

Florence, New Jersey  
January 20, 2010

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 O'Hara at 8:00PM. Members of the Police Department 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 10, 2010; 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:

Frank Baldorossi  
Sean Ryan  
Jerry Sandusky  
David Woolston  
Dennis O'Hara

Also present:

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

## **PRESENTATION**

### **Oath of Office: Sergeant Jonathan Greenberg**

The Oath of Office was administered by Mayor Berry to Jon Greenberg while his daughters held the Bible. Detective Greenberg was promoted and sworn in as Sergeant, Florence Township Police Department.

Mayor Berry stated that it is an honor to swear in Sergeant Greenberg who has been an asset to the Florence Township Detective Bureau and the community. As a detective, Sergeant Greenberg has uncovered many cases and has been honored by the State of NJ and Burlington County for his work. Mayor Berry looks forward to Sergeant Greenberg extending his career as a supervisor and wished him well. Mayor Berry welcomed former Chief Gordon Dawson, former Captain Joseph Gadbois, former Sergeant Thomas Centofanti and Patrolman Jason Shafer (who was seriously injured in an accident this past September).

Chief Stephen Fazekas stated that Sergeant Greenberg did an outstanding job as a detective for the Florence Township Police Department and knows he will do an outstanding job as sergeant. He welcomed Sergeant Greenberg's parents.

Sergeant Greenberg welcomed his parents and thanked his wife and daughters for all of their support over the years. In the Detective Bureau he had a very nice schedule and worked with a great detective and friend, Albert Jacoby. Now that he is in the rotation of nights and days, his family has been very supportive, which he needed to make the move. He thanked everyone for attending this evening. He thanked Mayor, Council, Administrator Brook and Chief Fazekas for finding him worthy of the promotion.

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Council President O'Hara spoke highly of Sergeant Greenberg and wished him well in his new position.

**MINUTES**

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

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**FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE**

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

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

**REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE**

Nothing at this time.

**APPLICATIONS**

- A. On Premise 50/50 Raffle: Florence Township Riverfront School PTO; Riverfront Middle School; March 5, 2010; 5:00PM – 11:00PM
- B. On Premise Basket Raffle: Florence Township Riverfront School PTO; Riverfront Middle School; March 5, 2010; 5:00PM – 11:00PM
- C. On Premise Merchandise Raffle: Cystic Fibrosis Foundation; Bungs Tavern; March 6, 2010; 6:00PM – 12:00AM
- D. On Premise 50/50 Raffle: Cystic Fibrosis Foundation; Bungs Tavern; March 6, 2010; 6:00PM – 12:00AM

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, Woolston, O'Hara

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None 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.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2010-39**

**AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF 2009-2010 RENEWAL OF  
PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE**

**#0315-33-011-005**

**CONDITIONAL APPROVAL  
(Fine Food and Spirits)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2010-40**

**AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF 2009-2010 RENEWAL OF  
PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE**

**#0315-33-024-007**

**CONDITIONAL APPROVAL  
(Samuel O. Paglione)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2010-41**

**CANCEL CERTAIN GENERAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT  
APPROPRIATION BALANCES**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2010-42**

**SUPPORTING APPLICATION FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING  
FUNDS FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY  
AFFAIRS BALANCED HOUSING PROGRAM  
FOR 111 NORMAN AVENUE (BLOCK 118, Lot 20)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2010-43**

**SUPPORTING APPLICATION FOR NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT  
OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS' HOME PROGRAM FOR  
301 NORMAN AVENUE (BLOCK 116, LOT 7)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2010-44**

**APPROVE RECREATION POLICY FOR USE OF MUNICIPAL FACILITIES  
AS NOTED IN POLICY FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2010-45**

**AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF WATER AND SEWER AND THE  
ASSISTANT MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO PREPARE  
SPECIFICATIONS AND OBTAIN BIDS FOR  
LIQUID CORROSION INHIBITOR**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2010-46**

**AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF WATER AND SEWER AND THE ASSISTANT MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO PREPARE SPECIFICATIONS AND OBTAIN BIDS FOR 15% SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE SOLUTION - BULK**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2010-47**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE FLORENCE TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD TO CAUSE A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION TO BE MADE PURSUANT TO THE NEW JERSEY LOCAL DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, AND THE STUDY TO BE PREPARED BY THE BURLINGTON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REGIONAL PLANNING, AS TO WHETHER A CERTAIN AREA ALONG WEST FRONT STREET WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE IS “AN AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT” WITHIN THE MEANING AND INTENDMENT OF SAID STATUTE**

**RESOLUTION 2010-49**

**TRANSFERRING CERTAIN 2009 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS**

In regards to **Resolution No. 2010-48** (Appoint Bond Counsel), Council Member Woolston stated that he reviewed the three (3) applications from the applicants and in his opinion Capehart & Scatchard become the lowest responsible bidder. Council Member Ryan questioned the interview process with the bidders? Mayor Berry stated that the bidders were not interviewed but the bids were reviewed. Council President O'Hara stated that he also reviewed each bid carefully. The township has had a successful relationship with McManimon & Scotland. Their ranking throughout the State and all areas of Bond Counsel was either one or two; the other applicant ranged from 12 to 17. Bond Counsel could be used heavily this upcoming year and Council President O'Hara felt comfortable retaining McManimon & Scotland as the township's Bond Counsel.

