

FLORENCE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

MARCH 17, 2004

8:00 PM

Call to Order

The Vice President of Council, Elizabeth Ryan, called the meeting to order.

Salute to the Flag

Sunshine Statement

The Township Clerk read the following statement: Notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice was posted on the municipal bulletin board; given to the Register News for information; published in the Burlington County Times on January 4, 2004.

Present:

Frank Baldorossi; Bruce Garganio; Jerry Sandusky; Elizabeth Ryan

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

Oath of Office: Sergeant Benjamin Polombi

The Township Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Sergeant Palombi while his son held the Bible and his wife looked on.

The Mayor presented Mrs. Polombi with flowers.

The Mayor stated that Sergeant Polombi is a qualified candidate; stepping into the role admirably according to Chief Dawson and Captain Gadbois. The Mayor gave words of appreciation for all that Sergeant Polombi does for the community and the police department.

Sergeant Palombi thanked his family, friends and fellow officers for attending the meeting.

Chief Dawson offered congratulations on “a well deserved promotion.” He stated that Sergeant Polombi is dedicated; respectful of his fellow officers; and an asset to the department.

Minutes

- Township Council Closed Sessions: 3/3/04 and 3/10/04
- Township Council Regular Sessions: 2/18/04 and 3/3/04

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Motion to approve the above noted minutes of Township Council made by Jerry Sandusky; seconded by Bruce Garganio. Roll call vote – all ayes.

Financial Correspondence

Reports to Receive and File: Court Administrator's for February

Motion made to approve the above noted report by Bruce Garganio; seconded by Frank Baldorossi. Roll call vote – all ayes.

Treasurer's Bill List for Approval

Motion made to approve the Treasurer's Bill List by Bruce Garganio; seconded by Frank Baldorossi.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Garganio, Sandusky, Ryan

NOES: None

ABSENT: Fratinardo Unanimous approval.

Applications

Raffle: Florence Township Civic Association, Inc., 5/31/04

Social Affairs: Carnival – Holy Assumption May 12, 13, 14, 15, 2004

Motion made by Jerry Sandusky; seconded by Frank Baldorossi to approve the above noted applications:

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Sandusky, Ryan

ABSTAINED: Garganio

ABSENT: Fratinardo Motion carried.

Public Comments

No public comments. Motion made by Jerry Sandusky; seconded by Bruce Garganio to close the public portion of the meeting. Roll call vote – all ayes.

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Resolutions

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-68
AUTHORIZE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND
FOR HAMILTON CROSSING: KEENAN DEVELOPMENT CO.,LLC
CONDITIONED UPON: PAYMENT OF ANY ESCROW FUNDS DUE
AND FILING A TWO YEAR MAINTENANCE BOND

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-69
AUTHORIZE REFUND OF CERTAIN TAX OVERPAYMENTS

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-70
APPROVE PAYMENT OF CURRENT ESTIMATE NO. 4 FOR
RMS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, 1985 DUTCH MILL ROAD
NEW PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-71
AWARD CONTRACT
2003 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROJECT
JONES MASONRY CORPORATION
50 BOZARTH TOWN ROAD
TABERNACLE, NJ 08088

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-72
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A
DUPLICATE TAX SALE CERTIFICATE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 99 OF
THE PUBLIC LASW OF 1997

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-73
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RESOLUTION NO. 2004-74
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A
DUPLICATE TAX SALE CERTIFICATE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 99 OF
THE PUBLIC LASW OF 1997

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-75
APPROVE PAYMENT OF CURRENT ESTIMATE NO. 3
FOR SECOND AVENUE
WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT
TO SPENCER V. MAUSSNER, INC.
PO BOX 408
MARLTON, NJ 08053

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-76
AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF CURRENT ESTIMATE NO. 3
FOR TEST WELL NO. 6
TO WILLIAM STOTHOFF CO., INC.
P.O. BOX 68
FLEMINGTON, NJ 08822

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-77
AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF PARK & PLAY STRUCTURES
STATE CONTRACT NO. A-47864
FOR CDBG PROJECT
AT H. KENNETH WILKIE MEMORIAL RIVER'S EDGE PARK

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-78
AUTHORIZE RELEASE OF MAINTENANCE BOND
FOR ROEBING ACRES SECTIONS I, II AND III: KELLY AND
McGOWAN BUILDERS, 203 BUCK ROAD, HOLLAND, PA 18966
CONDITIONED UPON: PAYMENT OF ANY ESCROW FUNDS DUE

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-79
CONFIRM MOTION FROM MARCH 10, 2004 COUNCIL MEETING:
APPROVE ROEBLING GARDEN CLUB'S REQUEST TO PLACE A
STATUE OF CHARLES G. ROEBLING AT THE CIRCLE
ON MAIN STREET IN ROEBLING
STATUE WILL FACE THE OLD REOBLING STEEL PLANT

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-80
A RESOLUTION CANCELLING TAXES ON PROPERTY
OWNED BY THE NEW JERSEY TRANSIT CORP.

