

Florence, New Jersey
May 18, 2011

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. President O'Hara led the Salute to the Flag followed by a **Moment of Silence** in memory of **Sarah Townsend**, a young resident that passed away last week.

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 2, 2011 and January 16, 2011; 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: PROCLAMATION IN HONOR OF JOHN A. REIN

Mayor Berry invited the members of John A. Rein's family to come to the front. He read a Proclamation in honor of Mr. Rein, who passed away recently. He was a former Florence Township Council Member, Florence Township Council President and Florence Township Board of Education Member. Mayor Berry called on the residents of Florence Township and asked that they reflect on the memory of Mr. Rein on what would have been his 84th birthday, tomorrow, May 19, 2011.

Council President O'Hara stated that he had the opportunity to serve with Mr. Rein on the Florence Township Planning Board and he truly was an asset to the community in many areas. He will be genuinely missed. He was a tremendous father, member of the community and member of the church.

Mr. Rein's family thanked Mayor and Council.

MINUTES

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

Regular Session
Closed Session

March 16, 2011
April 13, 2011; April 20, 2011; May 4, 2011

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FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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

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

REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE

A. From: Planning Board, For: Mayor and Council, Date: May 17, 2011

Re: Preliminary Investigation for Determination of Area in Need of Redevelopment and Redevelopment Plan

Council President O'Hara stated that the correspondence was in Mayor and Council's packet and asked if there were any questions. No questions at this time.

APPLICATIONS

None at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Don Kamienski, 10 McCay Drive, complimented the Mayor and the subcommittee of Council that dealt with the Florence Township School Budget and made the reduction of \$100,000. He stated that his copy of the Resolution did not show where in the budget the \$100,000 is being taken out of. Joy Weiler, Township Clerk, advised Mr. Kamienski that a full copy of the School Budget Resolution was available in the bin by the door of the Council Chambers.

Sharon Cipriano, 408 E. Fifth Street, stated that she was disappointed in the \$100,000 cut in the school budget. She thought Council would have looked at the budget rationally and realized that it is a bare bones budget in a school district that is not moving forward. She noted that Willingboro's Township Council opted not to make any cuts in the school budget because they recognized that it is a bare bones budget. Council President O'Hara thanked Ms. Cipriano for her comments and stated that Council did receive her earlier email stating what she said this evening. He explained that he was part of the subcommittee that met with the Florence School Board and the school's business administrator and they were comfortable with the cuts that had to take place. Everyone is concerned with the performance of the students and the ability for the schools to provide a good quality education. Council President O'Hara does not want to compare Florence Township with any other municipalities but there were several that went along with the voters and reduced the school budget. He assured Ms. Cipriano that Mayor and Council want the best education available for the young people of the community. He explained that this was not Mayor and Council's decision alone; they worked closely with members of the Florence School Board and the school's Business Administrator, Bruce Benedetti.

Administrator Brook explained that the process to be followed when a school budget is defeated is set by the State of New Jersey. He stated that it is a difficult process but one that is handed to the governing body. He stated that the discussion with the School Board was very amicable. He noted that Council President O'Hara raised Ms. Cipriano's questions from her email with the School Board. Administrator Brook explained that part of the \$100,000 that was cut came from the BCIT tuition (the number in the budget turned out to be higher than the actual cost), another amount came from a reduction in their pension contribution, another cut came from the media library.

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Vince Cipriano, 408 E. Fifth Street, thanked the Mayor and Council. He understands they have a tough job, as does the Florence School Board, and appreciates their hard work. He knows it is never an easy time to fund education. He feels that New Jersey has a broken system. He has worked for the Florence Township school system for just about 30 years and has negotiated for the teachers for many years as president of the teachers union. When negotiating, as residents, they did not try to take more from the residents than was appropriate. He believes that Florence Township teachers' wages and benefits are average or below average. He does not believe that the township is moving forward enough with ratables; the township needs more ratables. Council President O'Hara explained that there have been many projects before the Planning Board that have been approved but financing is the hurdle the developers face. He gave a review of some of the projects. He stated that Florence Township is no different than the rest of the state or country in dealing with this difficult economic climate. He stated that things seem to be improving. Council President O'Hara stated that this Mayor and Council are pro-business and the township has a great Economic Development Committee that the Mayor started.

