

Florence, New Jersey  
June 20, 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  
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

**PRESENTATION:**

**New Street Name – McHugh Court in honor of Joseph F. McHugh**

In order to give a history of Joseph F. McHugh who is being honored this evening, Joy Weiler, Township Clerk read a letter from his son, Joseph F. McHugh, Jr. In the letter Mr. McHugh explained that the Florence Township Committee appointed his father to the job of Magistrate in 1947. He served the Florence Township Court for 32 years and was also recognized by other judges and frequently substituted in other courts throughout Burlington County. Over 300 of Judge McHugh's friends and family came to his retirement dinner and honored him for his many years of service. In Mr. McHugh's letter he stated that it is a wonderful honor to have bestowed. He thanked Mayor and Council for this act of gratitude to honor his father. His dad loved his hometown of Florence and the town loved him.

In remembrance of tonight's occasion, Mayor Muchowski presented to Judge McHugh's son, Joseph F. Mc Hugh, Jr. the framed Resolution honoring Judge McHugh, which he signed along with each member of Council. Mayor Muchowski read the Resolution naming a new street on property located off Hamilton Avenue: McHugh Court.

Mayor Muchowski stated that he had the honor of knowing not only Joseph F. McHugh, Jr. but also his mother and father. They truly reflected what Florence Township is all about. As many know, the McHugh Insurance Agency is located right up the street and has been a family owned and operated business for years.

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The McHugh family is and was a very tight, loving, caring and compassionate family. The values that young Joe's parents bestowed upon him shine brightly everyday. Unfortunately Joe has dealt with some health issues over the years, but it has never slowed him down. Mayor Muchowski stated that he was fortunate as a young man starting out in the insurance industry to have his first job as an insurance agent with McHugh Insurance Agency. Joe taught him one of the most honorable things: We all know that you learn and grow by surrounding yourself with successful people and the one thing Joe always told him was not to dwell on your problems or issues, because there is always someone that is worse off. He has lived his life as his parents lived their lives by the credo "be appreciative of what God has given you; deal with the things that you can deal with; be a caring, compassionate person." He added that sometimes to a fault, Joe is very generous with his time, money and his commitment to this community. If you talk to just about any organization that is affiliated with Florence Township, there is one person they know they can count on and that is Joe McHugh, Jr. Today we are honoring his father with a street name but more importantly we are honoring a family of prominence that has clearly gone above and beyond; to be a representative of the Township of Florence that each and every one of us can be proud of. On behalf of the Township of Florence, from our family to yours, this is an honor that is well deserved.

Council Member Sandusky stated that knowing the family as he has, Joseph F. McHugh, Jr. has always been there for the Township of Florence. He has never said to anyone "why me" and he has never asked the township for anything. Council Member Sandusky reflected on Joe's father, who was "a heck of a guy," comical and always had a good word for everyone. He expressed what an honor it is to have a street named after Judge McHugh.

Joseph F. McHugh, Jr. thanked Mayor and Council.

RECESS: Motion made and seconded to have a five minute recess. Roll call vote – unanimous approval.

MEETING RESUMED: Motion made and seconded to return to the Regular Session. Roll call vote – all ayes. Unanimous approval.

**MINUTES**

Sandusky made a MOTION; seconded by Fratinardo to approve: Township Council's Closed Session of June 6, 2007. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE**

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

Fratinardo 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**

- A. Social Affair: American Legion Post 194, Patriotic Celebration Day, July 7, 2007,  
10:00AM – 2:00AM

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

**On the Question**

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Fratinardo, Sandusky, Baldorossi

NOES: None

ABSENT: Garganio, Ryan

Unanimous approval.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Richard Dennison, 214 Front Street, is here this evening along with three (3) other members representing the Florence Garden Club. He stated that the Florence Garden Club had a discussion the other evening regarding having a “Welcome to Florence” sign installed on the New Jersey Turnpike. One of the members of the garden club works for the New Jersey DOT and indicated that Turnpike Authority may respond more favorably if the municipality made a request for the sign.

