

Florence, New Jersey
August 6, 2008

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 6, 2008; 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
Dennis O'Hara
Sean Ryan
Jerry Sandusky
Frank Baldorossi

Also present:

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

MINUTES

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

Regular Session	May 21, 2008 and June 4, 2008
Executive Session	May 14, 2008
Closed Session	June 11, 2008; June 18, 2008; July 9, 2008 and July 16, 2008

FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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

- A. Social Affair: Willitts, Hogan, Tonne American Legion Post 39; September 27, 2008; 6:00PM – 1:00AM
- B. On Premise Raffle: Florence Twp. HS Marching Band Booster Club, Inc.; Florence Twp. High School Football Field; 9-27; 10-4; 10-10; 10-17; 10-24

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C. Off Premise 50/50 Raffle: Florence Twp. HS Marching Band Booster Club; Florence Twp. High School: 11-26-08

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

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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bill Bott, 64 Riverbank Drive, asked if the governing body had a copy of the article in the Trentonian regarding sludge at the Tullytown Landfill? Joy Weiler, Township Clerk, stated that it will be in this Friday's packet. Mr. Bott gave a brief overview and stated that the Environmental Commission will be discussing the article at their meeting tomorrow.

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-153

**AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF 2008-2009 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. 2008-154

**EXTEND CONTRACT WITH GARDEN STATE
REMOVAL FOR SANITATION REMOVAL SERVICES**

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-155

**AUTHORIZE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR TO
PREPARE SPECIFICATIONS AND OBTAIN BIDS FOR
SANITATION/TRASH REMOVAL CONTRACT**

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-156

REFUND \$5 FEE FOR ACCIDENT REPORT

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-157

EXTENSION OF TIME FOR PAYMENT OF TAX BILLS

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by O'Hara that Resolutions 2008-153 through 2008-157 be approved.

On the Question

Council Member Sandusky asked Administrator Brook when he looks into the new contract for sanitation/trash removal, that he look into the possibility of hopper type pick up? Some of the local stores that pay taxes also have to pay for private pick up. Administrator Brook will include in the bid.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-12

(2nd Reading)

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE IN THE COUNTY
OF BURLINGTON TO SET FORTH THE DETERMINATION OF THE
GOVERNING BODY CONCERNING ELIGIBILITY FOR THE DEFINED
CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PROGRAM (DCRP) PURSUANT TO
CHAPTER 92 OF THE LAWS OF 2007**

It was on the MOTION of Garganio, seconded by O'Hara to approve Ordinance No. 2008-12 on second reading for adoption.

Public Comment

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

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

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Unanimous approval.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2008-14
(1st Reading)**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE AMENDING THE
FLORENCE TOWNSHIP CODE BY AMENDING SECTION 134-47 – SCHEDULE
XV: BUS STOPS TO DELETE THE BUS STOPS ON FRONT STREET, NORTH
AND SOUTH, AT THE INTERSECTION OF WINTER STREET**

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by O'Hara to approve Ordinance No. 2008-14 on first reading and set adoption for September 3, 2008.

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.

REPORTS

Committees, Boards and Officers

- Council Vice President O'Hara attended the **Economic Development Committee** meeting last night. The committee is looking to create a subcommittee to contact businesses to see if there is interest in establishing a Florence Township Chamber of Commerce or developing a Florence Township chamber that is affiliated with the Northern Burlington County Chamber of Commerce. Administrator Brook will work on getting a business list. Council Vice President O'Hara feels that it would be beneficial for perspective developers to see that there is an active Chamber of Commerce. Further discussion will take place over the next several months.

Council Vice President O'Hara stated that a situation arose at the meeting last night where an email was handed out from Jeff Lucas regarding Brandow Chevrolet. The email contained ideas of what could take place at the intersection of Route 130 and Florence-Columbus Road. One of the members expressed concern that it sounded like Mr. Lucas has an agreement with Brandow; he stated that he spoke with Brandow and they stated that they do not have an agreement with anyone at this time. It is an open market. Administrator Brook will contact Brandow and ask what their relationship is with Mr. Lucas.

Council Vice President O'Hara stated that another member of the Economic Development Committee expressed concern that he had to read in the newspaper information regarding the proposed composting facility in Burlington Township. He felt the information should have been brought to the committee. Discussion followed regarding information that can be given to the committee, which of course would not include Closed Session items.

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Mayor

- Mayor Berry participated in the **National Night Out** last night with the Chief of Police. There were several officers out on foot patrol, bike patrol and vehicle patrol. He was able to speak to many residents and let them know what National Night Out is all about. He feels it was very well received.

Administrator

- Administrator Brook reported that the old **gazebo** has been taken down at the **boat ramp** and the concrete has been poured and is curing in preparation for the new gazebo.

Township Solicitor

- Nothing at this time.

Township Engineer

- Nothing at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council Vice President O'Hara questioned the status of **Greenbriar**. Dan Guzzi, Township Engineer, stated that work is moving along. He received the as built for the basin, so he can verify that it has been emptied out and the grading is done properly. There is some work left to do on the basin. They have been concentrating on the basin but have also been moving forward on the other punch list items.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Vice President O'Hara questioned the responsibility **or liability to the township for trees** that are between the curb and the sidewalk that have been in the community for many, many years, but the root system is growing up over the curb and into the street? He questions this because of trees in the 300 block of E. Second Street. Administrator Brook will inspect. Solicitor Kearns would rather discuss liability in Closed Session.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Nothing at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS

Council Member Ryan made the following statement, and asked that it be part of the minutes on record:

“We unfortunately had a bank robbery in the community on Tuesday the 5th. The location of the crime was in close proximity to my place of employment. The organized and professional law enforcement response that followed this unfortunate incident would have been impossible not to notice. We as members of Council are aware through reports and other mechanisms of the professional service that the men and woman of the Florence Township Police Department provide to our community.

Some things have to be experienced first hand to have a true understanding of the organized effort and professionalism that are involved in these sensitive situations. In witnessing the response from our police department it was clear that the safety and well being of the residents in Florence Township was the top priority coupled with conducting a professional law enforcement investigation to ultimately apprehend those responsible for the crime.

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One can only imagine the potential dangers involved in responding to this type of crime or any other. It is evident to me that Florence Township is extremely fortunate to have the professional services, courage, training and leadership of the men and woman in the Florence Township Police Department.

After witnessing the response on Tuesday I felt compelled to share my comments on the record and formally commend our police department.”

Council Member Sandusky noted that about 10 days ago there was a fire on Third Avenue and through the fast actions of our police department, Officer Michelle Hollins went up the alley with a fire extinguisher, into the back of the house and put a fire out that could have taken several other homes on Third Avenue. Her efforts are to be commended.

8:29 PM MOTION by O’Hara, seconded by Sandusky to adjourn to Closed Session. Action may follow Closed Session. Roll call vote - all ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

8:29 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER
Township Clerk

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Note: No action taken following the Closed Session.