

Florence, New Jersey
April 15, 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:

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

FBI PRESENTATION TO: DET. JON GREENBERG & PTL. JAMES FORD

Stephen Fazekas, Chief of Police, stated how very proud he was this evening. He gave a brief history of why FBI Agent McCafferty was present in order to make a presentation to Detective Jon Greenberg and Patrolman James Ford. Chief Fazekas stated that Detective Greenberg and Patrolman Ford had been working on solving burglaries that took place in Florence Township, which involved surveillance work in Willingboro. The officers were on their way to Philadelphia to do some follow up investigation work when they heard about a bank robbery that had just taken place in Edgewater Park. They recognized the vehicle description as a vehicle that they had been watching in Willingboro. The officers turned around and went to Willingboro. They observed the vehicle at the residence and contacted the FBI and the Edgewater Park Police. While Detective Greenberg and Patrolman Ford were waiting, the individuals left the house and broke into two (2) vehicles. Detective Greenberg and Patrolman Ford stopped one (1) of the vehicles. The vehicle had the weapon and the cash from the bank robbery in it. During subsequent investigation and interviews the individual confessed to doing a bank robbery in Cinnaminson, also. Chief Fazekas stated that it was good old fashion police work.

Chief Fazekas introduced Agent McCafferty from the FBI.

FBI Agent McCafferty praised Detective Greenberg and Patrolman Ford for their outstanding police work. He stated that Florence Township is known to have a great police department in the law enforcement circles. On behalf of the FBI of Trenton, Agent McCafferty presented Detective Greenberg and Patrolman Ford with Certificates of Appreciation.

A representative of Beneficial Bank thanked Detective Greenberg and Patrolman Ford on behalf of Beneficial Bank; and stated that they are blessed to have them in the police department. Beneficial truly appreciates all the hard work the police officers do.

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George Lengel, At-Large	12/31/2009
James Molimock, Planning Board Rep	12/31/2009
Sean Ryan, Council Rep	12/31/2010
Pierre Lacombe, Alt. #1	12/31/2010

Council Member Ryan asked Mayor Berry if he had identified anyone for the second alternate position? Mayor Berry stated that he has someone who has expressed an interest. He will follow up with that person. If they are no longer interested, he will be considering other people. Council Member Ryan stated that if the interested party is no longer interested, some members of the committee may know of someone. Mayor Berry will contact Council Member Ryan and let him know.

APPLICATIONS

- A. RAFFLE: Night at the Races, Florence Township Civic Association, Inc., May 1, 2009, 6:00PM – 2:00AM, VFW
- B. RAFFLE: Penny Auction, Florence Township Civic Association, Inc., June 5, 2009, 8:00PM – 12:00AM, Bung's Bar & Grill
- C. RAFFLE: On Premise 50/50, Florence Township Civic Association, June 5, 2009, 8:00PM – 12:00AM, Bung's Bar & Grill

It was on the MOTION of Baldorossi, 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, Baldorossi
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: Garganio, Sandusky

Motion carries.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Nothing at this time.

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

RESOLUTIONS

Council President Baldorossi noted that Resolution No. 2009-96 will be considered first.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-96

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE
MAKING APPLICATION TO THE LOCAL FINANCE BOARD FOR
A REDUCED PENSION CONTRIBUTION
PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A 43:15A-24(C) AND/OR
N.J.S.A. 43:16A-15(9)**

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Administrator Brook stated that the New Jersey State Governor initiated action this year, which was approved by the Legislature. He explained that because of the way the State of NJ has managed the pension system over the years going back at least 15 years or more, it is now facing some difficulty and in this down turn of economic times the State has provided municipalities with the ability to defer a particular portion or percentage of their pension payments. The pension payments have to be repaid and they have to be repaid with interest, which is still to be determined by the State. In the State of New Jersey local governments have two (2) pension systems; one (1) for the Police Officers and one (1) for all other employees. Florence Township, in an effort to keep the local purpose tax rate at zero, recommended to defer 50% of the pension related to the police officers only, which is approximately \$209,000. When the State gives this option to municipalities, they determine the exact amount that can be deferred. The Resolution before Council this evening is to authorize the deferral of the 50% of the police officers pension account; the other will be paid in full. Under the pension deferral program, the municipality has to justify the reason for the deferral or if the municipality decides not to use the deferral, they also have to substantiate to the state why.