Mr. Dennison expressed disappointment that the sign at the Florence exit on the turnpike tells you to go left for Burlington or right for Bordentown. Both Bordentown and Burlington have their own exits. A “Welcome to Florence” sign should have been installed when the Florence exit was first opened. The Florence Garden Club would like a sign right where the exit veers off left or right.

Mayor Muchowski stated that this topic has come up and it is disheartening that the turnpike took the land, which the township was happy about, but put signs for Burlington and Bordentown. Mayor Muchowski does not believe it was taken to the next step but feels it should be. Council in favor of Assistant Administrator Sahol looking into. Mayor Muchowski thanked the members of the Florence Garden Club for bringing it to the governing body’s attention.

Mr. Dennison stated that when he was on Council years ago, he made a MOTION and it was passed to name the park across from De Laval (currently D. C. Fabricators, Inc.) “R. D. Wood Memorial Park” and a sign went up.

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The sign was taken down when there was some construction work and never put back up. Mr. Dennison appeared before Council eight years ago or so and requested that it be put back up.

It was, but it says "R. D. Wood Park", not "R. D. Wood Memorial Park" as the MOTION was passed. Assistant Administrator Sahol will look into and report back.

Jennifer Piantadosi, 154 Eighth Avenue, very quickly this evening put together a petition to get lined parking on Eighth Avenue. She believes lined parking has been done on Second Avenue, Amboy Avenue and Railroad Avenue and it is working out okay. She stated that a total of 20 homeowners agree.

Ms. Piantadosi hopes that the township will line the parking spaces on Eighth Avenue because there is a lot of aggravation over parking. She had the police out last night but they could not do anything about the parking. The parking problem is due to pure ignorance.

Council President Baldorossi stated that if they go to lined parking they will lose parking spaces. Ms. Piantadosi understands and stated that the residents from the 20 homes that signed the petition do also. Administrator Brook explained that he spoke with Ms. Piantadosi in depth this morning and explained to her that striping will reduce the number of spaces but will create organization.

Council Member Sandusky does not have a problem with lined parking spaces on Eighth Avenue but pointed out that there are only houses on one side of the street and asked why there was a parking problem? Ms. Piantadosi stated that it is pure ignorance.

Joseph Piantadosi, 154 Eighth Avenue, explained that at the Hornberger end of Eighth Avenue there is a group of people who believe that the four (4) spots at the end of the street are theirs and no one else can park there. Mr. Piantadosi parks behind the library but believes he has the right to have one parking space. He understands that spaces will be lost with lined parking but would like everyone to park uniform.

Administrator Brook explained that a notice will be hand delivered to all of the residents on the street advising that in the near future the township will look into striping the road. The pros and cons will be explained and they will be given until a certain date to comment. When the work is to be done the residents will be notified and a day will be needed without cars on the street.

In response to Council President Baldorossi, Ms. Piantadosi stated that there are two (2) handicapped parking spaces on Eighth Avenue. Administrator Brook explained that the appropriate dimensions with respect to handicapped parking spaces, driveways, fire hydrants and corners will be used.

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

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2007-114**

**AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF 2007-2008 RENEWAL OF  
PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE  
F & A, Inc., t/a Downtown Tavern, holder of  
Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 0315-33-007-002  
WITH CONDITIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2007-115**

**AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF 2007-2008 RENEWAL OF  
PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE  
WESLEY'S PUB, INC., t/a Verann's Restaurant, holder of  
Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 0315-33-002-005  
WITH CONDITIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2007-116**

**AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF 2007-2008 RENEWAL OF  
PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE  
AIEBON CORPORATION, t/a Illusions, holder of  
Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 0315-33-001-002  
WITH CONDITIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2007-117**

**AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF 2007-2008 RENEWAL OF  
PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSE  
HIRAL KIMI, INC., t/a Town Liquor Store, holder of  
Plenary Retail Distribution License No. 0315-33-010-004  
WITH CONDITIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2007-118**

**APPROVE STREET NAME APPLICATION FOR  
BLOCK 100, LOT 8.03  
PROPERTY LOCATED OFF HAMILTON AVENUE  
(McHugh Court)**

**RESOLUTION 2007-119**

**AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF 2007-2008 RENEWAL OF  
PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSE  
(Red, White and Brew)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2007-120**

**APPROVE CURRENT ESTIMATE NO. 6 FOR  
2006 PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT  
COMMAND CO.  
135 HARTFORD ROAD, MEDFORD, NJ 08055**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2007-121**

**REFUND TAX OVERPAYMENTS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2007-122**

**APPROVE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH U.S. COAST GUARD FOR  
ROEBLING RANGE LIGHTS  
NAVIGATIONAL MARKER LIGHTS  
TWENTY-FIVE YEAR LEASE  
TERM: 6-1-2007 - 9-30-2026  
(with option to renew)**

Council President Baldorossi announced that Resolution No. 2007-111 will be held until after the Township Engineer's report this evening.

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Fratinardo that Resolutions 2007-114 through 2007-122 be approved.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Fratinaro, Sandusky, Baldorossi

NOES: None

ABSENT: Garganio, Ryan

Unanimous approval.

**ORDINANCES**

None at this time.

**REPORTS**

**Committees, Boards and Officers**

- Council Member Sandusky stated that there have been discussions in the past regarding putting up **plaques** on the **streets** that Mayor and Council have **named after veterans and judges**. He would like the plaques to go up before the present Mayor leaves office since the streets were named during his term. Council Member Sandusky suggested that it include history of the street name and be a scout project.

**Mayor Muchowski**

- Mayor Muchowski stated that this is the last meeting before the Patriotic Celebration.
- Also, this Friday evening is the first of the Florence Township Movie and Concert series. He hopes for a successful evening.

**Administrator**

- Administrator Brook acknowledged the letter received from Scott Goff, resident of Fifth Avenue, **praising the efforts of the entire Florence Township Police Department** in his neighborhood over the past month.

**Assistant Administrator**

- Nothing at this time.

**Township Solicitor**

- Nothing at this time.

**Township Engineer**

- Dan Guzzi, Township Engineer, asked that the **Transportation Trust Fund** application that is due in August for the 2008 fiscal year be added to July's Worksession.
- Mr. Guzzi updated Mayor and Council on **Greenbriar Horizon**. He stated that a schedule for completion of the **punch list items** was requested from **Lennar**. They have been working steadily and Mr. Guzzi's office has been working with them to reduce the number of punch list items. Lennar provided a schedule, which they call a four-week look ahead that runs through the month of July. At the bottom of the schedule they note that they anticipate all punch list items will be completed by 8/24/07. Mr. Guzzi requested that Mr. Bloch of Lennar advise him if there were any items on the punch list he disputes. He has not responded.

Mr. Guzzi stated that the two (2) major items he is most concerned with is the asphalt (repairs in the roads and the walking path) and the basin.

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At the present time they have several weeks scheduled for asphalt work starting next week and going through the second week of July. The basin has to be emptied out, cleaned, de-silted and final stabilization has to be done, which is scheduled for the second week of July. Mr. Guzzi stated that he will know by Council's next meeting on July 11<sup>th</sup> whether or not they are adhering to the schedule.

Council Member Sandusky expressed concern that Lennar will not adhere to the schedule. Solicitor Kearns explained that the Resolution authorizes them to call the Bond; it does not require them to call the Bond immediately.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2007-111**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LEGAL ACTION  
AGAINST THE SITE PERFORMANCE BONDS FOR THE  
GREENBRIAR HORIZON DEVELOPMENT**

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Baldorossi to approve Resolution No. 2007-111. Paragraph 5 of the Resolution will be amended to indicate that Lennar has made a formal submittal.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Sandusky, Baldorossi

NOES: None

ABSENT: Garganio, Ryan

ABSTAIN: Fratinardo (Officer of Greenbriar Horizon's Homeowners Association)

Motion carries with the abstention carrying as a "yea" vote.

