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

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Garganio, Ryan, Sandusky, Fratinardo

NOES: None

ABSENT: Baldorossi

Motion carries.

APPROVE STREET NAME APPLICATION

Council President Fratinardo stated that this evening a Resolution will be passed naming new streets in the Craft Stewart Development, located off Fifth Street, Sixth Street and Summer Street, after Veterans of Florence Township.

Council President Fratinardo announced the new street names and the war that the veteran fought and served in:

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| ❖ Pigott Drive | World War II | Ralph Pigott |
| ❖ Szypulski Lane | World War II | Dominic J. Szypulski |
| ❖ Tetkoski Drive | Vietnam | Leon A. Tetkoski |

Clerk Weiler read the Resolution.

Mayor Muchowski asked if any family members were present and invited them to speak.

A nephew of Dominic Szypulski's stated that his Uncle Dominic was killed in the Battle of the Bulge in December 1944.

A family member of Ralph Pigott's stated that he was killed in the Philippines in 1944.

Mayor Muchowski acknowledged Steve Mognancki, Commander of VFW Post 8838, and invited him to say a few words.

Mr. Mognancki spoke highly of the three (3) veterans being honored this evening and stated that the names of these heroes are engraved in stone on the Veterans' Memorial outside the municipal building. He expressed his happiness that these veterans will be recognized when traveling down Pigott Drive, Szypulski Lane and Tetkoski Drive. They will be remembered for sacrificing their lives for the citizens of the United States and for freedom.

As Commander of VFW Post 8838 in Roebing, Mr. Mognancki thanked Mayor Muchowski and Council for continuing their effort in this program until all 37 men who paid the supreme sacrifice from Florence Township are honored. He also thanked

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American Legion Post 39 and members of the audience for attending this evening. Mr. Mognancki ended with saying, "God Bless the veterans."

Mayor Muchowski recognized former Council Member John Hofflinger, who was in attendance this evening, for his part in implementing the program of having new streets named after Florence Township Veterans.

Mayor Muchowski called for a moment of silence.

Mayor Muchowski thanked everyone for attending this evening and asked that everyone remember what the veterans have done to make this County what it is.

Council President Fratinardo stated that a certified copy of the Resolution was available for each of the families.

RECESS

MEETING RESUMED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None at this time.

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-230

**APPROVE STREET NAME APPLICATION FOR
CRAFT-STEWART DEVELOPMENT, LLC
LOCATED OFF 5TH AND 6TH AND SUMMER STREETS
KNOWN AS BLOCK 156.01, LOT 2**

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-231

**APPROVE PAYMENT OF CURRENT ESTIMATE NO. 1 TO
AMERICAN ASPHALT COMPANY, 116 MAIN STREET,
W. COLLINGSWOOD HEIGHTS, NJ 08059
FOR 2005 ROAD PROGRAM**

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-232

A RESOLUTION CANCELING TAX OVERPAYMENTS LESS THAN \$10.00

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-233

**A RESOLUTION CANCELING TAXES ON PROPERTY
OWNED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE**

RESOLUTION 2005-234

**AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2005-06
TO ADD
ACCOUNTS DEPOSITED AT ROEBLING BANK**

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-235

**AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF CURRENT ESTIMATE NO. 2
TALL PINES WATER AND SEWER
PACT CONSTRUCTION, INC., P.O. BOX 74, RINGOES, NJ 08551**

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-236

**AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF CURRENT ESTIMATE NO. 1
FOR WELL NO. 3 REDEVELOPMENT
TO A.C. SCHULTES, INC.
664 SOUTH EVERGREEN AVENUE
WOODBURY, NJ 08097**

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-237

**APPROVE REQUEST FOR REDUCTION OF PERFORMANCE BONDS
US HOME (GREENBRIAR HORIZON)
SECTIONS 3, 4 AND 5
PERFORMANCE BOND # SW 0151; 08719337 AND 08719339
CONDITIONED UPON PAYMENT OF ALL ESCROW FUNDS DUE**

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-238

**APPROVE REQUEST FOR REDUCTION OF
WATER AND SEWER PERFORMANCE BONDS
US HOME (GREENBRIAR HORIZON)
SECTIONS 3, 4 AND 5
BOND NO.'S SW0153, 08719338 & 08719340
CONDITIONED UPON PAYMENT OF ALL ESCROW FUNDS DUE**

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-239

**AUTHORIZE REDUCTION OF PERFORMANCE BONDS
HAINES INDUSTRIAL CENTER – WATER AND SEWER ITEMS**

NOTE: Conditioned upon payment of any escrow funds due

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-240

**AUTHORIZE REDUCTION OF PERFORMANCE BOND
HAINES INDUSTRIAL CENTER – SECTION TWO (2), SPEC. BLDG. #1**

NOTE: Conditioned upon payment of any escrow funds due.

