

Florence, New Jersey
June 16, 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 8:10PM. President O'Hara 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:

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

MINUTES

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

Regular Session	May 19, 2010
Executive Session	May 12, 2010
Closed Sessions	May 19, 2010; June 2, 2010; June 9, 2010

FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky; seconded by Baldorossi to receive and file the Chief of Police's report, Court Administrator's report and Township Clerk's report for May. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

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

REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing at this time.

APPLICATIONS

Nothing at this time

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Richard Lotter, 3 Walnut Court, questioned the Ordinance No. 2010-13, regarding parking on Second Avenue? Assistant Administrator Sahol explained that the Ordinance is not intended to create handicapped parking for the Roebbling Museum, the opening in front of the museum is being

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designated as a "Loading Zone" for drop off and pick up. The other location in front of the driveway will be designated as "No Parking".

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

PUBLIC HEARING: 2010 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Council President O'Hara opened the Public Hearing for Public Comment.

Nothing at this time.

All residents having an opportunity to be heard, MOTION by Sandusky; seconded by Woolston to close the public portion of the meeting. Roll call vote - all ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-139

AMEND 2010 APPROVED MUNICIPAL BUDGET

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-140

RESOLUTION TO REMOVE PROPERTIES FROM TAX SALE

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-141

**AUTHORIZING APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS
OF 2010-2011 RENEWAL OF
PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE
RIVER ROCK BAR & GRILLE, LLC
ABC LICENSE NO. 0315-33-008-004**

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-142

**AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF 2010-2011 RENEWAL OF
PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE
(Murphy's Tavern, Inc.)**

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-143

**AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF 2010-2011 RENEWAL OF
PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE
(Dr. Lou's Place, LLC)**

RESOLUTION 2010-144

**AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF 2010-2011 RENEWAL OF
PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSE
(Florence Wine & Liquor Shop, Inc.)**

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RESOLUTION NO. 2010-145

**AWARD CONTRACT TO CARDINAL CONTRACTING CO., LLC
1738 ROUTE 206, SOUTHAMPTON, NJ, 08088
2010 ROAD PROGRAM**

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-146

**ADOPT MUNICIPAL BUDGET
TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE**

RESOLUTION 2010-147

**AUTHORIZING A SECTION 125
FLEXIBLE BENEFITS SPENDING PLAN**

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-148

**AMEND COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA (CWA)
AFL-CIO, LOCAL 1036, CONTRACT 1-1-06 THROUGH 12-31-11**

Administrator Brook explained the **Amendment to the 2010 Approved Municipal Budget (Resolution No. 2010-139)**. The State of New Jersey wanted certain revenues that the municipality is anticipating placed on different pages of the budget. When that is done, it alters the budget in many different locations. In the current fund (the fund where the property owners are taxed) that is all that took place, there is no change, no reduction or addition in the revenue. The amendment also corrects a miscalculation on interest that is due on bonds in the Water & Sewer Utility and clearly identifies an appropriation on payment of the assessment debt and the revenue that the township has already collected.

Administrator Brook noted that Florence Township did receive the tax cap levy waiver. The State of New Jersey has given their authorization for the township to adopt the budget this evening. The Township Clerk confirmed with the Administrator that there was no need to advertise the amendment or have a public hearing on the amendment. The Township Administrator reiterated that Bob Kennedy, NJ DCA, gave the okay to move on the budget tonight.

Council Member Ryan asked, since the reassessment process is gearing down, if the stipend for the Tax Assessor has been reviewed? Administrator Brook stated that he has spoken to the Tax Assessor briefly. He explained that with the appeal process there is still work for the Tax Assessor through July and August. He will speak with the Tax Assessor and report back with recommendations at the first meeting in July.

Council President O'Hara is glad to see that the township is participating in the flexible benefits plan where the money taken out of the employee's paychecks for benefits is taken before taxes.

Council President O'Hara noted that it is also great to see the amendment to the CWA Contract. Administrator Brook explained that the CWA Contract does not expire until 12/31/2011 but the

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members agreed to open up their contract and offered concessions to the township to help with the difficult budget issues.