Council Member Ryan explained that Mayor, Council Members and administration have been actively working on negotiating with a developer to revitalize the Roebing Steel Mill Site. They have built a coalition of leadership from the local level to the county level, state level and the federal level and have secured amazing amounts of funds that have advanced that site, specifically remediation. The remainder of the buildings have been taken down, which makes that site more marketable. He believes the day will come when there will be a tremendous economic development ratable on that site, which has the potential to revitalize the Route 130 corridor.

Council President O'Hara noted that the Mayor and Council have been proactive and had the Griffin Pipe site and the Route 130 corridor deemed an Area in Need of Redevelopment, which provides incentives to developers as far as grants and low interest loans to develop those sites.

Administrator Brook advised that the public is going to hear that the Amish Market deal did not go through and gave an overview of all the township did to help but unfortunately the Amish did not own the building; they were going to lease the building. The Amish reached a stumbling block with the owner of the property, which the township tried unsuccessfully to mediate. The Amish stated that they never expected a problem with the owner of the property; they thought the township would have been the problem but they were not. The township offered to find an alternate piece of property but unfortunately the Amish preferred the former 84 Lumber property, which was laid out perfectly for them.

Administrator Brook stated that having a business like the Amish Market on Route 130 or development of the Roebing Steel Mill site would cause a ripple effect on the Route 130 corridor.

Administrator Brook noted that Mayor and Council are fighting and pushing ahead to bring ratables to the township.

Dan Claro, 104 Third Avenue, stated that he and his wife signed a petition in regards to parking on Third Avenue. He asked why there is lined parking and permit parking on Second Avenue but not Third Avenue? Council Member Ryan explained that it is a unique situation on Second Avenue with houses on one side of the street but parking on both sides of the street. When the lines are implemented it increases the delineated parking length and eliminates spaces and there is already a parking crunch on Third Avenue. Mr. Claro noted that when a small car pulls out from being parked

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in-between two (2) cars, a larger car cannot park there, which causes an issue. He would rather have fewer spaces and everyone have equal space.

Council President O'Hara stated that the Roebling Village has a lot of positives but parking is not one of them. So many families have multiple vehicles. Mayor and Council have tried to help alleviate the problem by installing overflow lots. There are too many homes, limited spaces on the streets and multiple cars per family. This Council and previous Councils have tried to address the parking situation.

Lee Horner, 129 Third Avenue, understands that lined parking would eliminate parking spaces but does not believe it would cause a problem because of the larger vehicles that park on Third Avenue and leave half a space in front of them and a half a space behind them that also eliminates parking spaces. She also stated that the residents of Second Avenue do not utilize the overflow parking lots, they park on Third Avenue. She would rather have the lined parking. Ms. Horner stated that there are only two blocks in the Village of Roebling with a severe parking issue and that is the 100 block of Third Avenue and the 100 block of Seventh Avenue. Council Member Ryan noted that overflow lots have been installed in both of those areas. Ms. Horner stated that there are older residents that cannot walk that far and there are residents that do not have consideration for the older residents. She stated that something needs to be done. Council President O'Hara stated that the governing body cannot legislate how neighbors get along with one another. Ms. Horner believes that it would help if the parking spaces were lined and one (1) parking permit was issued per household.

Lindsey Claro, 134 Third Avenue, stated that this is a matter of equity, the governing body has given Second Avenue a privilege that affects Third Avenue and the subsequent streets. She believes it needs to be made fair for the residents that live around Second Avenue. She would like to see lined and parking on Third Avenue. In reality, she does not believe that spaces will be lost because with the way people park, there are huge gaps in between the parked vehicles.

Dan Guzzi, Township Engineer, explained that on Third Avenue there are less parking spaces than houses and not everyone would be able to have a permit.

