

Florence, New Jersey  
May 19, 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 Vice President Ryan at 8:00 PM. Vice President Ryan 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:

Frank Baldorossi  
Bruce Garganio  
Elizabeth Ryan  
Jerry Sandusky

Also present:

Michael Muchowski, Mayor; 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.

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### **FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE**

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

Garganio made a MOTION; seconded by Sandusky to approve the Treasurer's Bill List. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

### **REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE**

None at this time.

### **APPLICATIONS**

- A. CHINESE AUCTION: Holy Assumption Church, September 17, 2004, 6:00 PM – 10:30 PM
- B. BLOCK PARTY: Mallard Creek, June 12, 2004 (rain date June 19, 2004), 1:30 PM – 9:00 PM

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

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On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Garganio, Ryan, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: Fratinardo

Unanimous approval.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Paul Varga, 20 Fourth Avenue, discussed the reports in the news regarding the light rail and the noise from the whistle. He feels with technology today the whistles are not necessary. He wanted to express his opinion in case the subject comes up for discussion.

Council Member Sandusky stated that there are drivers that ignore the flashing lights and try to beat the gates coming down; he believes that the whistles are necessary. Council Member Garganio explained that the train whistles are federally regulated.

Bill Bott, 64 Riverbank Drive, also believes that the whistles are necessary. He has witnessed vehicles trying to beat the gates at the rail crossings.

Ronald Clayton, 61 Railroad Avenue, believes that Europe's rail system is much more advanced and efficient than ours. He also feels that whistles are a safety factor.

Mr. Clayton expressed his concerns and suggestions for the following:

- Would like "Drug Free Zone" signs posted at the Railroad Avenue Park
- Would like handicap ramps installed at Amboy and Railroad Avenues, to be in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act
- Would like the parking lots in the Amboy and Railroad Avenue area upgraded

Assistant Administrator Sahol responded to Mr. Clayton's concerns. He explained that the "Drug Free Zone" Ordinance has been revised to include municipal parks. Signs will be posted accordingly.

Assistant Administrator Sahol explained that as road programs are done, the Township brings the intersections up to ADA compliance. That area will be looked at.

Discussion followed regarding a parking lot in the area that Mr. Clayton asked to be fixed up. Mayor Muchowski explained that lot has never been utilized by the residents. Mayor and Council have discussed this parking lot in the past but the residents in the neighborhood were not interested in parking in the lot. They felt with their vehicles were too far removed from the households and may be vandalized. Mayor and Council will look into.

Council Member Sandusky feels that there should not be a parking problem on Railroad Avenue since there is parking on both sides but houses on only one side plus the available parking lots in the area. Mr. Clayton stated that some households have three cars.

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Council Member Sandusky thanked Mr. Clayton for expressing his concerns. He reiterated the Mayor's response that if the residents would utilize the parking lot and it would not put too much of a tax burden on the Township residents, Mayor and Council would look into fixing up the parking lot. Mr. Clayton feels that if the parking lot were fixed up, the residents would use it.

Mayor Muchowski asked Dan Guzzi, Township Engineer, if that area qualified for the Community Development Block Grant program? Mr. Guzzi believes that it does qualify. Mayor Muchowski will look into using CDBG funds in that area in the future. He will also meet on site with Mr. Guzzi to review what would need to be done and how much it would cost.

Council Vice President Ryan thanked Mr. Clayton for voicing his concerns.

Steve Mognancki, 904 Walnut Street, thanked Mayor and Council for having "Operation Iraqi Freedom" added to the monument on Fifth and Oak Streets.

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. 2004-111**

**APPROVE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL LICENSE  
PERSON TO PERSON & PLACE TO PLACE TRANSFER  
PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE  
FROM WEDNET INC. t/a FOUNDRY STREET BAR & GRILL  
TO FINE FOOD & SPIRITS, INC.  
LICENSE NO. 0315-33-011-004**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2004-112**

**RESOLUTION TO WITHHOLD FUTURE INSTALLMENTS FOR SPECIAL  
ASSESSMENT FROM THE 2004 TAX SALE**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2004-113**

**APPROVE PAYMENT OF CURRENT ESTIMATE NO. 6 FOR  
RMS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, 1985 DUTCH MILL ROAD,  
FRANKLINVILLE, NJ 08322  
NEW PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2004-114**

**APPROVE PAYMENT OF CURRENT ESTIMATE NO. 1 FOR  
JONES MASONRY CORP., PO BOX 2401  
TABERNACLE, NJ 08088  
2003 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2004-115**

**APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 AND CURRENT ESTIMATE NO. 4  
FOR SECOND AVENUE WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT  
TO SPENCER V. MAUSSNER, INC.  
PO BOX 408  
MARLTON, NJ 08053**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2004-116**

**AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL CONTRACTS & RATES**

It was on the MOTION of Garganio, seconded by Sandusky that Resolutions 2004-111 through 2004-116 be approved.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Garganio, Sandusky, Ryan

NOES: None

ABSENT: Fratinardo

Unanimous approval.

