

Florence, New Jersey
September 1, 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. The Florence Township 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 A. Sahol, Assistant Municipal Administrator; Dante Guzzi, Township Engineer; William John Kearns, Jr., Township Solicitor; Joy M. Weiler, Township Clerk

PRESENTATION: PATROLMAN DARRYL SCOTT – RETIRING

On behalf of Mayor and Council, Mayor Berry presented Patrolman Darryl Scott with a clock/plaque in honor of his retirement after serving Florence Township as patrolman for 25 years. Mayor Berry praised and expressed his gratitude to Patrolman Scott for his years of dedicated service to the community.

On behalf of Mayor and Council, Council President O'Hara presented Mrs. Scott with flowers and thanked her for all she has done to support her husband, Patrolman Scott, in his work.

Patrolman Scott thanked Mayor and Council. He stated that he has enjoyed being a police officer and working for Florence Township for the past 25 years; it has been an honor and he has worked with some great people over the years.

OATH OF OFFICE: CHRISTOPHER POWELL – PATROLMAN

Mayor Berry administered the Oath of Office to Christopher Powell, new Florence Township Patrolman, while Mrs. Powell held the Bible and his daughter looked on.

Mayor Berry welcomed Patrolman Powell to the Florence Township Police Department. He stated that he believes that Patrolman Powell will be an asset to the community.

Council President O'Hara invited everyone to the front conference room for a small reception.

8:06 PM: RECESS

8:26 PM: MEETING RESUMED

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MINUTES

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

Regular Session July 14, 2010; July 21, 2010; August 4, 2010; August 11, 2010
Closed Session August 11, 2010

FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky; seconded by Woolston to receive and file Court Administrator’s report for July. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

Sandusky made a MOTION; seconded by Woolston 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

Nothing 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. 2010-182

**AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE APPLICATIONS FILED BY
WHITESSELL CONSTRUCTION CO. TO NJDEP FOR A NEW JERSEY
TREATMENT WORKS APPLICATION PERMIT FOR
HAINES INDUSTRIAL CENTER
BLOCK 158; LOTS 7 & 8
1000-1200 JOHN GALT WAY**

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-183

**A RESOLUTION CANCELING TAXES ON PROPERTY
ACQUIRED BY FLORENCE TOWNSHIP**

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-184

**A RESOLUTION CANCELING TAXES ON PROPERTY
DELETED FROM THE TAX LIST**

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-185

A RESOLUTION CORRECTING ASSESSMENTS

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It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Baldorossi to approve Resolutions No. 2010-182 through 2010-185.

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 2010-15
(1st Reading)**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE
AMENDING CHAPTER 134 OF THE FLORENCE TOWNSHIP CODE
TO ESTABLISH PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON
PORTIONS OF HORNBERGER AVENUE AND EMERICK AVENUE**

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Woolston to approve Ordinance 2010-15 on first reading and set adoption for September 15, 2010.

On the Question

Council Member Sandusky requested that the church advise the parishioners of this Ordinance so they are aware and do not get ticketed. Council President O'Hara stated that it is a good idea to notify the parishioners. He noted that the church was advised that they are responsible for placing signs in the new parking lot that the parking lot was for parishioners and church functions only. The concern of the police department is that the patrons of the tavern on the corner would park in the lot.

Council President O'Hara thanked the Chief of Police, Sgt. Palombi, Township Administrator and Assistant Administrator for their time and effort in the preparation of this Ordinance.

Administrator Brook explained that now that the Ordinance has been introduced, Assistant Administrator Sahol will work with Rich Pendle, Superintendent of Public Works, on getting the signs made. Once the Ordinance is adopted and takes effect (20 days after adoption and publication) the signs will be ready. Assistant Administrator Sahol will call for the mark out five to 10 days before the Ordinance takes effect.

Council President O'Hara explained that this Ordinance restricts parking on Hornberger Avenue in front of the Parish of Sts. Francis & Clare's property, which includes parking for funerals and wedding parties. The Ordinance also restricts parking on Emerick Avenue and only allows parking on the residential side of Emerick Avenue near the church property.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows

YEAS: Baldorossi, Ryan, Sandusky, Woolston, O'Hara
NOES: None
ABSENT: None Unanimous approval.