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky -

Council Member Ryan asked Mayor Berry, since he has been working with Administrator Brook on the budget, why this decision was made? Mayor Berry explained that in order to provide the level of service that we are providing to the community today and given the economic downturn, they thought it would be wise to try to come in with a zero budget. The opportunity was presented by the governor to defer the pension with a payback of 15 years or less if desired. The thinking was to provide a budget with no increase in taxes and keep the level of service the same.

Council Member Ryan asked if his fellow Council Members are aware of all the effects and impacts of this deferral?

Council Vice President O'Hara questioned the interest rate not being set yet. Administrator Brook explained that the State says the interest rate will be determined at a later date.

Administrator Brook stated that he explained to Mayor Berry that the best option, if they did not defer, would be to raise the tax rate .035¢ to .04¢. He does not recommend adjusting the revenues any further then they are already stressed. He also does not recommend making further cuts in the budget; we are already \$822,000 under the cap. The best option if Council chose not to defer the pension, is to raise the tax rate. Revenues can be adjusted but he is hesitant to recommend that because of the calculated risk associated with surplus going into the next couple of years.

Council Member Ryan has researched this thoroughly since he was notified last week that the deferral would be considered. Everything that he reads indicates that the interest rate is 8.25% but it is a variable rate in the sense that if the economy improves there is the possibility that the rate could decrease, however if the economy worsens the rate could increase. He feels that is alarming. The uncertainty of the economy is an unknown; it is not a fixed interest rate if the township does the deferral. He stated that at 8.25% they are looking at increasing the township's obligation by \$17,000 per year. He understands that it can be paid off at anytime but the question is when would the township be able to pay it? If it is deferred for 15 years, they will be accumulating more in interest then is actually deferred.

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Council Member Ryan also questions what wisdom future leaders see in the current governing body, if they create an additional burden by deferring the inevitable? Council Member Sandusky believes that they would see that the current governing body took a chance that the economy would spur back up. He expressed concern regarding raising the taxes .03¢ - .04¢ at this time; he would rather keep it at zero to show the residents that the governing body is trying. If they raise taxes and a resident loses their job, it may be just enough to put them under. He agrees that Council is taking a chance and that it has to be paid back but he is willing to take the chance that the planned developments such as NFI start bringing in the ratables next year to start paying the burden back faster.

Mayor Berry explained that if Council deferred this evening, they have the option of earmarking .01¢ in next year's budget to be dedicated just to paying this. That .01¢ would stay in the rate for the next three to four years to pay down the debt, which would not have the same impact that raising the tax rate .03¢ - .04¢ would have today.

Council Member Ryan stated that another thing to take into consideration is the overall solvency of the pension system as a whole. The Mayor's Advisory Facts that were released in January, indicated that the liabilities are rather large for the pension system. Aside from this variable rate that is subject to the health of the economy, the one thing he believes the governing body can accurately count on is that the overall pension obligations are going to increase in the future to keep up with the solvency of the system.

Council Member Ryan asked Council to take into consideration that in deferring a current obligation, they are potentially creating more in interest than they are deferring. He does prefer not to raise taxes. He knows that Administrator Brook has worked very hard on the budget and has looked at many different areas and cut what could be cut. He believes that if they meet with the department heads and dig deeper, they may find other areas where they could find a savings and maintain the goal of a zero percent increase in taxes. He suggested using some of the surplus that is available. He understands that a large amount of the surplus is already being used in the budget this year.

Administrator Brook explained that the township is under a timeline with the state in regards to the pension deferral not as much of a timeline with the budget.

Administrator Brook stated that he and the Mayor discussed the best way to bring the budget in at zero, which is not an easy task. He believes that taking more money out of surplus is an even greater risk looking ahead to next year and the following year. He reviewed some of the cuts that have been made and cuts he does not believe should be made. He is not saying that pension deferral is the best program. He believes the pension problems go back three (3) governors before the current governor but the groundwork was laid and this governor felt that the backs were up against the wall and there were very few options for municipalities. He finds it interesting that the state requires municipalities to justify why they do not use the pension deferral program.

Administrator Brook does not know what the interest rate will be in the future; the number he has heard the most is 8.25%. He does not believe that the township would use the whole 15 years to pay it off.

Administrator Brook believes the best option is not to make further cuts to the budget but to raise the rate.

