

Florence, New Jersey
July 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 Vice President O'Hara at 8:00 PM. Vice President O'Hara 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 (8:05 PM)
Dennis O'Hara
Sean Ryan
Jerry Sandusky
Frank Baldorossi (8:20 PM)

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

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 Sandusky; seconded by Ryan to receive and file the Court Administrator's report for June. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

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

REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing at this time.

APPLICATIONS

A. Social Affair: Marconi Lodge, Bocce Tournament, August 1, 2009, 9:00AM – 9:00PM

It was on the MOTION of Ryan, seconded by Sandusky to approve the above application.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

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Upon roll call Council voted as follows
YEAS: Ryan, Sandusky, O'Hara
NOES: None
ABSENT: Garganio, Baldorossi

Motion carried.

NOTE: 8:05PM Council Member Garganio present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bill Bott, 64 Riverbank Drive, stated that he was the one that originally discussed sidewalks on Route 130 with the Environmental Commission and he is concerned that he caused some controversy. He explained that several years ago his niece was killed when she was hit by a car while walking along Route 33. It was from his personal experience that he discussed sidewalks and apologized if he caused any controversy.

Mr. Bott drove through the community today and noted that there are many sidewalks that end where the roadway continues. He suggested that developers be required to install sidewalks and not be given any other option.

Council Vice President O'Hara assured Mr. Bott that he did not cause a controversy. He believes it is Council's opinion that there should be sidewalks. He stated that it is in the Ordinance that sidewalks be provided by developers. Council Vice President O'Hara stated that there was a difference of opinion but is being dealt with in an adult like manner. Some existing sidewalks are sidewalks to nowhere but eventually they will all connect.

Michael Muchowski, 1337 Maple Avenue, as a member of the Florence Field Hockey Booster Club thanked Mayor and Council for their support of the organization by donating the proceeds from this year's 5k run, which raised \$2,305 to help offset the cost of the team's trip to Florida.

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-168

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-169

**APPROVE CURRENT ESTIMATE NO. 7
AND CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 FOR
2008 ROAD PROGRAM
AMERICAN ASPHALT COMPANY
116 MAIN STREET
W. COLLINGSWOOD, NJ 08059**

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-170

RESOLUTION TO REMOVE PROPERTIES FROM TAX SALE

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-171

**APPROVE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF
BURLINGTON INVOLVING THE INTEGRATED LAW ENFORCEMENT PROJECT**

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-173

**REQUESTING APPROVAL OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF LOCAL
GOVERNMENT SERVICES TO ESTABLISH A DEDICATED TRUST BY RIDER FOR
STREET AND CURB OPENING DEPOSIT AND PERMIT FEES
PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-39**

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-174

**AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT WITH NFI REAL ESTATE AND
THE FOUR B'S FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED ON
ROUTE 130 N., BLOCK 160.01, LOTS 2.01, 8, 9, 10.01, 10.02, 20, 21, 22**

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-175

**ACCEPT DEDICATION OF
WATER MAINS, SEWER MAINS AND SEWER PUMPING STATION
THE HAINES CENTER
WHITESELL PROPERTY**

Assistant Administrator Sahol has two (2) items to add to Resolution No. 2009-168, Public Sale of Township Owned Property, a television and a VHS player. Council Members are in agreement to add the items to the auction list.

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Garganio to approve Resolution No. 2009-168 through 2009-171 and Resolution No. 2009-173 through 2009-175.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows

YEAS: Garganio, Ryan, Sandusky, O'Hara

NOES: None

ABSENT: Baldorossi

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-172

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE
ESTABLISHING A "GREEN TEAM" TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS AND TO
ADVISE THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
SUSTAINABLE JERSEY PROGRAM**

After discussing Resolution No. 2009-172, Council Members were in agreement to act on the second draft.

It was on the MOTION of Ryan, seconded by Sandusky to approve Resolution No. 2009-172.

