

FLORENCE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION

June 9, 2010

8:20PM

CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE

Council President O'Hara called the meeting to order and led the Salute to the Flag.

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 10, 2010; given to the Register News for information; posted on the municipal bulletin board.

ROLL CALL

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; Samuel Reale (for William John Kearns, Jr.), Township Solicitor; Joy M. Weiler, Township Clerk

PUBLIC COMMENT

Don Kamienski, 10 McCay Drive, stated that ten members of the clean up committee worked in Marter Park this past Saturday and collected six bags of trash. Some of the committee members asked if the township has ever considered installing benches along the walking paths? Log benches were suggested, which would be cost effective. Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that benches in Marter Park have been considered and will be done in the future. He feels that the log benches are a novel idea.

Council President O'Hara asked if there were trash receptacles in Marter Park and if the trash the committee picked up was trash that was scattered throughout the property? Mr. Kamienski explained that the trash was found on the soccer fields, the main road and the walking paths. July's clean up will take place at the Water Works Field. Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that there are no trash receptacles now, but will be placed at the park.

Council Member Ryan thanked Mr. Kamienski for the initiative he has taken in starting and leading the clean up committee. He also thanked the committee members. On behalf of Mayor and Council, Council President O'Hara expressed his appreciation to Mr. Kamienski and the committee members.

Administrator Brook stated that three or four benches can be installed this summer at Marter Park.

Joseph Csik, 45 E. Fifth Street, asked the outcome of the Cap Tax Levy Waiver application with the State of New Jersey? Administrator Brook stated that the state granted Florence Township a cap waiver today in the approximate amount of \$360,000. The township had to substantiate everything that has been done to reduce costs. Administrator Brook reviewed some of the ways the township has cut costs.

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.

TOWNSHIP WATER AND SEWER ENGINEER

NFI

Administrator Brook noted that the State of New Jersey approved NFI's application to extend water and sewer mains.

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

Road Program Bids Received: Alternates Reviewed

Administrator Brook asked the governing body if they would like to include any alternates in the contract award? He stated that Cardinal Contracting was the low bidder, with a base bid for Broad Street of \$259,573. There is a grant for \$180,000, leaving approximately \$80,000 that the township is responsible for plus engineering expenses. After discussing, Council Members are in agreement that, even though the alternates are worthy projects, it is not a good time financially and they will only award the base bid. A Resolution will be prepared for next week's meeting.

Cedar Lane

Council Member Sandusky stated that Cedar Lane by the turnpike overpass is in bad shape and suggested that a letter be sent to the county. Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that the county will be paving Cedar Lane, from the highway to Wilbur Henry Drive.

ASSISTANT MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR

Bids Received: Lease Space on Water Towers

Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that there are three Resolutions for Council to consider this evening authorizing execution of the lease agreements for leasing space on the water towers.

T Mobile is the renewal of an existing lease that will be expiring; the others are not true cellular companies, which is why there is a difference in the cost. They support the backbone infrastructure of the cellular. By leasing space on the towers, it will promote additional opportunities for other cellular companies, if there is space.

Parking: Second Avenue Near Roebling Museum

Assistant Administrator Sahol has reviewed with Chief Fazekas, Sergeant Boldizar and Pat Millen, representing the Roebling Museum, the plans for striping and signage for Second Avenue in front of the museum property. There will be a loading and unloading zone. The Ordinance will be prepared for next week's meeting.

Recycling/Trash Collection

Assistant Administrator Sahol explained that the County is stepping up enforcement of what is being brought into the landfill. They have inspectors at the landfill. There are a lot of recyclables that are going directly into the landfill. NJDEP is being more restrictive on the county; the county is being more restrictive on Waste Management, which is being more restrictive with the township and the residents and the hauler. He stated that the hauler is subject to a penalty. Council President O'Hara asked how they are able to see what is being dropped? Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that inspectors watch as the truck is dumped and they are seeing large amounts of recyclable material. They are able to track that load to see what municipality it came from originally.

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In response to Council President O'Hara, Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that at the present time grass clippings are trash because Florence Township does not have a recycling source for grass, which is something he would like to offer the residents in the future.

Assistant Administrator Sahol explained that trash that is mixed with recycling will not be picked up and a sticker will be placed on the material, which will inform and educate the resident as to why it was not picked up. Burlington County is covering the expenses.

Assistant Administrator Sahol noted that Florence Township is about to embark on a carton recycling program. Additional information will be provided.

ACTION

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-135

**AWARD BID TO T-MOBILE USA FOR
LEASE OF SPACE AT WATER TOWER #2
FLORENCE-COLUMBUS ROAD**

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-136

**AWARD BID TO TELECOM TRANSPORT MANAGEMENT, INC.
146 N. CANAL STREET, SUITE 210, SEATTLE, WA, 98103
FOR LEASE OF SPACE AT ELEVATED WATER TANK #1 CEDAR LANE**

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-137

**AWARD BID TO TELECOM TRANSPORT MANAGEMENT, INC.
146 N. CANAL STREET, SUITE 210, SEATTLE, WA, 98103
LEASE OF SPACE AT ELEVATED WATER TANK #2
FLORENCE-COLUMBUS ROAD**

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Ryan to approve Resolution No. 2010-135 through 2010-137.

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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MISCELLANEOUS

In response to the recent outstanding report regarding the state's inspection of the Municipal Court office, Council President O'Hara commended the Court Office employees: Patty Mellor and Tracy Verduchi, on an excellent job. Administrator Brook will send a letter of commendation to the Court Office.

8:50PM MOTION by Baldorossi, seconded by Sandusky to adjourn to Closed Session. Roll call vote – all ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

8:50PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER, RMC/MMC
Township Clerk

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