

Florence, New Jersey
May 16, 2007

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 7, 2007; 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:

Frank Baldorossi, President
John Fratinardo
Bruce Garganio
Elizabeth Ryan
Jerry Sandusky

Also present:

Mayor Michael Muchowski; 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

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

Regular Session	April 18, 2007
Executive Session	April 11, 2007
Closed Session	April 18, 2007

FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

It was on the MOTION of Ryan; seconded by Sandusky to receive and file the Chief of Police and Court Administrator's report for April. 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

Nothing at this time.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Richard Lotter, 3 Walnut Court, asked when the ponding in front of his home would be fixed? Assistant Administrator Sahol explained that this is the problem area that they have discussed. Dan Guzzi, Township Engineer, will be asked to look at the problem area with the Road Program project. Administrator Brook explained that Mr. Guzzi will include that area in his survey work prior to going out to bid with the 2007 Road Program. They could do it now, but normally you get a better price when it is included with other improvements. The township is doing a significant number of roads, also bidding a few alleys as alternates. It includes sections of town that are too big for the Road Department to do and this is one of them. Administrator Brook stated that tonight the Bond Ordinance for funding for the Road Program is scheduled for first reading. Once the plans and specifications are done, Mr. Guzzi is authorized to go out to bid, the plans are reviewed in house by the Public Works Department, Water & Sewer Department and the Police Department, the contract prices come in, the contract is awarded and then work begins. Mr. Lotter believes that it will take a long time. Administrator Brook explained that it will not take as long as Mr. Lotter thinks, but if the governing body would like him to pursue the repair before the 2007 Road Program he will do so.

Bill Bott, 64 Riverbank Drive, reported that there is a lot on Hornberger Avenue where the pizza truck uses to park that is turning into a truck parking lot. Mayor Muchowski and Administrator Brook had just discussed that issue earlier today. Administrator Brook does not believe trucks can park there but will look into and report back.

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 2007-91

**AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF 2007– 2008
RENEWALS OF CLUB LICENSES**

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-92

**AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC SALE OF TOWNSHIP
OWNED PROPERTY**

RESOLUTION 2007-93

**RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM
OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE,
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, PURSUANT TO N.J.S. 40A:4-87
CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948**

RESOLUTION 2007-94

**RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM
OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE,
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, PURSUANT TO N.J.S. 40A:4-87
CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948**

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-95

**AWARD CONTRACT FOR WATER TREATMENT PLANT
AERATOR PAINTING
TO: VALLEY PAINTING, INC., 610 BUCK ROAD,
SOUTHAMPTON, PA, 18966**

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-96

**AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2007-80
AUTHORIZE THE TOWNSHIP ENGINEER TO PREPARE
PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND SOLICIT BIDS FOR
2007 ROAD PROGRAM
IN ORDER TO ADD ALLEYS AS ALTERNATES TO BID**

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-97

**AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF 2007-2008 RENEWALS OF
PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSES**

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-98

**AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF 2007-2008 RENEWALS OF
PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSES**

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-99

**AUTHORIZE REFUND
TAX MAP MAINTENANCE FEE
HOMES OF HOPE, INC.
BLOCK 116, LOTS 6 & 7**

Joy Weiler, Township Clerk, stated that she has not received the Tax Clearance Certificates from the State for the ABC license applications and requested that Resolutions No. 2007-91, 2007-97 and 2007-98 be held.

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Garganio that Resolutions 2007-92 through 2007-96 and Resolution No. 2007-99 be approved.

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On the Question

Council Member Sandusky requested that a minimum bid be placed on the 4x4x4 crate of brass water meters that are included on the auction list for Resolution No. 2007-92. Administrator Brook stated that there should be a minimum bid on the water meters. Solicitor Kearns advised that the minimum bid does not have to be included in the Resolution; it can be set at the auction.

Council Member Garganio asked if the township could scrap the brass water meters? Solicitor Kearns explained that the only way to dispose of public property is through the auction process. Administrator Brook stated that a minimum bid will be set for the brass water meters.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Fratinaro, Garganio, Ryan, Sandusky, Baldorossi

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

ORDINANCES

**ORDINANCE NO. 2007-07
(2nd Reading)**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE AMENDING CHAPTER 134
OF THE FLORENCE TOWNSHIP CODE TO PROVIDE FOR TRUCK ROUTES AND
FOR STREETS OR PARTS OF STREETS WHERE TRUCKS OVER FOUR TONS
GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT ARE PROHIBITED**

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Ryan to approve Ordinance No. 2007-07 on second reading for adoption.

