

Florence, New Jersey  
October 6, 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

### **MINUTES**

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

Regular Session	September 1, 2010
Executive Session	August 11, 2010
Closed Session	September 15, 2010

### **FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE**

It was on the MOTION of Baldorossi; seconded by Ryan to receive and file Township Clerk's report for September. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

Baldorossi 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**

Nothing at this time.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Nothing at this time.

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

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2010-201**

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE FLORENCE TOWNSHIP  
FOP LODGE # 210  
P.O. BOX 285, FLORENCE, NJ, 08518**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2010-202**

**PERMIT ALCOHOL AT THE MAIN STREET  
COMMUNITY CENTER IN ROEBLING  
FOR THE ROEBLING MUSEUM SOCIAL AFFAIR  
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**RESOLUTION NO. 2010-203**

**REFUND REPORT FEE  
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2010-204**

**WATER AND SEWER PAYMENT PLAN FOR BLOCK 165.04, LOT 47  
226 LEFFLER CIRCLE**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2010-205**

**WATER AND SEWER PAYMENT PLAN FOR BLOCK 16, Lot 7  
726 WEST FRONT STREET**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2010-206**

**AUTHORIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN PULTE HOMES OF NJ, LIMITED PARTNERSHIP AND  
THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2010-207**

**AUTHORIZING AN INTERLOCAL SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT  
WITH THE BOARD OF FREEHOLDERS OF BURLINGTON COUNTY  
FOR CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS  
DISPATCHER SERVICES**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2010-208**

**REFUND HOUSING INSPECTION FEE**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2010-209**

**AUTHORIZE THE ASSISTANT MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR  
TO FILE FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR HEPATITIS B  
VACCINATION EXPENSES FOR POLICE,  
EMS AND FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2010-210**

**AUTHORIZE THE ASSISTANT MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR  
TO APPLY FOR A RECREATION GRANT FROM  
BURLINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2010-211**

**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, AS  
TO WHETHER CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY GRIFFIN PIPE 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 NO. 2010-212**

**AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF CURRENT ESTIMATE NO. 2  
CLYDE N. LATTIMER & SON CONSTRUCTION CO. INC.  
FOR A NEW BELT FILTER PRESS FOR THE WATER AND SEWER PLANT**

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Ryan to approve Resolutions No. 2010-201 through 2010-212.

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. 2010-17  
(1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE AMENDING  
SECTIONS 41-14 AND 41-15 OF THE FLORENCE TOWNSHIP CODE  
PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS  
DOGS, PROVIDING FOR A POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS DOG LICENSE  
WITH CONDITIONS AND PROVIDING CONSISTENCY WITH THE  
PROVISIONS OF N.J.S.A. 4:19-17**

Council Member Ryan asked for an overview from Solicitor Kearns. Solicitor Kearns explained that this is to bring Florence Township's Ordinance in line with the New Jersey State Statute that regulates potentially dangerous dogs. The township's Ordinance was adopted some years ago and had a process where the Burlington County Board of Health set up a Hearing Board to determine if the dog was dangerous. NJ State Law has changed the process; it is now done in Municipal Court. The township's Ordinance needs to be amended to comply with NJ State Law. The Chief of Police has reviewed the amended Ordinance and concurs with the changes.

It was on the MOTION of Ryan, seconded by Sandusky to approve Ordinance 2010-17 on first reading and set adoption for October 20, 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 asked if **Recreational Field Hockey** is using the **lights**? Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that they are using the lights and are coordinating with the other recreational sports that are using the lights.
- Council President O'Hara announced that there will be a **ribbon cutting** ceremony on October 15, 2010 at the **new Main Street Community Center**, which was the former Roebing Auditorium and Roebing Firehouse. Many people that were involved with obtaining the grant money that helped restore the building were invited. There will be a play that evening regarding the Roebing family and what took place when the Brooklyn Bridge was built. He encouraged the public to attend. The play will be held on October 15, 16, 17, 22, 23 & 24, 2010. Council President O'Hara asked Administrator Brook if there have been any RSVP's to the invitations? Administrator Brook stated that there have been two so far; he will check to see if the museum has received any responses.
- Council President O'Hara noted that he, along with Mayor Berry and Council Member Sandusky, attended the installation of a plaque by the Florence Garden Club and Florence

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Historical Society. The **plaque** was installed in honor of former **Governor Hughes** at his former residence on Front Street. The installation was very well attended and was very nicely done. He thanked the Police Department for their help with blocking the street off for the event. Council Member Sandusky thanked Administrator Brook for his work with the event.

