

Florence, New Jersey
June 17, 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 (8:35PM)
Dennis O'Hara
Sean Ryan
Jerry Sandusky
Frank Baldorossi

Also present:

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

PRESENTATION: DOROTHY "DOT" REVAY – LIBRARY BOARD VOLUNTEER

Mayor Berry presented a Proclamation to Dorothy "Dot" Revay in honor of conscientiously and diligently serving the residents of Florence Township for 40 years by volunteering as the Florence Township Library's Treasurer.

Council President Baldorossi presented a clock/plaque and flowers to Mrs. Revay in honor of her 40 years of service to Florence Township.

Mrs. Revay thanked Mayor and Council.

Anita Stoy, Vice President of the Library Board, praised Mrs. Revay and hopes she never retires. She stated that she knows what she is doing and does it so well.

Rita Carnival, Library Board Member, thanked Mayor, Council and Administration for honoring Mrs. Revay and for all the township does for the library.

Nancy Wainwright, Library Board Member, reminisced on the various locations of the library since she was a little girl. She stated that it has been a privilege and pleasure serving on the Library Board with Mrs. Revay; Dot does a marvelous job as treasurer.

Council President Baldorossi thanked Mrs. Revay for her years of dedication and service to the township.

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Mayor Berry thanked the members of the Library Board for their help in putting the presentation together.

BRIEF RECESS: 8:07PM

MEETING RESUMED: 8:11PM

MINUTES

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

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FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

It was on the MOTION of O’Hara; seconded by Sandusky to receive and file the Township Clerk’s report, Chief of Police’s report and the Court Administrator’s report for May. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

O’Hara 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

None at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Richard Buck, 20 Sixth Avenue, had heard a couple of years ago that there was a pilot program to repair alleys in Roebing. He believes Seventh Avenue and Third Avenue were done. He asked because the alley behind his house is in need of repair. He had asked the Township Administrator if there was anything he could do at his expense, such as put down stone so the water would drain. He was told he could not do anything because there are utilities that run through the alley. He stated that when the trash truck goes down the alley, it pushes against his wooden fence. Mr. Buck asked if the alley program would continue or if there was anything he could do to remedy the condition of the alley?

Council President Baldorossi reviewed the alleys that have been done each year over the past three (3) years, as the budget allowed. The goal is to get every alley in the Roebing Village done eventually.

Dan Guzzi, Township Engineer, stated that this year the alley between Sixth Avenue and Seventh Avenue from Riverside Avenue to Main Street is scheduled to be done. Every year they take the worst alleys and try to get them into the road program. The township has consistently been repairing alleys since 2005.

Administrator Brook will look at the alley behind Mr. Buck’s house to see if a section can be repaired. He noted that the gas lines are not buried very deeply in the Roebing alleys. He also noted

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that some homeowner's believe throwing grass in the alley helps but it actually decomposes and makes it worse.

Mr. Buck has noticed a lot more juvenile activity at night walking to the park and asked, since school will be getting out, if police patrols would be increased? Administrator Brook stated that the bike patrol will be out with much frequency over the summer months.

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Administrator Brook stated that the municipality is not permitted to adopt the budget tonight because the State of New Jersey is running approximately two to three weeks behind in reviewing all township budget. Administrator Brook called the state on Monday and was advised to hold the Public Hearing and reschedule the formal adoption for July 8th at which time the state will issue their formal comments. He noted that the Public Hearing on the budget can be opened up at this time.

Administrator Brook gave an overview on the budget. He stated that the 2009 Municipal Budget is approximately \$11,325,000, which is up from last year approximately \$9,934,000. Part of the \$9,934,000 is a \$300,000 grant from the State of New Jersey for a bicycle pathway along Old York Road. There is no increase in the overall local purpose tax and there are no cuts in service this year.

It was on the MOTION of Ryan, seconded by Sandusky to open the Public Hearing for the 2009 Municipal Budget. All ayes – motion carried.

Joy Weiler, Township Clerk, announced that copies of the budget were available for the public; they were in the bin with the agendas by the door of the Council chambers.