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Council Vice President O'Hara asked if the governing body would be dealing with the deferral issue again next year? Administrator Brook stated that Florence Township has a history of doing its best to keep the rate low. It has only increased once in the past 10 or 11 years and that was last year .03¢ to make up for the money that the state cut. The state also cut an equivalent of $\frac{3}{4}$ of a cent from this year's budget. The stress on the budget gets tighter every year.

Council Vice President O'Hara noted that it is obvious that each Council Member does not want to raise the tax rate. His concern is if they defer the pension this year, what happens next year? The governing body cannot keep deferring and building up interest year after year. He asked if the leaf vacuum was something that could be deferred? Administrator Brook explained that the township workforce has stayed the same for many years; it is not growing. The responsibilities and services are continuing to grow. The township is not hiring new people. One of temps left and they are not going to fill that position. They are holding off on filling the position in the Water and Sewer Department until the end of the year to see where the township stands financially. It will reach a point where the services will suffer. The leaf vacuum takes a job that usually requires five to six employees and cuts it down to one to two. It is a way to continue to provide services to the community. The cost of the leaf vacuum is minimal and may not have to go to permanent bonding.

Council Member Ryan asked for an explanation as to when they came to the decision to defer the pension plan? Administrator Brook explained that when he first met with Mayor Berry regarding the budget, he was asked to reach a goal of a zero percent tax increase, not an easy thing to do. To achieve that goal there are cuts and priorities and picking the less of two evils. He already stresses the revenues to the breaking point of what he believes the township could potentially earn. He will not put in revenues he knows will not come in; it would not be appropriate. Administrator Brook reviewed some items in the budget. The balancing act was how to achieve the goal of a 0% increase in the local purpose tax, yet try to do everything possible not to knowingly mortgage the budget for the following year. Administrator Brook stated that those were the options with respect to the pension deferral and when he laid it all out, he advised the Mayor that if they did not use the pension deferral, the best thing to do was to raise the rate. That is how they reached that conclusion.

Council Member Ryan questioned if it made sense to defer the inevitable and create a larger obligation for the township? He would like to look further into the budget for cuts. He does not believe that deferring the pension is the appropriate or responsible thing to do.

Council Vice President O'Hara asked how soon the deferral would be paid off? Administrator Brook anticipates that it would be paid back in a three to six year time period. He explained that there does come a point, with respect to cuts, where it leaves the township unable to perform even the basic service and they need to be cautious of that.

Council Vice President O'Hara asked if Administrator Brook was opposed to utilizing some of the surplus? Administrator Brook explained that it not his decision; Council makes the policy call. It is his opinion not to drop the surplus any lower. If Council decides to use more surplus to balance the budget, the surplus is there. Council Vice President O'Hara feels that if they utilize the surplus instead of the pension deferral, they would not be accumulating interest.

Council Member Garganio asked when they would start seeing a break in the debt service? Administrator Brook stated that next year there is a break in debt service of approximately \$500,000; that is a one year break that was designed as a safety valve when the township did the bonding. The following year it goes back up to the normal number. It will drop off almost completely in the year

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2016, which is a plus for the township. Administrator Brook reviewed the debt service. He explained that in the short term, the township has debt service to pay off; it has been stable and level. Come the year 2016 is when the township would take the notes that it has and other additional debt that has to be bonded and start paying principal and interest together. Once they get to the year 2020 the township will no longer have any permanent debt service due. It is an excellent schedule.

Council Member Garganio asked Administrator Brook if he could give an estimate of how much surplus there would be next year? Administrator Brook cannot give a dollar number of how much surplus they are going to take in next year; there are several factors that come in to play. At the end of the year they may end up canceling money to go into surplus. From a debt service standpoint, the township is in very good shape.

Council Vice President O'Hara asked Mayor Berry if they considered using the surplus? Mayor Berry stated that it was discussed but after conferring with the Township Administrator, they felt deferring the pension was a better alternative to keep the tax structure and the level of services in place.

Council Member Ryan does not believe that this issue can be solved this evening. There is plenty of time to go through the budget and look at it line by line to look for areas to make cuts. The decision that needs to be made this evening is whether to defer the pension or not. Administrator Brook stated that the application has to be submitted by April 22nd to the Department of Community Affairs.

Council Vice President O'Hara asked, if they did not defer, what the reason would be? Administrator Brook stated that the reason would be that the governing body felt that using the pension deferral was too much of a future burden on the rate payers and they were better off paying the burden now.