### **Mayor**

- Mayor Berry stated that the **Economic Development Committee** met last night and are moving forward with their **newsletter**.

### **Administrator**

- Administrator Brook asked if November 4, 2010 was a good date to schedule the meeting with Rene Koubiadis, South Jersey Coordinator for the **Citizens Campaign Program**, a volunteer group that works throughout the State of NJ to encourage people to get involved in government. Administrator Brook will be at the meeting. Council Member Ryan will attend. A reminder will go out beforehand.
- Administrator Brook stated that they are moving forward on designating the **Griffin Pipe property as an area in need of redevelopment**. The property closed down and is in disrepair. The first step in the process is a Resolution, which was adopted this evening. Burlington County Department of Economic Development and Regional Planning have already completed the study. They were extremely helpful and saved the township quite a bit of money by doing the initial report and study for the township. It will go to the Planning Board for their November Agenda and then come back for Council's first meeting in December for formal approval.
- Administrator Brook stated that there is an area of **Ninth Street** in desperate need of **sidewalk work**. The Public Works Department is going to take up the sidewalk and reinstall it. The sidewalk will be moved closer to the curb so the trees do not have to be taken down. The trees are in good shape and provide a buffer for Florence Tollgate. Assistant Administrator Sahol spoke with a representative of Florence Tollgate and they are thankful that the township is going to move the sidewalk and save the trees.
- Administrator Brook stated that there will be a meeting tomorrow with the **EPA** regarding the **pipe installation in the slag area**. They are looking at a full removal and replacement. Administrator Brook will report back with the details.

### **Assistant Municipal Administrator**

- Assistant Administrator Sahol received a request from the **Florence Township High School Environmental Awareness Club** requesting to use an isolated area of the Green Acres Park. The area is isolated due to restricted access. He explained that it would give the students the opportunity to learn about the environment in that park; it is natural in its state and is a nice opportunity to see things undisturbed. The teacher would hand clear a very small path to gain access. The governing body has to give the authorization. Council Members in agreement to allow.

Council Vice President Baldorossi expressed concern regarding the hunting season. Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that they would avoid going there during the hunting season.

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Woolston to allow the Florence Township High School Environmental Awareness Club to use an isolated area of the Green Acres Park. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carries.

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- Council President O'Hara stated that several people have expressed concern to him regarding the condition of the sidewalk along Front Street and up Broad Street. Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that will be considered under a Transportation Trust Fund Grant.

**Township Solicitor**

- Nothing at this time.

**Township Engineer**

- Nothing at this time.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Council President O'Hara questioned the status of the **Gold Stars for the street signs named after fallen veterans**. Assistant Administrator Sahol is working with several vendors to get the best price.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Nothing at this time.

**BOARD OF HEALTH**

Nothing at this time.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Nothing at this time.

**ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

8:20PM MOTION by Sandusky, seconded by Ryan to adjourn to Closed Session. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carries.

**RESUME REGULAR SESSION**

9:30PM MOTION by Sandusky, seconded by Ryan to resume Regular Session. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carries.

**ROEBLING STEEL PLANT: COMMISSION AGREEMENT**

It was on the MOTION of Baldorossi, seconded by Sandusky to authorize the township to execute a Commission Agreement for the Roebing Steel Plant. The Commission Agreement will be memorialized at the October 20, 2010 Council Meeting by a Resolution that will be prepared by Solicitor Kearns.

**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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9:32PM MOTION by Sandusky, seconded by Baldorossi to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote - all ayes. Motion carries.

**ADJOURNMENT**

9:32PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER, RMC/MMC  
Township Clerk

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