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-81
A RESOLUTION CANCELLING TAXES ON PROPERTY
OWNED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-82
TRANSFERRING CERTAIN 2003 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-83
A Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Florence
Authorizing the Settlement of Litigation

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Council Vice President Ryan asked Township Clerk to explain change to Resolution No. 2004-78. Clerk noted that an additional condition will be placed on the release of the bond: “conditioned upon sealing all cracks in the roadways.”

Motion to approve Resolutions as presented and with No. 2004-78 amended. Motion by Jerry Sandusky; seconded by Bruce Garganio:

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Garganio, Sandusky, Ryan

NOES: None

ABSENT: Fratinardo Unanimous approval.

Ordinances

ORDINANCE NO. 2004-02
AN ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING THE INDEX RATE FOR
2004 IN ACCORDANCE WITH P.L. 1983, C.49

ORDINANCE NO. 2004-03
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE IN
BURLINGTON COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING
SECTION 1.10 OF THE FLORENCE TOWNSHIP CODE
ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF ANY
PROVISION OF THE FLORENCE TOWNSHIP CODE OR ANY
ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE

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Ordinances 2004-02 and 2004-03 adopted on first reading and scheduled for public hearing and adoption on April 7, 2004.

Motion made for adoption by Bruce Garganio; seconded by Jerry Sandusky.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Garganio, Sandusky, Ryan

NOES: None

ABSENT: Fratinardo Unanimous approval.

Reports of Committees, Boards and Officers

Council Member Jerry Sandusky noticed that the street lights need an adjustment. He has mentioned the problem to Richard Brook who will follow up. The lights come on while it is still light out.

Council Vice President Ryan advised that she and the Mayor were with the Florence Township football team on Monday at the State House in Trenton. Assemblyman Conners, Assemblyman Conaway and the Legislature honored the team on their recent championship - Central Jersey Group One.

Reports: Administration

Mayor Muchowski stated that he spoke at the State Assembly; members of the football team were given the chance to see how the Legislature works; he was proud of the team members and their behavior.

Citizen of the Year Dinner: The Mayor, Thomas Sahol and recreation/league representatives have been trying to re-establish interest. Unfortunately, there hasn't been not a lot of interest at this time.

Administrator Richard Brook asked if Mayor and Council were comfortable with the draft letter to be sent to the residents of Brookside Estates regarding obeying the **speed** limit. Mayor and Council Members approved letter for distribution.

Commerce Bank: Township Administrator **reported** that the town has finished the **refinancing** which was approved by the State; the sale was this morning; refunding of bonds; the town will save \$200,000 to \$230,000 over the life of the repayment schedule.

Township Engineer obtained proposals for fixing drainage problem in municipal parking lot; will cost approximately \$3,000.

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Thomas Sahol discussed the letter received from the **County Emergency Management** regarding hosting an exercise in '04; opportunity for Florence to hold the exercise here; funding through the Co. Homeland Security Funds; it would be a weapons of mass destruction exercise; Council in agreement to hold exercise in town.

Unfinished Business

Council Member Bruce Garganio asked for an update from Assistant Administrator on **Front Street** work; Mr. Sahol stated that he issued the purchase order for the electrical work; installation should be in the next few weeks; Township Engineer reported that after the PSE&G work completed, the project will go forward.

Council Member Garganio stated that **Waste Management** had promised to do landscaping on the hill each year. It does not seem that much landscaping has been done. Waste Management has a responsibility to do the landscaping; he asked Thomas Sahol to check into the matter and report back to Council.

New Business

The Mayor stated that he and Administrator went over the **budget**; need to set up a couple of dates for Council's review and discussion. Council Members in agreement to meet on March 24, at 6:30 PM. All will review the budget document prior to the meeting; if any need to see department heads, then Richard Brook will set up a special meeting with them. The Township Clerk will advertise the budget review meeting.

Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM by Jerry Sandusky; seconded by Bruce Garganio. Roll call vote – all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy M. Weiler, RMC/MMC
Township Clerk