On the Question

Council Member Ryan stated that he will attend the Planning Board and Zoning Board meetings to give an overview of the Green Team and ask each board to consider appointing a member to the Green Team. He would like to start organizing at the Environmental Commission meeting next month. The Planning and Zoning Boards will each appointment one person from within.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows

YEAS: Garganio, Ryan, Sandusky, O'Hara

NOES: None

ABSENT: Baldorossi

Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

**ORDINANCE NO. 2009-14
(1st Reading)**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO RELEASE, VACATE AND EXTINGUISH ANY AND ALL
PUBLIC RIGHTS IN AND TO A PORTION OF A CERTAIN ALLEYWAY SITUATED ON
PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 99.01, LOTS 20, 21, 22 and 29 INCLUSIVE LOCATED
NEAR WALLACE AVENUE AND STATION ROAD**

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Garganio to approve Ordinance 2009-14 on first reading and set adoption for August 5, 2009.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows

YEAS: Garganio, Ryan, Sandusky, O'Hara

NOES: None

ABSENT: Baldorossi

Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2009-15
(1st Reading)**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR TAX
ABATEMENT WITH NFI REAL ESTATE AND THE FOUR B'S FOR
THE PROPERTY LOCATED ON ROUTE 130 N.
BLOCK 160.01, LOTS 2.01, 8, 9, 10.01, 10.02, 20, 21, and 22**

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Garganio to approve Ordinance 2009-15 on first reading and set adoption for August 5, 2009.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows

YEAS: Garganio, Ryan, Sandusky, O'Hara

NOES: None

ABSENT: Baldorossi

Motion carried.

REPORTS

Committees, Boards and Officers

- Council Member Sandusky thanked everyone that was involved with this past weekend's **Patriotic Celebration**. It was a great event, starting Friday evening and ending Saturday night with the fireworks.

Council Vice President O'Hara thanked Council Member Sandusky and the rest of the Patriotic Celebration Committee for their hard work. He agrees that it was a wonderful event.

Council Member Sandusky stated that the Friday night softball game went so well that he has been approached by two (2) other organizations that would like to be involved. He noted that the Police Department won the "Mayor's Cup".

Council Vice President O'Hara noted that the **Roebing Museum** held it's opening recently. Mayor Berry was there to give the key to the Museum Board of Directors. It was a beautiful event. Council Vice President O'Hara thanked Mayor and Council for all they have done for the Roebing Museum.

Council Vice President O'Hara noted that the Flag Raising Ceremony on Patriotic Celebration Day was a beautiful ceremony.

Mayor

- Mayor Berry received a lot of positive feedback on the whole **Patriotic Celebration**. It was a fun time. He thanked everyone on the committee for an outstanding job. He praised all of the departments that helped make the event successful. Mayor Berry thanked everyone involved, including Council, for making the Patriotic Celebration possible.

NOTE: Council President, Frank K. Baldoross, Jr., present at this time: 8:20 PM.

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Administrator

- Administrator Brook stated that **Patrolman Kenneth Link** will be coming to the August 12, 2009 meeting to be **honored for his retirement** from the Florence Township Police Department.
- Administrator Brook stated that the State deadline for the preliminary application to investigate solar wind power at the sewer plant is July 31, 2009. If it is approved, a full application will have to be filed by the end of November 2009. Russell Trice, Township Water and Sewer Engineer, believes he can file the preliminary application by July 31, 2009.

It was on the MOTION of Garganio, seconded by Sandusky authorizing Administrator Brook and the Township Water and Sewer Engineer to apply for a **Local Government Green House Gas Reduction Grant Program**.

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 requested a short **Closed Session** for **contract negotiations**. Any document, for the public, that is approved will be done at an open meeting by Resolution.

Assistant Municipal Administrator

- Nothing at this time.

Township Solicitor

- Nothing at this time.

Township Engineer

- Dan Guzzi, Township Engineer, stated that work has begun on the **Road Program**.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council Vice President O'Hara noted that there was an encouraging letter in the packet from Brinkerhoff regarding **Buc's property**. Administrator Brook stated that they found no contamination where the parking lot is going on the property.

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Nothing at this time.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Council Member Ryan also heard a lot of praise over the Patriotic Celebration. A resident suggested to Council Member Ryan that pictures of **municipal events be posted on Channel 19 and the township's website in the future**. Assistant Administrator Sahol will take care of the suggestion.

Council Member Garganio discussed videotaping events and putting on Channel 19; he stated that the township was told that was possible before the agreement was signed. Mayor Berry stated that when he was on the School Board and they inquired about showing a football game, they were told it would be a problem with trying to run a full football game without running it in segments. Mr. Sahol will look into further.

Council Member Sandusky agrees that posting pictures is a good idea.

Council Member Sandusky noted that he is a little disappointed with Channel 19; today there was no sound and right now, in July, they are still showing school events. Assistant Administrator Sahol explained that the school manages the channel. He will look into.

Council President Baldorossi noted that the **Roebing Museum** had approximately 20 Mercer Cars on display on July 12th. It was well attended and it was a beautiful day.

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

ADJOURNMENT

8:30 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER, RMC/MMC
Township Clerk

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