

Florence, New Jersey
November 9, 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 8:00 PM. 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:

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

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FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Woolston to receive and file the Township Clerk's report, Chief of Police's Report and Court Administrator's Report for October. 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.

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APPLICATIONS

**A. RAFFLES: 50/50 and Chinese Auction
Florence Township Riverfront School PTO
March 2, 2012 5:00pm – 11:00pm**

Baldorossi made a motion, seconded by Sandusky to approve the application. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carries.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bill Bott, 64 Riverbank Drive, was present as an Environmental Commissioner; he addressed the issue of odors from Garelick Farms. He wanted to know if there is an after-hours number for odor complaints? Councilman Ryan acknowledged that since switching to Central Dispatch, there have been problems getting the correct information to the police officers so they can inspect and report the problem. Administrator Brook will have Chief Fazekas call Mr. Bott to go over the procedures with him. Administrator Brook will also give the DEP hotline number to Mr. Bott. Mr. Bott also believes there are odors coming from the landfill on the other side of the river.

No other comments from the public.

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-219

ESTATES AT CROSSROADS: PERFORMANCE BONDS

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-220

**RELEASE MAINTENANCE BOND
JOTTAN ROOFING, INC.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-221

**AUTHORIZE ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR
OBTAIN BIDS FOR TREES**

RESOLUTION 2011-222

APPROVE BUDGET TRANSFERS

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RESOLUTION 2011-223

**REPALCE SOFTWARE PROGRAM
TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE
(HOLD UNTIL 12-7-11)**

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-224

**REPALCE AND UPGRADE CAMERA EQUIPMENT:
WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT
(HOLD)**

RESOLUTION 2011-225

**NON-UNION SALARIES
(HOLD FOR APPROVAL ON 12-7-11)**

RESOLUTION 2011-226

**APPROVE CURRENT ESTIMATE #1
2011 PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PROJECT**

Administrator Brook explained regarding **Resolution 2011-223** that the Township had the software company hold the cost from 2008 until 2011. The problem is that the company does not service the software and there is no one to service it anymore; many have already gone away from this software for that reason. The program is failing and we will not be able to collect taxes. Councilman Ryan asked that the new Mayor and Council members be consulted also. Administrator Brook will contact them.

Councilman Ryan asked if there were increases in the salaries in **Resolution 2011-225**? Administrator Brook explained that there are increases. There were no increases last year, this year it is 1.5% with the employees' understanding that in 2012, if the Township is unable to afford it, there might be no change. It is the amount that was put in the budget that was approved. Councilman Ryan also wanted to know if there were increases for Mayor and Council? Administrator Brook advised that there were no increases for Mayor and Council.

Motion made by Sandusky to approve Resolutions 2011-219 through 2011-222 and 2011-225 for publication as noted; seconded by Baldorossi.

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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 2011-14
(2nd Reading)**

**An Ordinance of the Township Of Florence Amending Chapter
134 of the Florence Township Code to Establish Recreational
Vehicle and Boat Parking Permits and
Restrictions for the municipal property specifically set aside for
that purpose at Block 122 Lot 4**

Public Comment

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

Richard Lotter, 3 Walnut Court, commended Mayor and Council on the ordinance and said it was well done.

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

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

A MOTION was made by Baldorossi, seconded by Ryan to approve Ordinance 2011-14:

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

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**ORDINANCE 2011-15
Non-Union Salaries
(1st Reading)**

On the Question

Council President O'Hara asked for clarification from Solicitor Kearns regarding this ordinance and Resolution 2011-225. Solicitor Kearns stated that the ordinance sets the ranges and the resolution will set the specific salaries.

A MOTION was made by Baldorossi, seconded by Sandusky to approve Ordinance No. 2011-15 on first reading and set the public hearing and adoption for December 7, 2011. (The Resolution will also be advertised prior to the adoption.)

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAHS: Baldorossi, Ryan, Sandusky, Woolston, O'Hara
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

**ORDINANCE 2011-16
Amend R.C. Zoning District
& Adopt Updated Official/Zoning Map
(1st Reading)**

On The Question

The Township Engineer, Dan Guzzi, explained that the R.C. zone is a high density residential zone.

A MOTION was made by Ryan, seconded by Woolston to approve Ordinance No. 2011-16 on first reading and set the public hearing and adoption for December 7, 2011.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAHS: Baldorossi, Ryan, Sandusky, Woolston, O'Hara
NOES: None
Absent: None

Unanimous approval.

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REPORTS

Committees, Boards and Officers

Council President O'Hara inquired if the recycling totes being delivered in Birch Hollow are the smaller ones? Assistant Administrator Sahol said the ones delivered are the "64" size, four people have requested the "48's" at this point. Also, west of Eyre Street received the "96's."

Council President O'Hara also thanked Assistant Administrator Sahol for the letter sent to Burlington County regarding the Florence-Columbus Road speed limit study.

Council President O'Hara reminded everyone that the Roebing Museum is having Christmas in Roebing on December 3rd from 2pm to 7pm. There will be a house tour, Santa will arrive and the Roebing Museum will be open with many activities that are planned for the Main Street Community Center. He thanked the Public Works Department for starting the clean-up and decorating at the circle in Roebing.

Councilman Ryan had a resident notify him that the totes are not being emptied all the way. The resident was advised to contact the Recyclebank in error. Assistant Administrator Sahol confirmed that was an error, and he has taken care of the misinformation.

Council Vice President Baldorossi wanted to make sure that the advertising for the Christmas in Roebing included information that there will be collection sites for canned goods at the Roebing Museum and the Main Street Community Center.

Councilman Sandusky shared that sometimes this time of year collections for Thanksgiving are forgotten, but the township supports the Knights of Columbus every year with its efforts. He would like to see that again this year. Council President O'Hara commended the Knights of Columbus and the Holy Name Society of Saints Francis and Clare and their work together to prepare the food and stated appreciation for what the township does. Council President O'Hara will be the contact person for donations.

REPORTS: ADMINISTRATION

Mayor: Not in attendance, his granddaughter is very ill.

Administrator: Nothing at this time.

Assistant Municipal Administrator:

Assistant Administrator Sahol spoke with Councilman Sandusky regarding fundraising for the Patriotic Celebration. The two are considering a "pasta night" at the Community Center in January. The building would be a perfect venue, and Councilman Sandusky has experience with this kind of fundraiser. Council liked the idea, will need to check with other organizations to avoid conflict.

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Councilman Sandusky would like to send fliers home through the schools. He also advised selling tickets ahead of time to get a head count.

Council Vice President Baldorossi would like to help, along with Councilman Woolston and Council President O'Hara. Assistant Administrator Sahol will attend the next Economic Development Committee meeting to discuss the idea with them.

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: Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS: Nothing at this time.

BOARD OF HEALTH: Nothing at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS

Council President asked if there is any news on the Harkins Lane project. Administrator Brook said there is nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT

10:25PM MOTION by Ryan, seconded by Sandusky to adjourn.
Roll call vote - all ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER, RMC/MMC
Township Clerk

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