Council Member Sandusky stated that this was part of his concern when they first introduced permit parking on Second Avenue and noted that it is a one-year trial and will be reviewed. He stated that the avenues that come before Council the most are the avenues with houses on just one side of the street.

Council Member Sandusky noted that the Second Avenue residents assured Council that they would park their extra vehicles in the overflow lot.

Florence Smith, 116 Third Avenue, stated that she does not understand why there is a parking issue on Second Avenue; there are houses on only one side of the street.

Frank Smith, 116 Third Avenue, has lived on Third Avenue for 50 years and seen parking problems. He now finds himself in a handicapped situation and cannot walk too far. There are times he has to park in the overflow lot and walk to his house with a cane. He believes the permit parking has to be thought out better.

Council President O'Hara explained that Council reacted to the residents that came in asking for the opportunity to discuss the parking situation. He stated that there are 30 homes with 45 parking

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spaces. There were homes that had up to five (5) vehicles with more vehicles parking there on the weekends. Council restricted it to two (2) parking permits per house with no guarantee that the residents will have a parking space in front of their home. This Ordinance tries to eliminate 90 vehicles fighting for 45 spaces down to 60 vehicles fighting for 45 spaces. The residents assured Council that they would use the overflow lot after the residents in the teen block of Second Avenue expressed concerns that the overflow vehicles would park in their block. Council President O'Hara reiterated that the Ordinance will be monitored and if it is not working, it can be rescinded or amended.

Barbara Mate, 117 Second Avenue, stated that she is against the permit parking. She lives on the end where there is no parking problem. She does not believe that it is fair to do for one block in the township and not the other blocks. She also believes that the township tried to do this quietly because when they realized the notices were hand delivered to the wrong block, they quickly went back and collected them. Administrator Brook explained that he gave an employee the letters and asked him to hand deliver to all of the houses on Second Avenue from Hornberger Avenue to Main Street. The employee made an honest mistake and delivered to the homes on Second Avenue from Main Street to Riverside Avenue. The letters were not delivered to just the 100 block of Second Avenue to keep it quiet; it was an honest mistake by a human being. Administrator Brook accepts fault for not notifying both blocks of Second Avenue. In hindsight Administrator Brook would have had the letter delivered to both blocks of Second Avenue. That was corrected and both blocks were notified. Administrator Brook apologized for the mistake.

Administrator Brook stated that the governing body knew that this would be a difficult topic; there are no easy answers or solutions when it comes to parking in the Village of Roebbling.

Mr. Smith believes that Third Avenue also should have been notified because the Ordinance has a direct impact on Third Avenue.

Ms. Horner reiterated that she would like to see lined parking on Third Avenue even if the avenue ends up with less spaces because they lose parking spaces now due to the way people park. She stated that she has approximately 25 signatures from residents that would also like lined parking.

Council President O'Hara stated that the governing body has listened to the Third Avenue residents' concerns. He asked if the petition would be presented to the governing body? He stated that the governing body would be happy to entertain the residents' concerns just as they did for Second Avenue. He advised that Council has Worksession Meetings the second Wednesday of every month.

Mr. Claro suggested that a petition be circulated on Third Avenue asking if the residents would like to have lined parking and/or permit parking; this way the opinion of each resident is heard. Council President O'Hara believed that was a reasonable suggestion.

Council Member Sandusky asked if it was feasible for the Township Engineer to mark out lined parking spaces on Third Avenue and show the residents how many parking spaces they will have and how many they will lose.

Mr. Smith expressed concern regarding Second Avenue residents parking on Third Avenue. Council Member Sandusky stated that if that occurs, he asked that the residents please call the township office so there is a log of complaints.

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Ms. Mate asked who was paying for the permits, signs and enforcement? Administrator Brook explained that the costs are not significant but the manpower of the police department may be impacted. Council President O'Hara assured the residents that if this causes a manpower problem in the police department or that there are constant issues, the governing body will review the Ordinance.