**ORDINANCES**

**ORDINANCE 2004-07**

**(2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE  
AMENDING CHAPTER 91 – LAND DEVELOPMENT OF THE  
FLORENCE TOWNSHIP CODE TO PROVIDE FOR FIRE  
STATIONS AND EMERGENCY SQUAD BUILDINGS AS PERMITTED  
PRINCIPAL USES IN THE HC-HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL,  
GM-GENERAL MANUFACTURING AND SM-SPECIAL MANUFACTURING  
ZONING DISTRICTS AND TO ESTABLISH AREA AND BULK  
STANDARDS FOR THOSE USES**

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It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Baldorossi to approve Ordinance No. 2004-07 on second reading for adoption.

Assistant Administrator Sahol explained that this Ordinance allows certain zoning districts to have fire department and emergency service function buildings without seeking a variance for use type.

### Public Comment

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

Nothing at this time.

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

### On the Question

Mayor Muchowski stated that the Planning Board is in agreement to this change.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Garganio, Sandusky, Ryan

NOES: None

ABSENT: Fratinardo

Unanimous approval.

## REPORTS

### **Committees, Boards and Officers**

- Council Member Sandusky believes that illegal dumping is taking place at the **Recycle Center** when the township employee goes to lunch. He asked that the Recycle Center be secured at lunchtime. He also suggested that if someone abuses the Recycle Center two times they be banned from using it.

Mayor Muchowski explained that Administrator Brook is checking with the union regarding staggered lunches so there is always coverage at the Recycle Center. Also, there will be a more extensive log sheet to verify what is being dumped, from where and verification of residency. Mayor Muchowski also discussed Sunday hours, which will be discussed in further detail at a Worksession. Council Member Sandusky thanked Mayor and Administrator Brook for working on solutions.

### **Mayor Muchowski**

- Mayor Muchowski met with **Ready Pac** earlier this week. They are concerned with the **height standard in the SM Zone**. Administrator Brook and Assistant Administrator Sahol are looking at the zoning map to see who would be affected if the height were to be changed. The Planning Board is in agreement review.
- Mayor Muchowski met with Department of Transportation regarding short term and long-term goals on **Route 130 from Cedar Lane to Neck Road**. Rick Cureton, Whitesell Construction, would like to take a lead role, since they will be one of the largest monetary

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contributors. What Whitesell would like to see happen on Route 130 is consistent with what Mayor and Council would like also. Mayor Muchowski asked if Council had any concerns or limitations they would like expressed to Mr. Cureton?

Council Member Garganio asked what they were looking to do? Mayor Muchowski explained that at the present time for a truck to make a legal turn around they have to travel to Jacksonville Road (Burlington); they would like a jug handle constructed at Neck Road (Burlington). Mayor Muchowski believes that would allow the township to effectively develop the north side of Route 130.

Mayor Muchowski explained that Mr. Cureton's top priority is the intersection of Route 130 and Florence Columbus Road, which he believes is the township's top priority, also. Council Member Garganio agrees.

- Mayor Muchowski discussed the **Delaware Avenue/Hornberger Avenue/Olive Street traffic study** completed due to the proposed Senior Housing Development on Olive Street. The developer is ready to work with the township on changing the zoning. Mayor Muchowski asked that Council review the study in detail and report back with any comments or concerns. He will be asking the developer if he can forward a copy of the study to the Fire Department and the County for their review.

**Assistant Administrator**

- Nothing at this time.

**Township Solicitor**

- Nothing at this time.

**Township Engineer**

- Nothing at this time.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Nothing at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Nothing at this time.

**BOARD OF HEALTH**

Nothing at this time.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Mayor Muchowski will finalize the decision regarding the **Grand Marshall** for the **Patriotic Celebration Day Parade** (July 10, 2004) in the next couple of days.

Assistant Administrator Sahol reviewed the **parade route**: Oak Street to Front Street to Boulevard Street to West Fourth Street to Broad Street, ending at Sixth Street.

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8:50 PM MOTION by Sandusky, seconded by Baldorossi to adjourn meeting. Roll call vote - all ayes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

8:50 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER  
Township Clerk

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