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Baldorossi to approve Resolutions No. 2010-139 through 2010-148.

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.

ORDINANCES

**ORDINANCE NO. 2010-12
(2nd Reading)**

**ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$175,000 FROM THE CAPITAL SURPLUS FUND FOR
VARIOUS PURPOSES IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE,
IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY**

Administrator Brook explained that this Ordinance re-appropriates funds that were in the old Bond Ordinances on a cash basis to re-spend the funds. Under the new tax cap levy law, canceling an old Bond Ordinance works as a deduction against the municipality; but if the funds are re-appropriated for a capital purpose, it can help reduce the operating budget.

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Baldorossi to approve Ordinance No. 2010-12 on second reading for adoption.

Public Comment

Council President O'Hara opened the meeting to the public for comments at this time.

Nothing at this time.

It was on the MOTION of Woolston, 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: Baldorossi, Ryan, Sandusky, Woolston, O'Hara

NOES: None

ABSENT: None Unanimous approval.

**ORDINANCE 2010-13
(1st Reading)**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE
AMENDING CHAPTER 134 OF THE FLORENCE TOWNSHIP CODE
TO ESTABLISH PARKING RESTRICTIONS AND A LOADING ZONE
ON PORTIONS OF SECOND AVENUE**

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Ryan to approve Ordinance 2010-13 on first reading and set adoption for July 14, 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 President O'Hara reported that the **Economic Development Committee** is holding a **Meet & Greet for local businesses** tomorrow evening at the Roebbling Museum at 6:30PM. He extended the invitation to his fellow Council Members. Administrator Brook will be in attendance. There will be representatives from Burlington County Economic Development, several banks with loan information and a website designer.

Administrator

- Administrator Brook stated that a sign, which is required by law, will be posted at the **Buc's property** on Hornberger Avenue stating "**Environmental Remediation Occurring**".
- Administrator Brook stated that the township renewed **Bond Anticipations Notes** in the amount of \$3,987,500 at an **interest rate of 1.24%**. He noted that the interest rate last year was 2.75%.

Assistant Municipal Administrator

- Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that Florence Township will be the first municipality to begin **paper carton recycling**, such as orange juice cartons and children's juice boxes. The cartons will go in the bottle/can buckets. Residents will be notified of the new program by a flyer, which will be hand delivered to each home. Council President O'Hara praised and thanked Assistant Administrator Sahol for his hard work with the recycling program. Mr. Sahol is respected throughout the county for his work with the recycling program.

Township Solicitor

- Nothing at this time.

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Township Engineer

- Dan Guzzi, Township Engineer, stated that **preconstruction meetings** have been held for the **CDBG project** as well as the **Bikeway**. With the award of the **Road Program** this evening, a preconstruction meeting will be set up for that. The projects should be started in the next several weeks and they will be working to complete as much as possible by the end of the summer.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Sandusky discussed the letter in the packet from the Florence Garden Club regarding the **dedication/memorial ceremony for native son New Jersey State Supreme Court Chief Justice Richard J. Hughes** and asked if approval has been given? Assistant Administrator Sahol spoke with Judy King and offered any assistance that is needed from the township.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Nothing at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS

Council President O'Hara questioned the **ownership of a lot on Wallace Avenue**. Administrator Brook explained that the condition of the property was very dangerous and the township put money in the budget to alleviate the hazard. Solicitor Kearns is in the process of enforcing a lien on the property to take over ownership on behalf of the municipality. Once the township takes over ownership, it will seek to either put the property up for auction or sell to the adjoining property owners to recover the municipal costs. Administrator Brook noted that the property owner is deceased, which creates problems with the title. Council President O'Hara noted that the weeds are very high on the property. Administrator Brook will have the weeds taken care of.

8:40PM MOTION by Ryan, seconded by Sandusky to adjourn meeting. Roll call vote - all ayes. Motion carries.

ADJOURNMENT

8:40PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER, RMC/MMC
Township Clerk

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