Council Member Ryan explained that this issue was brought before Council by another Roebing avenue before and one problem was that there were different people circulating petitions and there was a petition circulating that had inaccurate statements. Then residents were requesting to have their names removed from that petition. He believes it would benefit the residents to get the facts from the township professionals; that way a factual petition would be circulated.

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-110

**DENY RELEASE OF MAINTENANCE BOND
FOR SECTION 4 FOR
GREENBRIAR HORIZON
LENNAR
MAINTENANCE BOND NO. 08719339-M**

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-111

SUPPORTING THE CLICK IT OR TICKET MOBILIZATION OF MAY 23 – JUNE 5, 2011

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-112

APPROVING 2011-2012 FLORENCE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL BUDGET

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-113

**APPROVE CASH BOND RELEASE
FOR SECTION 5 FOR
GREENBRIAR HORIZON
LENNAR**

NOTE: Conditioned upon payment of any and all escrow money due

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-114

**AUTHORIZING CONTRACT FOR A FINANCIAL ADVISOR
PHOENIX ADVISORS, LLC
5 THIRD STREET
BORDENTOWN, NJ, 08505**

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-115

**DENY REQUEST TO RELEASE CASH BONDS
GREENBRIAR HORIZON, SECTIONS 2 & 3**

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-116

**DENY RELEASE OF MAINTENANCE BOND
SHOPPES @ MALLARD CREEK
Bond No. B98808-016576, Phase I**

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-117

**APPROVE REGISTERING FLORENCE TOWNSHIP
WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY'S BROWNFIELD SITE MART
THE FORMER MARCELLA L. DUFFY SCHOOL PROPERTY**

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-118

**RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE COMBINATION OF CERTAIN ISSUES OF
WATER/SEWER UTILITY BONDS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE, IN THE
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY INTO A SINGLE ISSUE OF BONDS
AGGREGATING \$967,000 IN PRINCIPAL AMOUNT**

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-119

**RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE COMBINATION OF CERTAIN ISSUES OF
GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE, IN THE
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY INTO A SINGLE ISSUE OF BONDS
AGGREGATING \$5,000,000 IN PRINCIPAL AMOUNT**

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-120

**RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE FORM AND OTHER DETAILS OF \$6,668,000
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, CONSISTING OF \$5,000,000 GENERAL
IMPROVEMENT BONDS, \$967,000 WATER/SEWER UTILITY BONDS AND \$701,000
WATER/SEWER UTILITY SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BONDS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
FLORENCE, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY AND PROVIDING
FOR THEIR SALE**

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Woolston to approve Resolution No. 2011-110 through 2011-120.

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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 2011-04
(2nd Reading)**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE AMENDING CHAPTER 134
TRAFFIC, ARTICLE IVA OF THE FLORENCE TOWNSHIP CODE TO ESTABLISH
PERMIT PARKING REQUIREMENTS ON A PORTION OF SECOND AVENUE FROM
HORNBERGER AVENUE TO MAIN STREET**

It was on the MOTION of Baldorossi, seconded by Woolston to approve Ordinance No. 2011-04 on second reading for adoption.

Public Comment

Council President O'Hara opened the meeting to the public for comments at this time. He noted that the public spoke regarding this matter in the general public comment section.

Joseph Csik, 45 E. Fifth Street, stated that those homes were built during the time of the horse and buggy. He believes that this will cause problems on the other avenues. Council President O'Hara stated that if the Ordinance does not work it will be rescinded.

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Baldorossi to close the public hearing. All ayes – motion carried.

On the Question

Council Member Sandusky stated that over the years residents have come in asking for certain things and once they receive their request, they don't come to another Council Meeting. He is very disappointed that the group of Second Avenue residents that asked for the permit parking are not present this evening to see that Council is following through. He hopes that the residents stay true to their promise that they will have their company/visitors park in the overflow lot and not on Third Avenue. He is happy that the Ordinance will be reviewed in a year to be sure it is working.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

**ORDINANCE 2011-05
(1st Reading)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE ESTABLISHING A REDEVELOPMENT AREA KNOWN AS THE DUFFY SCHOOL REDEVELOPMENT AREA TO CONSIST OF BLOCK 45, LOTS 8,13,14, AND 15 AND COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE FORMER MARCELLA DUFFY SCHOOL ON WEST SECOND STREET, AND 203 WEST SECOND STREET, IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 45, LOTS 9 AND 10 AND CURRENTLY OCCUPIED AS A SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING

It was on the MOTION of Baldorossi, seconded by Woolston to approve Ordinance No. 2011-05 on first reading and set the public hearing and adoption for June 1, 2011.

