

Florence, New Jersey
December 15, 2004

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 President Fratinardo at 8:00 PM. President Fratinardo led the Salute to the Flag.

The Township Clerk read the following statement: "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 4, 2004 and 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:

John Fratinardo, President
Frank Baldorossi
Bruce Garganio
Elizabeth Ryan
Jerry Sandusky

Also present:

Michael Muchowski, Mayor; Richard Brook, Township Administrator; Thomas Sahol, Assistant Administrator; Dante Guzzi, Township Engineer; William John Kearns, Jr., Township Solicitor; Joy Weiler, Township Clerk

OATH OF OFFICE: PATROLMAN BRIAN RICHARDSON

Joy Weiler, Township Clerk, administered the Oath of Office to Brian Richardson, while his wife held the Bible.

Patrolman Richardson thanked Mayor and Council for giving him the opportunity to become a Florence Township Police Officer.

PRESENTATION

Chief Gordon Dawson spoke on behalf of the Township, commending the outstanding efforts of the Florence Township Police Officers and the FBI in solving the recent bank robberies that occurred in town. He introduced the honorees: Florence Township Detective Albert Jacoby, Florence Township Detective Dominic Golden, Florence Township Police Captain Joseph Gadbois and FBI Special Agent John Mulligan.

Chief Dawson also introduced FBI Special Agent Mulligan's supervisor, FBI Senior Supervisory Special Agent Kenneth Shuey and FBI Special Agent Richard Kelly who were in attendance this evening.

Chief Dawson thanked Mayor and Council for their support they give to the Police Department.

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Chief Dawson gave a brief overview of the bank robberies that occurred and the investigations that followed. He stated how pleased he was with the investigations.

FBI Special Agent Kenneth Shuey thanked Mayor and Council for allowing him the opportunity to honor the Police Officers. He presented Certificates of Commendation to each honoree and personally thanked them.

Representatives from the banks involved: Roma Bank, Farmers and Mechanics Bank and Roebing Bank thanked the Mayor and Council, the Police Department and the FBI. They each commended the police officers for their compassion and professionalism.

Mayor Muchowski praised the entire Police Department and presented plaques to the honorees.

Captain Gadbois thanked Mayor and Council and Chief Dawson for the honor this evening. He spoke of the teamwork and the bond in the Police Department; also, how the different agencies and departments work together. He acknowledged the family members of all of the Police Officers present this evening.

Detective Golden thanked everyone.

Detective Jacoby spoke on the team effort by the Florence Township Police Department, and the FBI and thanked everyone.

Mayor Muchowski invited the public to the front conference room for refreshments.

(Ten minute recess.)

MINUTES

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

Regular Session	October 20, 2004
Executive Session	October 13, 2004
Closed Session	October 20, 2004, November 3, 2004 and November 10, 2004

FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

It was on the MOTION of Baldorossi; seconded by Ryan to receive and file the Police report and Township Clerk's report for November. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

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

REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE

None at this time.

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APPLICATIONS

- A. Florence Township Civic Association: Night at the Races, February 19, 2005, 6PM – 2AM
- B. Florence Township Civic Association: Night at the Races, February 26, 2005, 6PM – 2AM

It was on the MOTION of Baldorossi, seconded by Ryan to approve the above applications.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Ryan, Sandusky, Fratinardo
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: Garganio

Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: 2005 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

The 2005 CDBG Public Hearing was advertised in the Burlington Co. Times on 12-5-04:

Assistant Administrator Sahol explained that the application is for handicapped accessibility improvements in 43 locations throughout the Township. He stated that they are all eligible projects.

Council President Fratinardo opened the hearing to the public.

Nothing at this time.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Nothing at this time.

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. 2004-214

REFUND CERTAIN TAX OVERPAYMENTS

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-215

CANCEL SMALL TAX BALANCE AMOUNTS

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-216

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE
TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT**

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-217

**AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF ONE 2005 FORD CROWN
VICTORIA POLICE INTERCEPTOR
POLICE VEHICLE, STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE
A45069**

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-218

**APPROVE PAYMENT OF CURRENT ESTIMATE NO. 13 AND
CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 FOR
RMS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, 1985 DUTCH MILL ROAD,
FRANKLINVILLE, NJ 08322
NEW PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY**

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-219

**AUTHORIZE REFUND CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEES
PERMIT VOIDED**

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-220

**APPROVE PAYMENT OF CURRENT ESTIMATE NO. 12 FOR
RMS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, 1985 DUTCH MILL ROAD,
FRANKLINVILLE, NJ 08322
NEW PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY
(CONFIRMING ACTION TAKEN ON 12-8-04)**

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-221

AUTHORIZE CONDITIONAL RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND

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Eduardo & Mary Jo Giancola, Block 160.01, Lot 2.02

Note: Release is conditioned upon payment of any and all escrow fees due.

