

Florence, New Jersey
March 18, 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 8:00 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:

Dennis O'Hara
Sean Ryan
Jerry Sandusky
Frank Baldorossi

Also present:

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

PRESENTATION

Gabriel "Gabe" Popso: Retirement

On behalf of the Mayor and Council, Council President Baldorossi presented a clock/plaque to Gabriel "Gabe" Popso in honor of his retirement and years of dedicated service to Florence Township in the Water and Sewer Department from January 5, 1965 – February 1, 2009.

On behalf of the residents of Florence Township, Mayor Berry thanked Mr. Popso for his 44 years of dedicated service. He has been a very dependable employee with a generous spirit. Mayor Berry congratulated Mr. Popso on his retirement.

David Lebak, Water and Sewer Superintendent, spoke regarding working for Florence Township. He started nice years ago; Mr. Popso already had 35 years in as an employee for the Water and Sewer Department. From the moment Mr. Lebak met Mr. Popso he recognized his dedication to work. Mr. Popso has been through two (2) major upgrades and one (1) minor upgrade of the sewer plan; he has seen the plant change drastically over the years. Mr. Popso will definitely be missed at the plant. Mr. Lebak wished him well in his retirement and congratulated him on a tremendous career of 44 years.

Council thanked Mr. Popso for his years of service and wished him well in his retirement.

8:13PM: RECESS for a small reception in Gabe's honor which was held in the front conference room.

8:26PM: MEETING RESUMED

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MINUTES

Sandusky made a MOTION; seconded by O’Hara to approve the following minutes. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

Executive Session	February 11, 2009
Closed Session	March 4, 2009, March 11, 2009

FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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

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. SOCIAL AFFAIR PERMIT: Willitts, Hogan, Tonne American Legion Post 39, May 2, 2009, 6:00PM – 1:00AM

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

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

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

Unanimous approval.

B. RAFFLES: Florence Township Civic Association, Inc.

- Off Premise 50/50, June 28, 2009, Roebling Park, 5:00PM
- Off Premise 50/50, July 11, 2009, Sterling House, 9:00AM
- Night at the Races, American Legion Post 194, May 1, 2009, 6:00PM – 2:00AM

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

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

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

Motion carries.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Don Kaminski, 10 McCay Drive, asked if the floating dock would be repaired or replaced? Administrator Brook stated that the dock would be repaired for this year; they are in the process of receiving estimates to replace the dock.

Mr. Kaminski asked when the dock will be installed? Administrator Brook will speak with the Public Works Director regarding the anticipated installation date.

Administrator Brook anticipates a new dock within the next two - three years.

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-74

TRANSFERRING CERTAIN 2008 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-75

EXTEND WATER AND SEWER SERVICE TO BLOCK 154, LOT 12.05 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF BURLINGTON LOCATED IN THE HAINES INDUSTRIAL CENTER

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-76

REFUND CERTAIN TAX OVERPAYMENTS

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-77

**APPROVE CURRENT ESTIMATE NO. 7
COMMUNITY CENTER
EAGLE CONSTRUCTION SERVICES
1624 JACKSONVILLE ROAD
BURLINGTON, NJ 08016**

It was on the MOTION of O'Hara, seconded by Sandusky that Resolutions 2009-74 through 2009-77 be approved.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: O'Hara, Ryan, Sandusky, Baldorossi

NOES: None

ABSENT: Garganio

Unanimous approval.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2009-78

**APPROVE REDUCTION OF PERFORMANCE BOND
SHOPPES @ MALLARD CREEK**

Bond No. B98808-016522

NOTE: Conditioned upon any and all escrow funds paid.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-79

**DENY REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND
FOR WATER AND SEWER**

SHOPPES @ MALLARD CREEK

Bond No. B98808-16523

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Ryan that Resolutions 2009-78 and 2009-79 be approved.

Council Member Ryan stated that he previously had a conflict of interest with voting on Shoppes at Mallard Creek or Roma Bank; that is no longer the case, which he has verified with Solicitor Kearns.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Ryan, Sandusky, Baldorossi

NOES: None

ABSENT: Garganio

ABSTAIN: O'Hara

Motion carries.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-80

**AUTHORIZE THE TOWNSHIP ENGINEER TO PREPARE
PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND SOLICIT BIDS FOR**

2009 ROAD PROGRAM

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-81

**AUTHORIZE THE ASSISTANT MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR
TO DEVELOP PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND TO OBTAIN BIDS**

FOR LEASING SPACE

ON PUBLIC PROPERTY, CEDAR LANE WATER TOWER

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-82

AUTHORIZING FUNDING AGREEMENT FOR DUFFY SCHOOL

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by O'Hara that Resolutions 2009-80 through 2009-82 be approved.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: O'Hara, Ryan, Sandusky, Baldorossi

NOES: None

ABSENT: Garganio

Unanimous approval.

ORDINANCES

None at this time.

REPORTS

Committees, Boards and Officers

- Council Member Ryan asked if it would have to be advertised if a quorum from the Environmental Commission attended a Council meeting unofficially as residents to participate in a discussion? Solicitor Kearns stated that if the members were going to discuss business that is related to the Environmental Commission, it should be noticed.

Mayor

- Nothing at this time.

Administrator

- Nothing at this time.

Assistant Municipal Administrator

- Nothing at this time.

Township Solicitor

- Nothing at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council Member Ryan is following up on a discussion regarding two (2) members of the community that were recognized in the Burlington County Times for their good deeds and hard work within Florence Township and it was decided that they would be honored at a Council Meeting. He asked if a date has been set? Mayor Berry stated that he spoke with one of the families and they would like for it to be a surprise; they would also like to help write the Proclamation and pick the time. He has not had a chance to do research on the other resident of the community.

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

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BOARD OF HEALTH

Nothing at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS

Nothing at this time.

8:40 PM MOTION by Sandusky, seconded by Ryan to adjourn to Closed Session. Roll call vote - all ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

8:40 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER, RMC/MMC
Township Clerk

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