Council President O'Hara noted that a letter was received from the Planning Board stating that they approved the Redevelopment Plan.

Administrator Brook explained that Florence Township owns the former Duffy School on W. Second Street; the goal is to demolish and rebuild as housing for senior citizens, which takes a building that is in a dilapidated state and provides housing for senior citizens. Many of those people will come from the community. Community Investment Strategies (CIS) out of Bordentown has completed many successful affordable housing projects throughout the state. On this project the township, along with CIS, have tried for the last couple of years to get funding through tax credits but the market has been brutal. An alternative strategy came up over the past several months, which is to demolish the structure, rebuild it and provide better quality housing at a lesser cost. CIS has already secured in excess of \$2 million in grants and low interest loans from various sources. Administrator Brook explained that there is a point process through the State of New Jersey and anything that can be done to help increase the number of points makes your application more competitive. The next step for the township to help in the application process through the state is to designate this property as an Area in Need of Redevelopment. He gave an overview of the process to designate the property an Area in Need of Redevelopment.

Administrator Brook explained that the only surprise issue that has come up is parking. When CIS prepared the plans they did it with a certain number of off street parking spaces to keep as many vehicles as possible off of the street. The plans show parking off of Summer Street but when the Township Engineer and Township Planner looked at the plans they expressed concern that the vehicles would have to back out onto the street near an intersection. It was recommended by the Planning Board that CIS remove that parking area, which alters the ratio of parking spaces to residents. This is the only change to the plans this evening. CIS will go back before the Planning Board for an amended site plan approval in June so they can file their application for the tax credits to the state.

Administrator Brook noted that this project will help meet the township's affordable housing obligation and the township will be receiving taxes on this property where no taxes were ever collected from that property in the past. Over the life of 30 years the taxes collected will be in excess of \$800,000.

Council Member Sandusky expressed concern if the bank on Front Street opened up again the vehicles utilizing the drive through exit in the back would go into the alley; his other concern is the location of the trash collection. Township Engineer, Dan Guzzi, stated that the trash would be stored

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inside the building that will be wheeled out to an enclosure on trash day. In regards to the bank drive through, Mr. Guzzi stated that the parking is completely on site so there will be no width change to the alley, so there will be no problems for vehicles exiting the bank drive through.

Clerk Weiler asked Mr. Kearns if the summary would change for advertisement? Solicitor Kearns stated that the summary would not change. He will email the revision to the Ordinance.

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 NO. 2011-06
(1st Reading)**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE, IN THE
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF A
CERTAIN MUNICIPALLY OWNED PARCEL OF LAND
WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE KNOWN 622 WALLACE AVENUE AND
IDENTIFIED ON THE TAX MAP AS BLOCK 112, LOT 3**

Administrator Brook explained that this is a vacant piece of property that the municipality foreclosed on and took over. The property was in deplorable condition. The property is too small to be a buildable lot; its only value is to the adjacent property owners. The township is trying to recover its costs, which is approximately \$8,000 and that is why the minimum bid is set at \$8,000. When municipal property is sold it must be done by Ordinance and a public auction. Notice will be published and sent to the adjacent homeowners.

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Baldorossi to approve Ordinance No. 2011-06 on first reading and set the public hearing and adoption for June 1, 2011.