Solicitor Kearns stated that the DCA has indicated that when they receive applications for grant funding or supplemental aid, they will view whether or not the municipality utilized the deferral and their position will be if the municipality did not utilize the deferral, then the municipality does not need the money.

Council Vice President O'Hara would rather use the surplus for this year; he does not believe that would be using it irresponsibly. He would like to maintain a no local purpose tax increase this year. His concern is that if they use the deferral option this year and if the option is there again next year, what kind of shape the township will be in to handle it.

Council Member Sandusky WITHDREW his original MOTION. He agrees to use the surplus this year and hopes there are no emergencies. He stated that being on Council all these years he knows that there are less Public Works employees now then when he first got on Council and they do a great job. He does not want to see a reduction in the services offered to the community.

Council Member Garganio will also agree to using the surplus opposed to deferring the pension this year but would like to review the budget further to see if there any cuts to be made so they do not have to use as much surplus. He does not want to raise taxes. We are in one of the worst economic times of his lifetime; there are people losing their jobs and their houses. Council President Baldorossi agrees.

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It was on the MOTION of O'Hara; seconded by Ryan not to defer the pension but utilize funds in surplus or an alternate decision pending a formal review of the budget with the Mayor and Administrator.

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. 2009-97

**RESOLUTION STATING REASONS WHY 2009 BUDGET
IS BEING INTRODUCED BEYOND MARCH 20, 2009**

It was on the MOTION of Ryan; seconded by O'Hara to approve Resolution No. 2009-97.

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. 2009-98

INTRODUCE 2009 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Resolution No. 2009-98 HELD until May 6, 2009.

The meeting room is available on Tuesday, April 21st and Thursday, April 23rd. Council Members will check their schedules and advise Administrator Brook which is the best date to meet to review the budget. Once a final meeting date is set, it will be advertised.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-86

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-87

**EXTEND CONTRACT WITH GARDEN STATE
REMOVAL FOR SANITATION REMOVAL SERVICES**

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-88

**SET POLICY FOR FREE YARD SALE DAYS
SPRING AND FALL WITH RAIN DATE THE FOLLOWING WEEKEND
RESOLUTION NO. 2009-89**

RESOLUTION CONSTITUTING 2009 TEMPORARY CAPITAL BUDGET

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-90

**CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT FOR GAS SERVICE
BETWEEN THE FLORENCE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL BOARD
OF EDUCATION AND THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE**

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-91

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE
REGARDING PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE WITH DESIGN STANDARDS FOR
DEVELOPMENTS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE**

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-92

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PARTICIPATION
IN THE SUSTAINABLE JERSEY™ MUNICIPAL CERTIFICATION PROGRAM**

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-93

**AWARD CONTRACT - LEAF VACUUM UNIT TO:
O.D.B., 5118 GLEN ALDEN DRIVE, RICHMOND, VA, 23231**

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-94

**AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF ONE 2009 CHEVROLET TAHOE
POLICE VEHICLE, STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE
A73848
REPLACEMENT VEHICLE**

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-95

**AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN APPLICATIONS
FOR THE NJDEP PERMIT NJPDES/TWA
FOR BURLINGTON COUNTY
RESOURCE RECOVERY COMPLEX
BLOCK 44; LOT 6, FLORENCE, NJ**

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Council Member Ryan questioned Resolution No. 2009-87, Extend Sanitation Removal Contract. Administrator Brook explained that this Resolution extends the contract under the current numbers until October 1, 2009. Council Member Ryan asked if they were waiting for additional numbers to come in for the suggestions Council had made? Administrator Brook stated that will be part of the bid. There is a pre-bid meeting on May 6, 2009, and the bids have to be in by June 16, 2009. He anticipates the new contract will begin in September or October. It is more favorable for the township financially if the contract begins October 1st.

Council Member Garganio asked Administrator Brook if he had a general idea of a number to put in the budget if they went to one-day trash collection? Administrator Brook can give a rough number.

Council Member Ryan asked if Resolution No. 2009-94, Purchase Police Vehicle, should be held since they will be reviewing the budget? Administrator Brook explained that Florence Township purchases two (2) vehicles each year just to maintain the fleet. In his opinion, if they do not purchase two (2) vehicles for the fleet, it will mean that they will be purchasing three (3) vehicles next year. He explained that it is a Bond Ordinance and will have no impact on the budget this year. Council Members agree to move forward with Resolution No. 2009-94.