Public Comment

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

No public comment.

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: Fratinaro, Garganio, Ryan, Sandusky, Baldorossi

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

**ORDINANCE 2007-08
(1st Reading)**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE AMENDING CHAPTER 134
OF THE FLORENCE TOWNSHIP CODE TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN PARKING
REGULATIONS ON THE WEST SIDE OF CEDAR STREET, AND AMEND TIME
LIMIT PARKING ON THE EAST SIDE OF PINE STREET**

Administrator Brook explained that last week Council Member Ryan questioned changing the parking time limit from 30-minutes to 15-minutes. He spoke with the school and the Chief of Police who all thought that was a good idea. In the interim the school asked if the same could be done for Pine Street. Council in agreement to establish a 15-minute time limit parking on Pine Street.

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Ryan to approve Ordinance No. 2007-08 (with above amendments) on first reading and set adoption for June 6, 2007.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

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

Unanimous approval.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2007-09
(1st Reading)**

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS
ROAD IMPROVEMENTS AND ALLEY RECONSTRUCTION IN AND
BY THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON,
NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$830,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE
ISSUANCE OF \$665,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE
PART OF THE COST THEREOF**

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Garganio to approve Ordinance No. 2007-09 on first reading and set adoption for June 6, 2007.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

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

Unanimous approval.

REPORTS

Committees, Boards and Officers

- Nothing at this time.

Mayor Muchowski

- Mayor Muchowski stated that, on his behalf, Council Member Fratinardo will be presenting on Sunday, May 20, 2007, a **Proclamation to Deacon Robert Machion** in honor of celebrating 25 years serving as deacon at Holy Assumption Roman Catholic Church.

Administrator

- Nothing at this time.

Assistant Administrator

- Nothing at this time.

Township Solicitor

- Nothing at this time.

Township Engineer

- Dan Guzzi, Township Engineer, gave an update on **Marter Park**. He stated that the contractor has been working towards completion. There have been some questions regarding the amount of stone on the soccer fields but the contractor is working to remove that stone. The plan is to have the fields seeded this spring and again in the fall so they will be ready for next spring.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Sandusky stated that a couple of years ago there was a day where there were dumpsters set up for the residents to dispose of tires and other things they no longer needed, and suggested setting something up like that again this year in different locations through town. Assistant Administrator Sahol stated the program was funded through the County as an **Environmental Day**. He will contact the County regarding holding another one.

Administrator Brook stated that the township's shredding company has offered to come in on a Saturday and allow residents of the community to bring their personal papers to be shredded at no cost. The two events could be coordinated together. Administrator Brook and Assistant Administrator Sahol will work together.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Nothing at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS

Council Member Fratinardo received the memo from Administrator Brook regarding the possibility of pulling the **bonds** for the **Greenbriar Development** and asked if that would be

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discussed this evening? Administrator Brook stated that Greenbriar sent a letter stating that they have been working with Mr. Guzzi and they anticipate having a contractor on site within three weeks. Administrator Brook was going to respond back that they need to give the governing body a timetable; and if they do not meet the timetable, the governing body will act on a formal Resolution the first meeting in June to start the process of pulling the bonds. Council Member Ryan asked if they addressed the issue of paving the roads? Mr. Guzzi stated that is still an issue. He spoke with the developer and advised them that they needed to provide a schedule, which they seem hesitant to do. With the weather, now is the time to be working hard. They are not working any faster. Administrator Brook stated that this will be the second follow up correspondence; so if the town moves to pull the bonds, there is documentation.

Council Member Fratinardo questioned the status of **Amoco/HAPCO**? Administrator Brook stated that notification will go out tomorrow. Mr. Guzzi stated that he has notified them that they have to go back to the Planning Board for the modification to the driveway to resolve the truck issue. Mr. Guzzi stated that the modification will not help the trucks exiting into the far lane of Cedar Lane to make a left onto Route 130.

Council Member Fratinardo questioned the status of negotiations with **Mansfield** in regards to the **development** that wants to build. Administrator Brook stated that there have been several discussions with the developer and the developer is not very organized at this time. The developer is the one that has approached Mansfield not Florence Township. As recently as last week the developer is not prepared to hold a meeting. Administrator Brook advised them to contact him when they are prepared to meet with the Mayor and any member of Council. Mayor Muchowski offered a spot on a subcommittee to any member of Council that is interested.

8:30 PM MOTION by Sandusky, seconded by Ryan to adjourn to Closed Session. Action may follow Closed Session. Roll call vote - all ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

8:30 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER
Township Clerk

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Note: No action taken following Closed Session.