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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REPORTS

Committees, Boards and Officers

- Council Member Sandusky stated that years ago **Steve Mognancki presented a quilt** to the township that his daughter had made that honored residents of Florence that were killed in the line of duty. He asked that it be **displayed** in the front window of the Main Street Community Center for **Memorial Day**.
- Council Member Sandusky reminded Mayor and Council that when former Mayor Michael Muchowski was leaving office, he presented a **Resolution authorizing a street in the Roebing Steel Mill to be named in honor of former Mayor George Sampson**. Council Member Sandusky would like to see that occur while former Mayor Sampson is still with us.
- Council Member Sandusky would like to have a **street named after Superior Court Judge Jack Sweeney**. He would like to accomplish these three (3) items before the end of this Mayor and Council's term.
- Council President O'Hara asked Council Member Sandusky if the **Legions** will be doing anything for **Memorial Day**? Council Member Sandusky stated that Post 194 is doing something Sunday and Post 39 on Monday.

Mayor

- Mayor Berry presented the **appointment of Thomas McCue to the Planning Board, Alt. #2, Unexpired Term, Term Ending 12/31/12**

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Baldorossi to support the Mayor's appointment of Thomas McCue to the Planning Board.

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.

Administrator

- Administrator Brook noted that Solicitor Kearns prepared a **revised agreement for Community Investment Strategies (CIS)**, which was discussed in the past. It will be on the June 1st Agenda.
- Administrator Brook and Assistant Administrator Sahol met with Judy King this morning regarding the **Florence Historical Society Open House**, which will be discussed in early June.

Assistant Municipal Administrator

- Assistant Administrator Sahol explained that the township switched telephone providers to a reseller that resells the phone service over the existing **Verizon wire lines** that come into the building, which is a great savings to the township. Unfortunately, there are some **issues** with

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the reliability of Verizon's copper wires that come into the building and Verizon has not been very responsive to upgrading our facility to fiber optic (even though fiber optic is down the street) or running new copper wire from Station Road to the municipal complex.

Assistant Administrator Sahol contacted the Board of Public Utilities to file a complaint against Verizon for their failure to provide the services that the township is paying for; they can only hear that complaint from the party that purchases the service and resells it to the township. The reseller is pursuing through different channels to try not to sever their working relationship with Verizon. He stated that there are supposed to be technicians here by 11:00PM tonight from both companies to test the circuit and hopefully resolve the issue. Assistant Administrator Sahol is looking into other possibilities for service in case the problem is not resolved.

Assistant Administrator Sahol forwarded the documentation to Solicitor Kearns this afternoon but he has not had a chance to review it.

Council Member Ryan asked if it is feasible to go to the Better Business Bureau? Assistant Administrator Sahol is not sure if the township has any standing because the township is not the one purchasing from Verizon; it is the township's reseller.

Township Solicitor

- Nothing at this time.

Township Engineer

- Dan Guzzi, Township Engineer, stated that both the **Park Project and Sidewalk Project** have gone out to bid. Both projects are being done with grant money.
- Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that the **grant award** for the **2011 Park Project** will be announced next Wednesday.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Nothing at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS

Nothing at this time.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

9:45PM MOTION by Sandusky, seconded by Baldorossi to adjourn to Closed Session. Roll call vote - all ayes. Motion carried.

RESUME REGULAR SESSION

10:00PM MOTION by Ryan, seconded by Woolston to resume Regular Session. Roll call vote - all ayes. Motion carried.

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ACTION

Solicitor Kearns explained that Clerk Weiler found in the minutes that a portion of E. Fifth Street, from Spruce Street to Oak Street on both sides, was vacated in 1947 but could not locate a copy of the 1947 Ordinance; it could have been lost in the fire. He stated that there is a closing on the property but it was never recorded at the County to memorialize the vacating of the street, which creates a title issue. Clerk Weiler provided a certified copy of the minutes but Solicitor Kearns stated that they may need a quick claim deed from the township and a Resolution would be needed authorizing the Mayor and Township Clerk to sign the deed if it is needed, at their cost.

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Baldorossi to approve Resolution No. 2011-121.

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.

Administrator Brook advised that he will be out of town at a seminar for the June 8, 2011 meeting.

10:05PM MOTION by Sandusky, seconded by Baldorossi to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote - all ayes. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

10:05PM Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER, RMC/MMC
Township Clerk

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