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by O'Hara to approve Resolution No. 2009-86 through 2009-95.

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.

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-07

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS
IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON,
NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$865,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE
ISSUANCE OF \$570,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO
FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF**

Ordinance No. 2009-07 HELD

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-08

(1st Reading)

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE AMENDING CHAPTER 91 OF
THE FLORENCE TOWNSHIP CODE AND SPECIFICALLY AMENDING SECTION 91-74.
TO REQUIRE SIDEWALKS AS A CONDITION OF LAND USE APPROVAL AND OF
CONSTRUCTION PERMITS**

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Solicitor Kearns explained that the Ordinance also applies to construction permits and he built in an exemption for work done that has a value of less than \$20,000. He put that in for the residents that are doing work such as a screened-in-porch so they would not be required to install sidewalks. Council Garganio feels \$20,000 is low.

After further discussion Council decided to TABLE until May 6, 2009.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2009-09
(1st Reading)**

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$865,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$570,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by O'Hara to approve Ordinance 2009-09 on first reading and set adoption for May 6, 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.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2009-10
(1st Reading)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE PROHIBITING DOGS AND CATS FROM PUBLIC PROPERTIES SPECIFICALLY DELINEATED FOR USE BY CHILDREN AND ORGANIZED SPORTS AND OTHER RECREATION OR MUNICIPAL ACTIVITIES OR SERVICES

Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that "walking paths" will be removed from the Ordinance.

It was on the MOTION of O'Hara, seconded by Baldorossi to approve Ordinance 2009-10 on first reading and set adoption for May 6, 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

- Council Member Ryan would like the **Environmental Commission to review the County's Treatment Works Application**. Solicitor Kearns noted that the Resolution (2009-95) was approved earlier this evening. Administrator Brook stated that a copy was delivered to the Environmental Commission members last Thursday.

Bill Bott, 64 Riverbank Drive, is a member of the Environmental Commission. He stated that each member had a copy dropped off to them; he has read it and he has no objection to it. Council Member Ryan asked Mr. Bott if he has spoken with Pierre Lacombe, another Environmental Commission Member? Mr. Bott stated that he did not speak with Mr. Lacombe but he read the report and does not have any objection.

Administrator Brook explained that there is a time restriction on approval because the County is trying to take advantage of stimulus funds for the project, which is \$2.5 million. He explained that it is a storage tank for proper containment. He offered to contact Mr. Lacombe tomorrow.

Council Member Ryan will report back after the Environmental Commission meets and if there are any concerns he will pass them along to Council.

Mayor

- Mayor Berry presented a **Proclamation** proclaiming the month of June 2009 as **Myasthenia Gravis Awareness Month**. This proclamation is dear to his heart, as his granddaughter suffers from the disease.
- Mayor Berry presented a **Proclamation** proclaiming May 7, 2009 as a **Day of Prayer in the Township of Florence**. He is working with Joy Weiler, Township Clerk, on finalizing plans for a prayer service that day.
- Mayor Berry received notice from Craig Wilkie that he would be resigning from the **Planning Board**. He will be making the following adjustments:
 - David Woolston – Moved up from Alt. #1 to the Class 4 seat
 - James Molimock – Moved up from Alt. #2 to Alt. #1
 - Paul Ostrander – Appointed as Alt. #2
- Mayor Berry noted that on April 25, 2009 there will be a **free shredding day** for the residents. The shredder will be located at municipal complex.

Administrator

- Nothing at this time.

Assistant Municipal Administrator

- Nothing at this time.

Township Solicitor

- Nothing at this time.

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Township Engineer

- Dan Guzzi, Township Engineer, reminded Council to start thinking about **grant applications for roadways and pedestrian sidewalks**. Final decision can be made at the May Worksession.
- Council Member Sandusky asked how close the **Community Center** was to being ready for Mayor and Council to take a tour? Mr. Guzzi stated that it is ready anytime for Mayor and Council to take a tour. They are down to completing a couple of punch list items. Mayor and Council will tour the Community Center on May 6th at 7:00PM.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Garganio stated that the softball and baseball season has kicked off. He **praised the job the township employees have done on the facilities**.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Nothing at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS

Nothing at this time.

9:45 PM MOTION by O'Hara, seconded by Ryan to adjourn to Closed Session. Roll call vote - all ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

9:45 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER, RMC/MMC
Township Clerk

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