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-222

**APPROVE REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF MAINTENANCE BOND
ROEBLING BANK, BLOCK 109, LOT 1
CONDITIONED UPON PAYMENT OF ALL ESCROW FUNDS DUE**

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-223

**DENY REQUEST TO REDUCE PERFORMANCE BOND
FOR NWL TRANSFORMER
BY LIBERTY MUTUAL INSURANCE CO.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-224

TRANSFERRING CERTAIN 2004 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-225

**RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF
REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE, COUNTY
OF BURLINGTON, PURSUANT TO N.J.S. 40A:4-87
CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948**

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-226

**EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO WELL # 4
Account No. 02-633-060-925**

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-227

**RELEASE PERFORMANCE BOND FOR TRIAD LAND DEVELOPMENT
FOR THE PRESERVE AT BROOKSIDE
CONDITIONED UPON COMPLETING PUNCH LIST ATTACHED
Also conditioned upon payment of all Escrow fees due to the Township**

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-228

**AWARD CONTRACT FOR ONE (1) NEW 2004
JOHN DEERE 1600 TURBO 128" MINIMUM WIDTH WIDE**

**AREA MOWER OR EQUIVALENT
RESOLUTION NO. 2004-229**

**AUTHORIZE TOWNSHIP ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR
TO REBID THE CONTRACT FOR
LEASE OF SPACE ON FLORENCE TOWNSHIP ELEVATED
WATER TANK #2**

It was on the MOTION of Ryan, seconded by Sandusky that Resolutions 2004-214 through 2004-229 be approved.

On the Question

Council Vice President Ryan asked for a brief explanation of Resolution No. 224, Budget Transfer. Administrator Brook reviewed the funds that are being transferred from one account to another.

Dan Guzzi, Township Engineer, stated that there are some outstanding items on his list to be reflected in the Performance Bond for Triad Land Development (Resolution No. 2004-227). He provided a list to be included with the Resolution, which will be Schedule "C".

Council Member Sandusky questioned how there could be so many over payments of taxes? Administrator Brook explained that it happens mainly with mortgage companies and banks making the payments for the homeowners.

Council Member Sandusky stated that he is very pleased with Resolution No. 2004-228, purchase of the area mower. He feels it will be an asset to the Public Works Department.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Garganio, Ryan, Sandusky, Fratinardo

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

ORDINANCES

**ORDINANCE NO. 2004-16
(2nd Reading)**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE
AMENDING CHAPTER 120 – SOIL REMOVAL AND
DEPOSIT OF THE FLORENCE TOWNSHIP CODE TO
REQUIRE THE RELOCATION OF ANY SOIL OR EARTH
REMOVED FROM A SITE WITHIN TO TOWNSHIP OF
FLORENCE TO A LOCATION WHERE IT CAN BE PUT
TO PUBLIC USE BY THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE**

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Council President Fratinardo stated that Ordinance No. 2004-16 is being **HELD** at the request of Whitesell. The public hearing may be in January.

**ORDINANCE 2004-18
(2nd Reading)**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE
AMENDING CHAPTER 91 (ZONING) OF THE CODE OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE TO ADOPT AN
UPDATED AND AMENDED OFFICIAL MAP AND AN
UPDATED AND AMENDED ZONING MAP**

Administrator Brook explained that the maps are being updated to include the Greenbriar Development on Old York Road.

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Garganio to approve Ordinance No. 2004-18 on second reading for adoption.

Public Comment

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

Nothing at this time.

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Garganio to close the public hearing. All ayes – motion carried.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Garganio, Ryan, Sandusky, Fratinardo

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2004-20
(1st Reading)**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE
AMENDING CHAPTER 70 OF THE FLORENCE
TOWNSHIP CODE ADOPTING A REVISION OF THE
DRUG FREE ZONE MAP AND A DRUNK-DRIVING FREE
ZONE MAP AND THE LIST OF DESIGNATED SCHOOL
CROSSINGS**

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It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Ryan to approve Ordinance No. 2004-20 on first reading and set adoption for January 19, 2005.

(NOTE: Township Solicitor, William John Kearns, Jr., advised Mayor and Council that an Ordinance may be carried over to the following year since the governing body will be seated as the same governing body next year.)

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Garganio, Ryan, Sandusky, Fratinardo
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

REPORTS

Committees, Boards and Officers

- Council Member Sandusky stated that he is very happy to see the “welcome” signs up in Roebing.
- Council President Fratinardo feels that the Township had a very good year. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a healthy, prosperous New Year.

Mayor Muchowski

- Mayor Muchowski wished everyone Happy Holidays. He stated that there will some difficult issues ahead in the New Year, but feels that everyone works well together and believes it will continue in 2005.

Administrator

- Nothing at this time.

Assistant Administrator

- Nothing at this time.

Township Engineer

- Mr. Guzzi wished everyone Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year.

Township Solicitor

- Nothing at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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Water and Sewer Rate

Mayor Muchowski would like to take a closer look at the debt projection reports so he can give a better presentation. He would like to hold discussion until January's Worksession.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Sandusky noted that the next meeting, January 5, 2005, will be held at the Roebling Firehouse, Seventh Avenue and Main Street, at 7:00 PM. Mayor Muchowski stated that the letter notifying the residents is in the calendar, which is being hand delivered by the Boy Scouts and Venture Crew. Assistant Administrator Sahol reported on their progress.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Nothing at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS

Nothing at this time.

9:15 PM MOTION by Sandusky, seconded by Ryan to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote - all ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

9:15 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER
Township Clerk

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