

Florence, New Jersey  
April 7, 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

### **MINUTES**

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

Regular Session	March 17, 2004
Closed Session	March 17, 2004
Executive Session	January 14, 2004

### **FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE**

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky; seconded by Ryan to receive and file the Police report and Township Clerk's report for March and Tax Collector's report on uncollectible taxes for 2003. 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.

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**APPLICATIONS**

- A. Holy Assumption PTA, 5/11 – 5/16, Gaming Wheels for Carnival
  
- B. Catering Permits: Firehouse, 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. & Main St., Roebling
  - 4-17-04, Little League Dinner
  - 4-24-04, Fire Dept. Dinner
  - 5-1-04, Citizen of the Year Dinner
  
- C. Raffle: St. Nicholas Byzantine Church, 5-16-04, 2:00 - 4:00 PM
  - On Premise Raffle 50/50
  - On Premise Raffle
  - Off Premise Raffle

It was on the MOTION of Baldorossi, seconded by Sandusky to approve the above applications.

**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.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Steve Mognancki, 904 Walnut Street, asked that “Freedom Iraq” be placed on the monument at Fifth and Oak Streets. Mayor and Council would like to put a procedure in place which determines the criteria for listings on the monument. They thanked Mr. Mognancki for the suggestion.

Bill Bott, 64 Riverbank Drive, stated that if any organization wants to donate yellow ribbons, he would put them up on the poles.

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.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2004-87**

**GRANT AGREEMENT – LOCAL LIBRARY AID  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS  
DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES**

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2004-88**

**AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC SALE OF TOWNSHIP OWNED PROPERTY  
(Motor Vehicles which came into possession of the Florence Township Police Department  
through abandonment or failure of the owners to claim)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2004-89**

**RESOLUTION STATING REASONS WHY 2004 BUDGET  
IS BEING INTRODUCED BEYOND FEBRUARY 10, 2004**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2004-90**

**INTRODUCE 2004 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2004-91**

**A RESOLUTION CANCELING INTEREST AND PENALTIES DUE ON  
DELINQUENT ROLLBACK TAXES**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2004-92**

**EMERGENCY TEMPORARY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR 2004**

It was on the MOTION of Garganio, seconded by Ryan that Resolutions 2004-87 through 2004-92 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. 2004-02**

**AN ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING THE INDEX RATE FOR  
2004 IN ACCORDANCE WITH P.L. 1983, C.49**

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It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Baldorossi to approve Ordinance No. 2004-02 on second reading for adoption.

Township Administrator, Richard Brook, briefly explained the Ordinance for the public.

Public Comment

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

Nothing at this time.

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

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.

**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**

It was on the MOTION of Ryan, seconded by Garganio to approve Ordinance No. 2004-03 on second reading for adoption.

Thomas Sahol, Assistant Administrator, briefly explained the Ordinance for the public.

Public Comment

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

Nothing at this time.

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

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

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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**

- Mayor Muchowski thanked Council for their diligence with the budget. He gave credit to Council for maintaining a stable tax rate over the past few years.
- Mayor Muchowski recommended the appointment of Joseph Fox to the to fill the unexpired term on the Shade Tree Commission.

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Baldorossi to confirm the Mayor's appointment: **Joseph Fox** to the **Florence Township Shade Commission**.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Garganio, Ryan, Sandusky, Fratinardo  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

- Mayor Muchowski, by **Proclamation**, appointed **Sandra A. Blacker as Acting Mayor** while he will be away April 8<sup>th</sup> through April 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Administrator**

- Administrator Brook discussed the memo from Clerk Weiler regarding the **changes** to the **polling locations**. The County will need to be formally notified of the changes. Council Member Garganio questioned the polling location for ward 1, district 3, which is not located in the voting area. Clerk Weiler explained that this voting location is close to the voting district and has worked well in the past; there is ample parking and it is handicapped accessible. Mayor Muchowski asked that the residents be notified of the changes through the website and a mailer.

Clerk Weiler announced the new polling locations by each Ward and District for the public's information.

**Assistant Administrator**

- Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that the preconstruction meeting for the **Front Street Businesses** was held and, weather permitting, the work should begin on April 19, 2004.
- Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that there is an individual that would like to dedicate a small **monument** at the base of a tree in one of the **parks** to someone who was a resident of the community. The Shade Tree Commission will work with this individual in

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placement. Mayor Muchowski suggested a letter be sent thanking this individual for their contribution.

- Assistant Administrator Sahol asked Council's approval to have prepared two **Resolutions** authorizing him to prepare bid specifications for **leasing space on water tower #2**, and specifications to go out to bid for the **library's heating system**. Council in agreement for Assistant Administrator Sahol to have the Resolutions prepared for April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Discussion regarding **PSE&G** and their **tree trimming** took place. PSE&G would like to attend the May Worksession to explain the process.

### **Township Solicitor**

- Nothing at this time.

### **Township Engineer**

- Nothing at this time.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mayor Muchowski questioned Dan Guzzi, Township Engineer, on the status of Preserve at Brookside. Mr. Guzzi stated that the progress is slow; there are still outstanding issues to resolve before the pavement is finished.

Council Member Sandusky questioned the trailers next to the Roebing Bank on Route 130 that are supposed to be removed. Administrator Brook will look into and take appropriate action.

Council Member Sandusky questioned streetlights that are on during daylight hours. Assistant Administrator has contacted PSE&G and due to the cold winter there have been many cell failures. PSE&G will be replace lamps and cells.

Council Member Garganio questioned trucks parked at the old diner site on Route 130. Assistant Administrator Sahol will follow up. Tickets cannot be issued due to it being private property. The owner of the property can be cited.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Nothing at this time.

### **BOARD OF HEALTH**

Nothing at this time.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Clerk Weiler announced that she wished to publicly thank Craig H. Wilkie for his work and valuable assistance in preparing the new **redistricting map** and the listing for new wards and districts. Also, she thanked Council Member Frank Baldorossi for his assistance by walking his Ward 1 and comparing with the new listing. Adjustments were made where necessary.

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8:28 PM MOTION by Sandusky, seconded by Ryan to adjourn to Closed Session. Roll call vote - all ayes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

8:28 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER  
Township Clerk

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