

## **FLORENCE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION**

**FEBRUARY 4, 2004**

**8:00 PM**

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  
Elizabeth A. Ryan, Vice President  
Jerry Sandusky

Also present:

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

### MINUTES

Township Council's Closed Session of **November 12, 2003**:

Motion to approve the minutes as presented made by Jerry Sandusky; seconded by John Fratinardo. Roll call vote: All ayes

### FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Reports to Receive and File: None at this time.

Treasurer's Bill List for Approval: Motion made by Jerry Sandusky to approve the Treasurer's Bill List; seconded by Frank Baldorossi. Roll call vote: All ayes.

### APPLICATIONS

Raffle: On Premise 50/50 High School Marching Band Booster Club  
3/14/04 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM Middle School Pine Street

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Raffle: Off Premise 50/50 High School Marching Band Booster Club  
3/13/04 11PM Middle School Pine Street

Motion made by Jerry Sandusky to approve Raffles as presented; seconded by Elizabeth Ryan.  
Roll call vote: all ayes.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

After the opportunity for the public to be heard; no comments made this evening; motion made by Jerry Sandusky to close the public portion of the meeting; seconded by John Fratinardo. Roll call vote: all ayes.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2004-45**  
**AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC SALE OF TOWNSHIP OWNED PROPERTY**  
(Motor Vehicles which came into possession of the Florence Township Police Department through abandonment or failure of the owners to claim)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2004-46**  
**TEMPORARILY MODIFY AGREEMENT WITH WAYNE PHILLIPS,**  
**OWNER OF BRIDGES AT ROEBLING STATION**  
**TO EXTEND CLOSING TIME TO 2:00 AM**  
**AGREEMENT TO BE REVIEWED IN JUNE AT RENEWAL**  
*NOTE: ALL OTHER CONDITIONS REMAIN IN PLACE*

**Resolution 2004-47**  
**A Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Florence Authorizing the Township Solicitor to execute a Consent Order in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the repayment of indebtedness by the Florence Tollgate Condominium Association, including certain water and sewer charges due to the Township of Florence and to vote in favor of confirmation of a Plan of Reorganization incorporating the terms of the Consent Order**

Motion to approve Resolutions 2004-45; 2004-46 and 2004-47 made by Frank Baldorossi; seconded by Jerry Sandusky.

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President Fratinardo asked if there were any questions on the Motion?

Mayor Muchowski informed the public, for the record, that Resolution No. 2004-46 will amend the ABC License Agreement with the owner of Bridges at Roebling Station to permit his establishment to stay open until 2:00 AM. This will be reviewed in June at ABC License renewal time.

It was noted that there were no comments from the public on this issue; flyers had been handed out to residences located in the neighborhood of Bridges at Roebling Station.

Also, noted that the Mayor, the Council Members, the Administrator and the Township Clerk did not receive, after the flyer was sent out, comments or questions concerning this issue.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Ryan, Sandusky, Fratinardo

NOES: None

ABSENT: Garganio

**ORDINANCES**

**ORDINANCE 2004-01**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE  
AMENDING CHAPTER 134 OF THE FLORENCE TOWNSHIP  
CODE TO PROVIDE FOR TRUCK ROUTES AND FOR STREETS  
OR PARTS OF STREETS WHERE TRUCKS OVER FOUR TONS  
GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT ARE PROHIBITED**

Council President Fratinardo informed the public that Ordinance No. 2004-01 is up for second reading; public hearing and adoption. The Ordinance had been advertised by summary in the Burlington County Times.

Opened for public comments: William Bott, 64 Riverbank Drive, asked for an explanation. Thomas Sahol, Assistant Administrator, explained that Railroad Avenue between Delaware Avenue and Cedar Lane is designated as a Truck Route, thereby providing that trucks over four tons gross vehicle weight are prohibited on all local streets, except while making actual deliveries on those streets.

Motion made by Jerry Sandusky to close public comment; seconded by Frank Baldorossi.  
Roll call vote: All ayes.

MOTION to adopt Ordinance No. 2004-01 made by Jerry Sandusky; seconded by Elizabeth Ryan.

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Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Ryan, Sandusky, Fratinardo

NOES: None

ABSENT: Garganio

Motion carries.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND OFFICERS**

Jerry Sandusky reported that he attended the FAAD dance on Friday. He is the Council Representative on FAAD. He said that Peg Dotson and Col. Gene Olaff did a fine job with the FAAD dance. He was pleased with the turn out and the young adults (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders) who participated. Council Member Sandusky will attend as a chaperone in the future.

**REPORTS: ADMINISTRATION**

The Mayor reported that there will be a Citizen of the Year Dinner this year. He stated that a date will be determined. (Thomas Sahol had noted a conflict with the High School Band's Café Night that was previously planned.)

Council Member Sandusky stated that in years past the various organizations in town were asked to let the Township know their scheduled events in order to try to avoid conflicts.

Looking for volunteers for the Roebling Centennial Anniversary Committee. On behalf of Council, Council Member Baldorossi attended their recent meeting. Presently considering having the Patriotic Celebration parade held in Florence again this year so that the following year the parade could be held in Roebling for their Centennial.

The Mayor reviewed the events that are in the planning stages for the Centennial celebration.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Nothing at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Nothing at this time.

**BOARD OF HEALTH:** Nothing at this time.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** Nothing at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Jerry Sandusky to adjourn the open public meeting and return to Closed Session; seconded by Frank Baldorossi. Roll call vote – all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy M. Weiler, RMC/MMC  
Township Clerk