feels the township could start looking at design and securing grant money. At the same time the township could be looking at what sort of cost savings would be achieved and what sort of payoff period. He asked the governing body to think about whether to instruct Mr. Guzzi and Assistant Administrator Sahol to start reviewing the possibility.

Council Member Ryan stated that there is not as long of a waiting list for funding for the wind turbines as there is for the solar panels. He would like the township to look into wind turbines.

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Mayor Berry stated that there have been discussions regarding wind turbines by the sewer plant because they get wind off the river there. Administrator Brook stated that winds have to be monitored for a year. He reviewed areas where water and sewer are implementing energy efficiency. Administrator Brook agrees that looking at engineering and cost proposals for renewable energy is a good idea. There is a significant pay out up front and there is the question if it is financially worthwhile for the township to do it. It is a good idea to investigate the feasibility.

Council Member Ryan stated that the river is an area that they may want to review for higher velocity wind standpoint. There would obviously be concerns where active recreation takes place. It would not be an enormous utility grade windmill, but scaled down. Long term, renewable energy may be something that could reduce the township's energy cost and be a benefit to the residents.

Administrator Brook explained that there is a push to form co-op's statewide where municipalities ban together and buy their energy on the open market. There is a fee to sign up but there would be some savings.

Council Member Garganio asked if developers can be required to have certain amount of renewable energy, such as solar panels on the roof and solar lights, under the township's land use law? Solicitor Kearns will look into. Council Member Ryan stated that the suggestion can be made at the Planning Board level to developers along with an incentive.

Solicitor Kearns stated that last year the New Jersey League of Municipalities established a Mayor's Committee on a Green Future. They are developing a road map of things that can be done. Solicitor Kearns believes that the report will be coming out in March.

Council Vice President O'Hara questioned the status of the street lighting problem at Greenbriar, where the residents feel it is too dark. Administrator Brook spoke with a few different contractors who explained to him that solar lights are not refined to the point that they are sustainable in this area for street lighting. PSE&G has advised him the same. The contractors feel that solar lighting for streetlights will be the norm in two - three years but right now the technology is not there yet.

Mr. Guzzi and Assistant Administrator Sahol will work on proposals for renewable energy.

**BOARD OF HEALTH:** Nothing at this time.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Council Member Ryan thanked all the township employees involved with the free rabies clinic this past Saturday.

9:05 PM MOTION by O'Hara, seconded by Ryan to adjourn to Closed Session. Roll call vote - all ayes.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 9:05 PM Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER, RMC/MMC  
Township Clerk

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