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Solicitor Kearns asked for Council's consideration in approving an additional Ordinance this evening? He explained that this Ordinance amends the Alcohol Beverage Regulations in the township regarding consumption of alcoholic beverages in public places. It adds the language that requires approval of Council, for example Council would need to approve the consumption of alcoholic beverages at the new Main Street Community Center. The Ordinance was included in the packet and asked if Council was willing to introduce at this meeting?

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-16

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE AMENDING SECTION 36-10 OF THE FLORENCE TOWNSHIP CODE TO REQUIRE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL AUTHORIZATION FOR EVENTS IN PUBLIC BUILDINGS WHERE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WILL BE CONSUMED

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Baldorossi to approve Ordinance 2010-16 on first reading and set adoption for September 15, 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 Vice President Baldorossi stated that on the evening of Sunday, August 22nd, there was a **fire in the village of Roebling**. He **praised the efforts of the Florence Township Police Department, Florence Township Emergency Services and the Auxiliary groups** for a job well done. It was handled professionally, there were no injuries and there was only damage to one property as they were able to contain the fire to that one structure.

Council President O'Hara noted that there was a beautiful letter from a resident of the neighborhood where the fire was. It was written with tremendous comments about the township's police department and emergency personnel. He suggested a letter from the Mayor and Council to the appropriate departments thanking them for upholding the great reputation they have, and for all that they have done. Council Members are in agreement to send the letter.

- Council President O'Hara thanked Administrator Brook and Assistant Administrator Sahol for meeting with Mrs. O'Hara regarding the **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the Main Street Community Center**. Mrs. O'Hara asked if an event sign could be posted to list upcoming events? Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that he has an idea for an easel behind the big door with the windows. Council Member Sandusky was pleased to see the American Flag displayed at the Community Center.

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Administrator Brook asked the Mayor and Council about moving the start time of the ribbon cutting up to 5:30PM. That will allow more time for the ceremony and to allow people to tour the building before the play starts. Council Members are in agreement to move the start time to 5:30PM.

Mayor

- Mayor Berry stated that he is holding the **Gold Star Mothers Proclamation** for the **September 15, 2010 meeting** so an invitation can be extended to the veteran organizations. Assistant Administrator Sahol noted that he has been working with Rich Pendle, Superintendent of Public Works, on looking into the type of stars that will go on the street signs that are named after fallen veterans of the township.

Administrator

- Administrator Brook received a request from the Roebing Museum to store some items in the basement of the community center. He stated that there is room and would not cause a fire hazard. As long as there is no objection, he would like to allow temporary storage. Council Member Sandusky asked if they were still using space at the Roebing Rescue Squad building? They are still using that space but are stuck for space. Council Members in agreement to allow.
- Administrator Brook reminded Mayor and Council that if anyone was going to attend the Florence Garden Club's event on September 19, 2010 to please notify Judy King, President of the Historical Society.
- Administrator Brook thanked the Township Clerk for providing a memo in the packet regarding an idea a member of her staff, Aimee Kuc, had in saving money on advertising costs. Advertising a block ad in the community section of the newspaper can save between \$150 to \$200 per ad. Administrator Brook also noted how Assistant Administrator Sahol looked around for the best price on the blue light for the lobby and saved \$148. These are only two examples of how employees are trying to save money during tough economic times.
- Administrator Brook noted that tonight is the official switch of the Florence Township **Dispatch to Burlington County Central Communications**. Chief Fazekas will be here tonight in case there are any issues. There have been numerous meetings leading up to tonight to make the transition as smooth as possible.

Assistant Municipal Administrator

- Assistant Administrator Sahol noted that PSE&G will begin work next Wednesday, September 8, 2010, on Wilbur Henry Drive.

Township Solicitor

- Nothing at this time.

Township Engineer

- Nothing at this time.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Administrator Brook stated that **progress** is being made on the **home that was deemed unfit for habitation**.

MISCELLANEOUS

In response to the fire on August 22, 2010 that was discussed earlier, Administrator Brook noted that was the third fire that day and **praised the Florence Township Fire Department and the Auxiliary** for all they did that day. He noted that the letter from a resident in the neighborhood regarding the fire and the emergency response was very moving.

8:50PM MOTION by Sandusky, seconded by Ryan to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote - all ayes. Motion carries.

ADJOURNMENT

8:50PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER, RMC/MMC
Township Clerk

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