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-241

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FLORENCE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF
EDUCATION AND THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE FOR THE
IMPLEMENTATION, MAINTENANCE AND TRANSMISSION OF PUBLIC
ACCESS TELEVISION BROADCASTS VIA THE CABLE TELEVISION
SYSTEM**

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-242

**AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT WITH TELVUE CORPORATION
16000 HORIZON WAY, SUITE 500, MOUNT LAUREL, NJ, 08054
FOR ACCESS CHANNEL SERVICE AND SUPPORT**

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-243

**AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE NJDEP PERMITS
TWA AND BSDW
FOR ATLANTIC EQUITIES OLIVE STREET, LLC**

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-245

**UPGRADE MAIN FUEL SYSTEM
State Contract No. A63625**

RESOLUTION # 2005-246

**AUTHORIZING MEMBERSHIP IN A MUTUAL AID AND ASSISTANCE
AGREEMENT WITH PARTICIPATING UNITS**

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-247

**A RESOLUTION CANCELING TAXES ON PROPERTY
OWNED BY TOTALLY DISABLED VETERANS**

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-248

**APPROVE FORMAL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE AND
FLORENCE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 FOR
CONSOLIDATION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-249

TRANSFERRING CERTAIN 2005 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-250

**AUTHORIZE APPROVAL OF
NEW JERSEY TRANSIT CORPORATION
NON-RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION/OCCUPANCY
PERMIT IN PUBLIC THOROUGHFARE**

It was on the MOTION of Garganio, seconded by Ryan that Resolutions 2005-230 through 2005-243 and 2005-245 through 2005-250 be approved.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Garganio, Ryan, Sandusky, Fratinaro

NOES: None

ABSENT: Baldorossi

Motion carries.

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE 2005-27

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

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It was on the MOTION of Ryan, seconded by Sandusky to **WITHDRAW** Ordinance No. 2005-27.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Garganio, Ryan, Sandusky, Fratinaro

NOES: None

ABSENT: Baldorossi

Unanimous approval.

ORDINANCE 2005-28

(2nd Reading)

**AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE
TO REGULATE AND LIMIT CERTAIN CONSTRUCTION AND
NOISE GENERATING ACTIVITIES**

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Garganio to approve Ordinance No. 2005-28 on second reading for adoption.

Public Comment

Council President Fratinaro 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: Garganio, Ryan, Sandusky, Fratinaro

NOES: None

ABSENT: Baldorossi

Unanimous approval.

ORDINANCE 2005-30

(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**

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-251

AN RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE SETTING FORTH REASONS FOR THE ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 2005-30 ADOPTING CERTAIN ZONING MAP AMENDMENTS AND REVISING THE BOUNDARY LINES OF CERTAIN ZONING DISTRICTS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40:55D-62 WHERE THE PLANNING BOARD HAS NOT MADE SPECIFIC FINDINGS THAT THE ORDINANCE IS CONSISTENT WITH THE MASTER PLAN

It was on the MOTION of Garganio, seconded by Ryan to approve Ordinance No. 2005-30 on second reading for adoption and Resolution No. 2005-251.

Public Comment

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

Jonas Singer, Esq. stated that he represents Harold Boston, who owns property on Railroad Avenue, which is within the area that is being considered for rezoning under this Ordinance. He stated that the property owner has an application before the Planning Board and this Ordinance has a serious adverse impact on their application. He asked when the property on Railroad Avenue was first considered for rezoning? Solicitor Kearns stated that they would have to go back through the minutes of the Council Meetings. Council President Fratinaro stated that it was mentioned in the minutes of November 9th that were approved this evening. Mr. Singer requested that he be provided with the minutes of the meeting where the topic was first discussed.

Mr. Singer asked if there was a report rendered by the Township Planner with respect to a revision to the Master Plan to perpetuate this manner? Solicitor Kearns responded “no”. Mr. Singer asked if there was a report rendered by the Planning Board reporting back to Council after Council referred it to the Planning Board? Solicitor Kearns responded “yes” and stated that it was a Resolution adopted by the Planning Board. Mr. Singer asked, other than a Resolution, was there a report of findings from the Planning Board? Solicitor Kearns explained that the Resolution from the Planning Board says that they found that the Ordinance was not inconsistent with the Master Plan and recommended adoption. Mr. Singer asked if there were any reports rendered by any planners dealing with the impacts on neighboring property owners as a result of zoning of the property from Residential to Special Manufacturing? Administrator Brook stated that the answer is “no”. Mr. Singer thanked the governing body.

