

FLORENCE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION

October 14, 2009

8:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Baldorossi called the meeting to order.

SUNSHINE STATEMENT

The Opening Statement was read: 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; posted on the municipal bulletin board.

ROLL CALL

Present: Bruce Garganio (8:03 PM), Dennis O'Hara, Sean Ryan (8:04 PM), Jerry Sandusky, Frank Baldorossi

Also Present: Mayor William Berry; Richard A. Brook, Township Administrator; Dante Guzzi, Township Engineer; Russell Trice, Township Water and Sewer Engineer; William John Kearns, Jr., Township Solicitor; Joy M. Weiler, Township Clerk

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nothing at this time.

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

TOWNSHIP WATER AND SEWER ENGINEER

Platinum Developers, LLC: Bond Release Request, Phase I & II

Russell Trice, Township Water and Sewer Engineer, explained that Phase I will be inspected tomorrow and a punch list prepared. The Bond for Phase I has been reduced to its maximum. Phase II will be inspected and a punch list prepared for a Bond Reduction. Administrator Brook explained that the township is well within the 90 days and this will be put on the November 4th Worksession Agenda and depending on the results of the inspections, it may be on the November 4th Regular Session Agenda.

NOTE: 8:03PM Council Member Garganio present.

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

Jottan Roofing, Inc.: Release Performance Bond & Set Up Maintenance Bond

Dan Guzzi, Township Engineer, reviewed and recommended the release of the Performance Bond subject to posting a two year Maintenance Bond. A Resolution will be prepared for next week's meeting.

Platinum Developers, LLC: Bond Release Request: Phase II

Mr. Guzzi reviewed and recommended a bond reduction opposed to a bond release based on the amount of work that has been completed. A Resolution will be prepared for next week's meeting.

NOTE: 8:04PM Council Member Ryan present.

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Wawa Store: Bond Release Request

Mr. Guzzi reviewed and recommended releasing the Performance Bond subject to posting a two year Maintenance Bond. He explained that this does not pertain to the new work that was just approved.

Council Member Garganio questioned the truck parking at the Wawa. Mr. Guzzi stated that Wawa just received approval to amend the site plan again to allow limited truck parking. They are redoing the signs, installing video surveillance cameras and replacing the gates with a bollard system.

Council Member Ryan stated that the right hand turn into the rear passenger vehicle parking lot as you enter off of Cedar Lane seems like a tight turn. Mr. Guzzi will look into and report back.

Council Vice President O'Hara asked if Wawa has to post bonds for the new approvals? Mr. Guzzi stated that they do have to post bonds.

2009 Road Program: Current Estimate No. 3

Mr. Guzzi explained that the contractor did not come in to sign the paperwork, so he does not have it to present to Council. A Resolution will be prepared for next week's meeting in case the paperwork is complete; if not, it will be held until next month.

Council President Baldorossi asked when Fifth Avenue and the parking lot on Hornberger Avenue would be topcoated? Mr. Guzzi stated, weather permitting, the topcoat will be done next week.

LEGISLATION: SOLAR ENERGY PANELS

Administrator Brook explained that there is a company on Route 130 that is interested in putting up solar panels. At the present time the township does not have standards regarding solar panels. He asked if Council would like him to get an estimate from the Township Planner to prepare standards for both commercial and residential solar panels for a township Ordinance? It would be sent to the Planning Board for their review and recommendations. Council Members are in agreement for Administrator Brook to contact the Township Planner to get an estimate.

STATE POLICY PLAN MAP AMENDMENT

Administrator Brook discussed the designated properties where there can be or the towns may possibly want to encourage sewer. His recommendation is to include NFI, which the township would have to do an endorsement for, and not include the high school or the Locker property on Cedar Lane. Council Members are in agreement to follow Administrator Brook's recommendation.

ZONING CHANGE REQUEST

Administrator Brook received a request from a developer to change the zoning on a parcel that is almost landlocked on the border of Florence Township and Burlington Township to create more density. The developer would like to construct homes and plans to get sewer from Burlington Township but has not talked to Burlington Township yet. After discussing, Council Members are not in favor of changing the zoning.

FLORENCE TOWNSHIP COURT DEPARTMENT

Administrator Brook noted that the Court Department was audited by the County and received an excellent report. Council Vice President O'Hara suggested that a congratulatory letter be sent to the

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Court Administrator, Patricia Mellor, and her assistant, Tracy Verduchi, for the fine job. Council Members agree.

OPERATION MEDICINE CABINET

Administrator Brook explained that the Florence Township Police Department is participating in a project called Operation Medicine Cabinet on November 14, 2009 between 10:00AM and 2:00PM, along with over 250 New Jersey Police Departments. On that day people can get rid of their expired medications. It is a good program and will be advertised.

UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS REQUEST

Administrator Brook received a request from the United States Army Corps of Engineers to park no more than 15 vehicles at the boat dock for several weeks for the employees of the dredging company. He stated that it has been done in the past for one vehicle but 15 vehicles is a lot. Council President Baldorossi noted that duck-hunting season is just beginning. It may take parking spots away from the people that are paying the boat ramp permit fee to launch their boat.

Council Member Sandusky asked if they are asking for overnight parking or daytime parking? Administrator Brook explained that they will dredge the Delaware River 24/7.

Since it will impact the people that have paid for boat ramp permits, Administrator Brook will advise them that they cannot park at the boat dock but will offer to work something out for them to park at the municipal complex.

NOVEMBER MEETINGS

Administrator Brook noted that there will be a Worksession and Regular Session Council Meeting November 4, 2009 and Council will decide at that time whether or not another meeting is needed in November.

2010 MEETING SCHEDULE

Administrator Brook stated that Assistant Administrator Sahol is in the process of preparing the township calendar for print. Joy Weiler, Township Clerk, provided a draft copy of the 2010 Council Meeting schedule. Council Members are in agreement to proceed with draft meeting schedule.

LETTER FROM E. FIFTH STREET RESIDENT

Council Member Ryan discussed the letter from a resident of E. Fifth Street regarding identification of the speed limit on E. Fifth Street. He stated that he is working with the residents of E. Fifth Street along with Administrator Brook on traffic calming and speed limit identification and asked that a letter be sent to the resident advising her that it is being worked on. Administrator Brook stated that he will meet with the Police Chief regarding this matter and will report back. He noted that speed enforcement is being done on E. Fifth Street.

In response to Council Vice President O'Hara, Administrator Brook explained that E. Fifth Street is a through street and every street that intersects with E. Fifth Street has a stop sign. Council Vice President O'Hara suggested a couple of four way stops on E. Fifth Street; that would help to slow traffic down. Administrator Brook would rather have Police Chief Fazekas or Sergeant Palombi, who is the traffic expert, address that issue. Council Member Garganio suggested speed humps to slow traffic down. Administrator Brook will meet with Chief Fazekas and report back.

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8:40PM MOTION by Sandusky, seconded by O'Hara to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote - all ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

8:40PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER, RMC/MMC
Township Clerk

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