Craig Wilkie, 11 Brookside Drive, asked what the decrease from the State of NJ is this year? Administrator Brook stated approximately \$44,000 - \$45,000. He explained that in year 2008 the state reduced the township's municipal aid by approximately \$167,000, then this year it was reduced again.

All residents having an opportunity to be heard, MOTION by Sandusky; seconded by Ryan to close the Public Hearing on the 2009 Municipal Budget. All ayes - motion carried.

Administrator Brook announced for the record that the formal adoption of the 2009 Municipal Budget is rescheduled for the July 8th meeting, pending approval from the State of NJ.

Council Vice President O'Hara thanked the Administration, Council and the Mayor for their hard work in keeping a "no increase" in the local purpose tax.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-145

**ACKNOWLEDGING FILING OF 2009-2010 RENEWAL OF
PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSE**

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-146

**REFUND HOUSING INSPECTION FEE
INSPECTION CANCELED**

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Ryan to approve Resolution No. 2009-145 through 2009-146.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows

YEAS: O'Hara, Ryan, Sandusky, Baldorossi

NOES: None

ABSENT: Garganio

Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-147

**AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF 2009-2010 RENEWAL OF
PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE**

Clerk Weiler announced that **Resolution No. 2009-147** will be **HELD** until July 8th pending the receipt of the Tax Clearance Certificate. Council Member Sandusky asked if the State of NJ notifies the Township Clerk that there is a problem with the Tax Clearance Certificate for an ABC license? Clerk Weiler stated that the state notifies the applicant and the township. She follows up with the applicant. Council Vice President O'Hara asked if the applicant is being responsive in trying to resolve this? Clerk Weiler stated that the applicant is working on resolving the issue.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-148

**AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF 2009-2010 RENEWAL OF
PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE
WITH CONDITIONS
CALLEMAR'GINA V. LLC t/a MURPHY'S SPORTS TAVERN**

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-149

REFUND TAX OVERPAYMENTS

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-150

**AWARD CONTRACT FOR 2009 ROAD PROGRAM
TO ASPHALT PAVING, 500 EGG HARBOR ROAD, HAMMONTON, NJ**

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-151

**APPOINT PROFESSIONAL COAH ADMINISTRATOR
PIAZZA & ASSOCIATES, INC.
FOR MARKET TO AFFORDABLE PROGRAM**

It was on the MOTION of O'Hara, seconded by Sandusky to approve Resolution No. 2009-148 through 2009-151.

Administrator Brook noted that in Resolution No. 2009-150 under the base bid there were several alternates. The base bid consists of Fifth Avenue from Main Street to Hornberger Avenue. The alternate, which will be done also, is Fifth Avenue from Main Street to Riverside Avenue.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows

YEAS: O'Hara, Ryan, Sandusky, Baldorossi

NOES: None

ABSENT: Garganio

Motion approved.

ORDINANCES

None at this time.

REPORTS

Committees, Boards and Officers

- Nothing at this time.

Mayor

- Mayor Berry stated that Gene DeAngelis filed his resignation from the Planning Board. Mayor Berry announced the following **changes and appointments to the Planning Board**:
 - **James Molimock** moved up from Class 4, Alt. #1 to Class 4
 - **Paul Ostrander** moved up from Class 4, Alt. #2 to Class 4, Alt. #1
 - **Frederick P. Wainwright** appointed to Class 4, Alt. #2
- Mayor Berry **expressed his deepest appreciation** to Council, administrative staff and the community for the **large success of the fundraiser for his seriously ill granddaughter**. He was overwhelmed by the outpouring of support for his little granddaughter.

Administrator

- Administrator Brook explained that the **Buc's property on Hornberger Avenue**, which the township purchased, has been in the process of remediation due to contamination. He stated that the township hired an environmental engineering firm, Brinkerhoff, to investigate the balance of the remediation work to be done and to do some test sampling. The goal is to get a "No Further Action" letter from the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental

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Protection, which means the property is clean. The township would be in good shape at that time. Brinkerhoff reports that the property is not as bad as it could be. One area has been remediated; there are two (2) more areas that are considered to be hot spots, one (1) area is minor, the other area will take a little more work. Brinkerhoff prepared a proposal to wrap up the job. Dan Guzzi, Township Engineer, will sit with Brinkerhoff to be sure there is no conflict with the location of the proposed parking lot. The funds for the remediation are coming from the initial sale that was held in escrow. Mr. Guzzi stated that the balance of work remaining is mostly testing. He superimposed on the parking lot plan the hot spots.