It was on the MOTION of Ryan, seconded by Sandusky 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, Ryan, Sandusky, Fratinaro

NOES: None

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ABSENT: Baldorossi

Unanimous approval.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2005-31
(1st Reading)**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE
AMENDING THE FLORENCE TOWNSHIP CODE TO
REQUIRE THAT PROPERTIES BE MAINTAINED IN
ACCORDANCE WITH APPROVED SITE PLANS**

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Garganio to approve Ordinance No. 2005-31 on first reading and set adoption for January 18, 2006.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Garganio, Ryan, Sandusky, Fratinardo

NOES: None

ABSENT: Baldorossi

Unanimous approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Muchowski asked that Public Comment be reopened for a couple that just came into the meeting.

Mr. & Mrs. Boldizar, 972 Hamilton Avenue, questioned the notice they received regarding Hamilton Avenue rezoning? Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that Mr. & Mrs. Boldizar received notification because they are within 200' of the property being rezoned. He explained that across the street from Mr. & Mrs. Boldizar are two existing residential uses and a vacant parcel that has preliminary approval for residential use. The zoning is being changed from Special Manufacturing to Residential, which is consistent with what is there.

REPORTS

Committees, Boards and Officers

- Nothing at this time.

Mayor Muchowski

- Mayor Muchowski wished everyone a happy and healthy holiday. He asked that everyone take a moment out of their busy schedules to reflect on what is truly important, which is family.
- Mayor Muchowski thanked Paul Varga, who helps throughout the year with setting up sound systems or whatever is needed for public events.

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- Mayor Muchowski spoke with Loretta Varga after last week's meeting where the improvements to the Roebling Circle that the Roebling Garden would like done were discussed. He informed Council Members that Mrs. Varga said that she did not have any expectations that the township would fully do all of the improvements, but was hoping that granting could be looked into.
- Mayor Muchowski thanked the township professionals for all they do for the community.
- Mayor Muchowski gave a special thanks to Joy Weiler, Township Clerk, and her staff for all they do throughout the year in getting the information to the governing body and helping Council move in the right direction.

Administrator

- Nothing at this time.

Assistant Administrator

- Assistant Administrator Sahol put before the governing body the recreation volunteers' background check requirement information. It includes everything that has been discussed to date and the Division of State Police requirements. It covers all the township-sponsored activities, as well as any affiliated activity or non-municipal sponsored activity that takes place-involving children on municipal properties. He stated that the Chief of Police is comfortable with the information. He explained that if Council is interested, the first step is a Resolution authorizing the signature on a Memorandum of Understanding, which gives the New Jersey State Police the township's intention to use their program. An Ordinance would then be adopted. Council Member Garganio asked how long until the township was on line? Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that the township would be on line as soon as the Ordinance was memorialized, the background checks take approximately six weeks from the time the fingerprints are submitted.

Mayor Muchowski suggested that a letter be sent to the different organizations advising them that the township is in the process of implementing a background check program for volunteers. He asked that this topic be put on the next Worksession Agenda for further discussion and possibly adopting the following week's meeting. The volunteers can also be invited to the discussion meeting for their input.

Township Solicitor

- Solicitor Kearns provided a copy of the Draft Sex Offender Ordinance. Dan Guzzi, Township Engineer will provide an amended map. Will be on January's Worksession Agenda.

Township Engineer

- Mr. Guzzi provided a letter in the packet from the County with several comments regarding the Stormwater Management Plan. Will discuss at January's Worksession.
- Mr. Guzzi wished everyone a happy holiday.

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Mayor Muchowski asked Mr. Guzzi to request a report from the contractor on the status of the old public works building.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Sandusky **praised** the **Christmas decorations** at the **municipal building** this year and **asked if a nativity scene could be included next year?** Solicitor Kearns stated that there are ways that it can be done, which he will look into, and report back.

Council Member Sandusky discussed an **abandoned vehicle** with the driver's door left open. The vehicle has been taken care of but it raised concerns of safety. An owner has 30 days to move a vehicle that has been tagged by the police but Council Member Sandusky would like to explore the possibility of having a vehicle that is a safety hazard to children removed right away at the owner's expense.

Council Member Sandusky asked that a property be looked at for maintenance violations.

Council Member Sandusky discussed an apartment complex on W. Second Street that he believes should have "NO PARKING" out front. This will be looked into.

BOARD OF HEALTH: Nothing at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS: Nothing at this time.

8:50 PM MOTION by Ryan, seconded by Sandusky to adjourn to Closed Session. Action may be taken following Closed Session. Roll call vote - all ayes.

9:00 PM MOTION by Garganio; seconded by Sandusky to return to Open Session. Roll call vote – all ayes.

ACTION: Assistant Administrator Sahol asked that Council consider the request by the **Boy Scouts to hold a New Year's Eve** party from 5:00 PM – 1:00 AM at the FAAD Building. Motion made by Bruce Garganio to approve the request; seconded by Jerry Sandusky. Roll call vote – all ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

9:00 PM MOTION made by Garganio; seconded by Sandusky to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote – all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER
Township Clerk

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