Administrator Brook will notify Lennar in writing.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mayor Muchowski would like to meet with Administrator Brook and Assistant Administrator Sahol over the next couple of weeks and do an **inventory of the buildings the township owns**. He would like to devise plans for the buildings. One idea he had is to move Recreation to the old emergency squad building. It would give them meeting space, office space and storage space. He would like a decision made on what is going to be done with the buildings.

Joy Weiler, Township Clerk, explained that one of the licensed establishments, **Bridges at Roebling Station**, is trying to settle the taxes at the State and obtain a Tax Clearance Certificate.

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Council cannot act on their license until they have a Tax Clearance Certificate. There is an opportunity for him to stay open after his license expires, 6/30/07, if he pays the State a fee along with a daily fee until the next Council Meeting, which is July 11<sup>th</sup>. He hopes to have his Tax Clearance Certificate by the next Council Meeting. Clerk Weiler asked if Council authorizes her to sign the request for the permit Bridges at Roebling Station requires?

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Fratinardo to authorize Clerk Weiler to sign the permit application on behalf of the town.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Fratinardo, Sandusky, Baldorossi

NOES: None

ABSENT: Garganio, Ryan

Unanimous approval.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Clerk Weiler stated that the background check for Nicholas Lubrano, **Nicky's Ice Cream & Grill Transient Merchant application**, came in clear today. She stated that there is another employee but the Chief of Police feels comfortable issuing the license to Nicholas Lubrano. The license is for a lunch truck that caters to business, construction sites and commercial properties. This has been on hold since March, due to waiting for the results of the background check. Ms. Weiler noted that the insurance certificate has lapsed since that time. Approval would be conditioned on providing current insurance certificate. She asked if Council would like to act on this application this evening?

It was on the MOTION of Baldorossi, seconded by Sandusky to approve the Transient Merchant application conditioned upon receiving a current insurance certificate.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Fratinardo, Sandusky, Baldorossi

NOES: None

ABSENT: Garganio, Ryan

Unanimous approval.

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**BOARD OF HEALTH**

Council Member Sandusky stated that last Saturday while at the Roebing Deli he noticed a dead cat in the parking lot.

He called the police dispatcher, who was very polite and nice. He said he would call John Groze, Animal Control Officer, and within 25 minutes Mr. Groze arrived and took the cat away. He **commended the police dispatcher, Jim Chambers, and Animal Control Officer, Mr. Groze.**

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that a situation came up in regards to the **vendors** for **the Patriotic Celebration** that he would like to get Council's opinion on. He explained that local organizations and any local vendors are solicited to participate in concessions for the day. One of the Florence Township churches is selling meatballs, sausage and such to benefit their church. The Florence Township Football Association is also selling similar sandwiches. An application was received from Nancy's Chuck Wagon to sell the same items. Assistant Administrator Sahol spoke to the applicant and advised them that two (2) local organizations were selling the items and he was not comfortable creating that much competition in such a small area. She advised him that the proceeds would benefit their church, which is located in Pennsylvania. Assistant Administrator Sahol and David Dennison, Recreation Director, feel that they will be inundated with the same service. There is a single ice cream vendor and snow cone vendor. Assistant Administrator Sahol does not believe the township is obligated to allow them to vend that day.

Solicitor Kearns suggested developing a policy that states there will be one (1) for each category and preference would be given to local organizations and businesses first. Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that is how it has been done in the past but not as a written policy. A response will be sent to the applicant. A written policy will be prepared for the future.

8:59 PM MOTION by Sandusky, seconded by Fratinardo to adjourn meeting. Roll call vote - all ayes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

8:59 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER  
Township Clerk

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