Council Member Sandusky requested that Resolution No. 2010-48 be voted on separately.

It was on the MOTION of Woolston, seconded by Baldorossi to approve Resolution No. 2010-39 through 2010-47 and Resolution No. 2010-49.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2010-48**

**AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF BOND COUNSEL**

It was on the MOTION of Baldorossi, seconded by Ryan to approve Resolution No. 2010-48.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows

YEAS: Baldorossi, Ryan, O'Hara

NOES: Sandusky, Woolston

ABSENT: None

3 – 2 Motion carries.

**ORDINANCES**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2010-01**

**(1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

**AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE, AND  
CHAPTER 123 THEREOF, INCLUDE STATE REQUIREMENTS  
REGARDING PRIVATE STORM DRAIN INLET RETROFITTING AND  
REFUSE CONTAINERS & DUMPSTERS**

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Baldorossi to approve Ordinance 2010-01 on first reading and set adoption for February 3, 2010.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

**REPORTS**

**Committees, Boards and Officers**

- Council Member Sandusky read an editorial in the Burlington County Times this morning entitled The Ultimate Loss, regarding the bill Assemblyman Jack Connors cosponsored to **recognize gold star mothers, mothers who lost their son or daughter in the Armed Forces**. He suggests that Mayor and Council do a **Proclamation on September 26, 2010** and that a **gold star** be placed on the signs where streets, parks or veteran establishments have been named after fallen veterans. Mayor and Council Members admire the idea. Council Member Sandusky would like a Proclamation to be done every third Sunday in September in

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the future. Assistant Administrator Sahol will work with the Public Works Department on the installation of the gold stars.

Council President O'Hara discussed the **theft of Veteran markers** at the cemeteries and suggested a community drive to raise money to help replace the markers. Council Member Sandusky stated that the Florence American Legion replaced the markers that were missing for their members. He explained that Burlington County will replace markers that were stolen once documentation is presented that the deceased had a marker.

### **Mayor**

- Nothing at this time.

### **Administrator**

- Nothing at this time.

### **Assistant Municipal Administrator**

- Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that he attended a **program** at the **Florence Township Middle School enlightening parents of current trends and adolescent behaviors**. The school principal as well as the program coordinator acknowledged the municipality's participation in bringing the program to the school's parents. The Mayor, Council and Florence Township were thanked publicly. The program was well attended.

### **Township Solicitor**

- Solicitor Kearns sent an email to the governing body with the news release on legislation that was introduced today that would dramatically change the **affordable housing laws**. COAH as a body would be abolished, municipalities would have to develop their own plans, which Florence Township has done, there would be a change in the numbers that would have to be met, which he believes would have to be substantially lower than in the past. He stated that this is on a fast track with a Public Hearing set for February 1, 2010, with the hope that the committee will act on it by March 2010. As he receives more information, he will pass it on.

### **Township Engineer**

- Nothing at this time.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **Punam: ABC License Renewal with Special Ruling (Previously HELD)**

Administrator Brook asked that this continue to be HELD and explained that the applicant did hire a contractor to demolish the unsafe building he owns on Route 130. He has been given one more week until the township will cite him. Council Members are in agreement to **HOLD**.

### **Sidewalks: Route 130**

Council Member Ryan stated that there have been two (2) newspaper articles recently regarding the dangers, injuries and fatalities on Route 130. Council and the Planning Board has discussed this topic many times. Council sent a compelling Resolution to the Planning Board asking them to enforce the existing Ordinance that when developers construct on Route 130, they be required to implement sidewalks. There have been issues and disagreements among board members who do not see Council's vision of providing a safer environment on the Route 130 corridor. The article discusses the danger of the lack of sidewalks on Route 130. Council did unsuccessfully apply for grant money for sidewalks on Route 130. The topic will be discussed further at the February

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Worksession. Council President O'Hara requested that they also discuss sidewalks in the area of the Redevelopment Study on W. Front Street.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Citizens Advisory Committee on Landfill Matters: Change in Council Representative**

It was on the MOTION of Woolston, seconded by Baldorossi to nominate **Jerry Sandusky** as Council Representative to the Citizens Advisory Committee on Landfill Matters.

Upon roll call for **Jerry Sandusky** Council voted as follows:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

**BOARD OF HEALTH**

Nothing at this time.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Nothing at this time.

8:35PM MOTION by Ryan, seconded by Sandusky to adjourn to Closed Session. Roll call vote - all ayes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

8:35PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER, RMC/MMC  
Township Clerk

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