

Florence, New Jersey
October 19, 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.

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; William John Kearns, Jr., Township Solicitor; Joy M. Weiler, Township Clerk

MINUTES

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

Closed Session

October 5, 2011

FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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

Woolston made a MOTION; seconded by Sandusky 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.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Former Mayor Michael Muchowski, 1337 Maple Avenue, addressed the Mayor and Township Council. He offered best wishes to all that were running in the upcoming election. He offered praise to his friend and current Mayor for his work over his four year term of office. He noted that the economic times are difficult and he praised Mayor and Council for a job well done. Mayor Berry thanked him.

Council President O'Hara thanked former Mayor Muchowski for his comments. The Council President praised the Township Administrator and Assistant Administrator for all their work during the difficult financial times.

No other comments from the public.

Motion made by Woolston; seconded by Ryan to close the public portion of the meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes.

RESOLUTIONS

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011-210
AUTHORIZING REFUNDS OF CERTAIN TAX OVERPAYMENTS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011-211
CONFIRM MOTION APPROVED ON OCTOBER 12, 2011 TO
APPROVE A CHANGE ORDER TO THE CONTRACT FOR
THE OLD YORK ROAD BIKEWAY
CONTRACTOR: AMERICAN ASPHALT**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011-212
DENY REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF MAINTENANCE BOND
WAWA INC., ROUTE 130 & CEDAR LANE
BOND NO. 105378895**

**RESOLUTION 2011-213
APPOINTING REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS**

**RESOLUTION 2011-214
AUTHORIZING REFUNDS OF SEWER CONNECTION FEES
WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT**

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND OFFICERS

Council Member Sandusky and Council Member Woolston attended the Open House for the new veterinary hospital on Old York Road. They reported to Mayor and Council that it is a nice business and there was a good turn out. Council President O'Hara stated that he has heard many positive comments about Helen Campbell the veterinarian there.

REPORTS: ADMINISTRATION

Mayor: Nothing at this time.

Administrator:

The Township Administrator informed Mayor and Council that Lennar has requested a meeting to discuss items on the punch lists before the town pulls their bonds. The Greenbriar Homeowners Association will be kept informed.

Assistant Municipal Administrator:

The Assistant Administrator updated Mayor and Council on the Recycling Totter Program and that it is expanding. Literature is being distributed to the additional areas that will receive the totters: Morris Court, Birch Hollow; Riverbank Drive and all homes west of Eyre Street (except Maplewood). The totters will be a combination of the large and smaller (for town homes).

Mr. Sahol also discussed the Safe Streets to Schools Program, Pedestrian Safety Grant and areas for future projects.

Division of Law: Nothing at this time.

Division of Engineering: Nothing at this time.

Division of W & S Utilities: Nothing at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Future Agendas - Public Comments

The Mayor and Council discussed the issue of public comments during meetings at their last week's meeting. Council President O'Hara tested the suggestion and asked if anyone had any comments at this time?

Michael Sawka, 75 Riverbank Dr., asked for additional information on the recycling totters. The Assistant Administrator explained the program and that additional areas will be added to the program. Mr. Sawka asked if Riverbank Drive could receive the smaller ones? Mr. Sahol informed Mr. Sawka that there are smaller totters and that some areas will receive the smaller ones.

Council Member Sandusky also noted that people like receiving coupons for their recycling reward. There is a chip on each container and it credits the homeowner for their recycling.

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Mr. Sawka questioned parking and the ability for the recycling to be picked up. Mr. Sahol explained that the Roebing Village is a challenge for recycling pick up for that reason. The only way would still be a manual tipping of the containers.

Council Member Woolston suggested several centralized areas in the Roebing Village for the recycling. Assistant Administrator stated that he is trying to think of an area and a way that would be convenient for the residents.

Council Member Ryan requested that the public comments be offered twice during a meeting. He stated that the public can talk in the beginning of the meeting and leave if they wish. Also, later in the meeting sometimes people have comments about the subjects discussed.

Council Member Baldorossi stated that often the Council President opens the meeting for comments when someone from the public wants to discuss a particular item.

Council Member Sandusky stated that the public comments are currently listed as No. 7 on the Agenda and then the public can leave if they wish.

Property Maintenance: Council President O'Hara asked if the Property Maintenance Ordinance will be amended? The Township Administrator stated that the Code Official, Thomas Layou, enforces the current Property Maintenance Ordinance and often goes to Municipal Court regarding violations such as hoarding, abandoned homes, maintenance, etc. Council President O'Hara's concern was the absentee landlord properties. He stated that the exterior of the properties owned by absentee landlords need to be maintained.

Store Rentals: Harkins Plaza: Council Members asked if the Administrator knew what stores would be at the Harkins Plaza? The Township Administrator stated that they plan to have a bank at that location. Also, it was noted that the Amish are still looking at the 84 Lumber site.

NEW BUSINESS: Nothing at this time.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Council Member Sandusky stated that the odors from Garelick Farms have been more of a problem. The Board of Health has been out to inspect. Also, not only are the odors unpleasant but the condenser units are noisy. The Administrator stated that the County Board of Health has been meeting with the plant manager there. Garelick Farms hopes to have their new airflow system in around November 1st.

MISCELLANEOUS

Council Member Ryan asked for information regarding the proposed solar field that would be located at the old FLR Landfill on Cedar Lane Extension. The proposal is still in application form.

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ADJOURNMENT

8:40PM MOTION by Sandusky, seconded by Woolston to adjourn to Closed Session. Roll call vote - all ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER, RMC/MMC
Township Clerk

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