Administrator Brook suggested that a Resolution be passed this evening authorizing the work outlined in Brinkerhoff's proposal with a cost not to exceed the number stated. If there are any additional costs or unforeseen issues arise, they will come back before the governing body.

NOTE: 8:35PM Council Member Garganio present.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-152

**AUTHORIZE AMENDING THE AGREEMENT WITH
BRINKERHOFF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC.,
1913 ATLANTIC AVENUE, SUITE R5
MANASQUAN, NJ, 08736**

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by O'Hara to approve Resolution No. 2009-152.

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.

- Administrator Brook stated that **NFI** has a **road to be named**. Clerk Weiler provided a list of available approved street names to the governing body. Council Vice President O'Hara asked if the Bustleton North and South developments were going to be developed? Administrator Brook stated that it is very possible that one or both of those developments will not be developed and Council can give NFI one of the names assigned to those developments. Mr. Guzzi stated that Bustleton's plans have not been filed and they will have to amend their plans.

It was on the MOTION of Garganio, seconded by O'Hara to have **NFI use Hughes Drive** as a street name in their complex.

Bustleton North and South will be notified that they can no longer use Hughes Court and when they are ready to proceed they have to come back to the township for a street name.

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YEAS: Garganio, O'Hara, Ryan, Sandusky, Baldorossi

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

Assistant Municipal Administrator

- Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that the next round of distribution of the **recycling totters** has begun. First collection for the new totters will be Monday. Council Member Garganio questioned how the rewards are earned, community wide or by individual? Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that it is route based. He explained that when a route is complete, the weight of what was picked up is equally distributed to the residents that have registered with RecycleBank. Council Member Garganio praised Assistant Administrator Sahol for his work on the Recycling Program over the years.
- Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that the work for the **parking at the end of Second Avenue at the Roebing Park** is complete. The parking stops will be pinned down tomorrow and signs installed. Mrs. & Mr. McElrea asked Assistant Administrator Sahol to pass on their appreciation to the governing body.

Township Solicitor

- Nothing at this time.

Township Engineer

- Dan Guzzi, Township Engineer, stated that he submitted the **DOT grant applications** last week. He does not expect to hear anything until late October or early November.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Ryan referenced the letter in the packet from **Land O Lakes thanking the township for pursuing the grant opportunity for sidewalk on Route 130** from Cedar Lane to the Haines Industrial Center. He asked that a copy of the letter be forwarded to the Planning Board, Zoning Board and the Environmental Commission.

Council Member Ryan discussed the in-house improvements that will be made to the **Squad Building**. He asked that they look into **energy efficient improvements** if appropriate and cost effective.

Council Member Ryan asked if the **trench issue with Scamporino** has been addressed? Mr. Guzzi stated that they have started the project and should be complete within the next couple of days.

Council Member Ryan was informed of a **bill to suspend the 2½% non-residential development fee**. It will require that municipalities return the 2½% collected to developers. He is concerned of the impact this could have on Florence Township. He highlighted areas of concern. Solicitor Kearns has not seen the full bill but will review.

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BOARD OF HEALTH

Council Member Sandusky suggested sending a letter to the Recreation Committee asking that the **ball fields be made “No Smoking”**. Parents have raised concerns of smoking while children are playing on the ball fields. Council Member Garganio will have it put on the Recreation Committee’s Agenda for discussion. He asked that Solicitor Kearns provide his legal opinion of what can and cannot be done. Solicitor Kearns will report back. Signs could be posted. Council Member Sandusky suggested a smoking area away from the children. Council Vice President O’Hara requested, if they designate a smoking area, that receptacles be placed there for disposal of cigarettes. The Recreation Committee will report back to Council.

MISCELLANEOUS

Nothing at this time.

9:00 PM MOTION by Ryan, seconded by Sandusky to adjourn meeting. Roll call vote - all ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

9:00 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER, RMC/MMC
Township Clerk

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