

Florence, New Jersey
January, 18, 2012

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 Sandusky at 8:00 PM. President Sandusky led the Salute to the Flag.

The Opening Statement was read by the Township Clerk: Notice was sent to the Register News for information on 1-5-12; posted on the municipal bulletin board on 1-5-12 and placed on the web-site; sent on 12-21-11 to the Burlington Co. Times for publication on 1-8-12, but due to the newspaper's error, the notice was not published until 1-11-12.

Upon roll call the following were found to be present:

Frank Baldorossi
Ted Lovenduski
Paul Ostrander
David Woolston
Jerry Sandusky

Also present:

Mayor Craig Wilkie; Richard A. Brook, Township Administrator; Thomas A. Sahol, Assistant Municipal Administrator; Anthony Ogozalek, Jr., Township Solicitor; Joy M. Weiler, Township Clerk

MINUTES

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

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FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

It was on the MOTION of Ostrander, seconded by Woolston, to receive and file the Court Clerk's Report, the Township Clerk's Report and the Chief of Police's Report for December. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

It was on the MOTION of Baldorossi, seconded by Lovenduski to approve the Treasurer's Bill List.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: None Motion carried.

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REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE None at this time.

APPLICATIONS None at this time

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Don Kaminski, 10 McCay Drive, asked if the newly appointed Township Engineer would be taking over the floating boat dock project? Mayor Wilkie confirmed the new engineer would take over the project.

Dennis O'Hara, 871 Wallace Avenue, expressed his thanks to Assistant Administrator Sahol for his efforts in getting a speed study conducted on Florence-Columbus Road.

Jerry Cohen, 7 Barbee Court, asked if Guzzi Engineering would still be handling the issues at Greenbriar Horizon or if the newly appointed Township Engineer would take over? Council President Sandusky said that Mr. Guzzi is still working on the Greenbriar project. Administrator Brook explained that Guzzi Engineering is still working on some projects that were well underway before the new appointments were made. He also noted that the Township did repair the worst swale at Greenbriar.

John Lauricella, 3 Applegate Drive, asked if the Board of Education was planning to move its elections to November? Mayor Wilkie explained that it was a Board of Education matter and that the Board meets next week.

Fred Wainwright, 1011 Cedar Lane, thanked the outgoing Mayor and Council Members, and welcomed the newcomers.

Mr. O'Hara inquired about Ordinances 2012-01 and 2012-02. Council President Sandusky explained that Ordinance 2012-01 increases connection fees for new construction. It will not affect anyone already hooked up to the municipal utility. The increase is needed to pay for infrastructure upkeep and improvements. Council President Sandusky said that Ordinance 2012-02 changes the configuration of the Economic Development Committee.

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

RESOLUTIONS

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-38
APPROVE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BONDS
FOR WATER DISTRIBUTION AND SANITARY SEWER
HARKINS LANE PLAZA, LLC
Block 159; Lot 5.02**

NOTE: Conditioned upon payment of any escrow funds due.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2012-39

**APPROVE REQUEST TO RELEASE MAINTENANCE BOND
CHRISTMAS TREE SHOPS, 270 DANIELS WAY
BOND NO. 105405947**

NOTE: Conditioned upon payment of any escrow funds due.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-40

**REAPPOINTMENT OF COORDINATOR
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
Philip Drangula**

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-41

**APPOINTING ASSISTANT COORDINATOR OFFICE OF
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
James R. Karwacki**

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-42

**AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF WATER AND SEWER AND THE
ASSISTANT MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO PREPARE
SPECIFICATIONS AND OBTAIN BIDS FOR
15% SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE SOLUTION – BULK**

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-43

**AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF WATER AND SEWER AND THE
ASSISTANT MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO PREPARE
SPECIFICATIONS AND OBTAIN BIDS FOR
LIQUID CORROSION INHIBITOR**

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-44

**AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO AN
EXISTING CONTRACT WITH RECYCLEBANK TO PROVIDE
FOR A MODIFICATION IN FEES FOR THE SERVICE SUCH THAT
CHARGES WILL APPLY ONLY FOR ACTIVATED HOUSEHOLDS**

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RESOLUTION NO. 2012-45

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE ESTABLISHING A "GREEN TEAM" TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS AND TO ADVISE THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SUSTAINABLE JERSEY PROGRAM

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-46

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE APPOINTING A CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON LANDFILL MATTERS

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-47

A RESOLUTION FIXING THE COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE FOR 2012 (HOLD FOR 2-1-12; ADVERTISE IN THE BURLINGTON COUNTY TIMES)

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-48

**APPROVE CURRENT ESTIMATE NO. 3
2011 PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PROJECT
DIAMOND CONSTRUCTION
36 BEAVERSON BLVD., SUITE 9 A
BRICK, NJ, 08723**

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-49

**AUTHORIZING AN ONLINE AUCTION
WITH GOVDEALS
FOR DISPOSAL OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY**

It was on the MOTION of Ostrander, seconded by Woolston to approve Resolutions 2012-38 through 2012-49, and approve advertising Resolution 2012-47 in the Burlington County Times.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: None Motion carried.

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ORDINANCES

**ORDINANCE NO. 2012-01
(1st Reading)**

An Ordinance of the Township of Florence Amending Section 140-40 and 140-46 of the Code of the Township of Florence Establishing Water and Sewer Service Connection Fees within the Township of Florence

**ORDINANCE NO. 2012-02
(1st Reading)**

An Ordinance of the Township of Florence Amending the Florence Township Code, Chapter 5 on Committees and to Establish an Economic Development Committee

**ORDINANCE NO. 2012-03
(1st Reading)**

An Ordinance of the Township of Florence amending and supplementing Article XI entitled “Police Department” of Chapter 4 of the code of the Township of Florence entitled “Administration of Government” to provide for a Public Safety Director, to abolish the position of Chief of Police, to designate the Public Safety Director as the “appropriate authority” to have charge of the Police Department and be responsible to the Mayor and Council for the function of the Department

**ORDINANCE NO. 2012-04
(1st Reading)**

An Ordinance of the Township of Florence fixing the compensation of certain officials and employees of the Township of Florence

It was on the MOTION of Ostrander, seconded by Lovenduski to approve Ordinances 2012-01 through 2012-04 on first reading and set the public hearing and adoption for February 1, 2012.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows

YEAHS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: None Motion carried.

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On the Question

Administrator Brook explained that Ordinance No. 2012-01 does raise the connection fees for new construction. It will not affect those already connected, and the funds are required for maintenance projects.

Mayor Wilkie explained that Ordinance No. 2012-02 changes the configuration of the Economic Development Committee. There will be seven (7) members. One (1) will be a council representative, six (6) will be citizens appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by Council. There will also be four (4) members Emeritus. He said it will be a more workable committee.

The Mayor also explained Resolutions No. 2012-45 and No. 2012-46 move the responsibilities of the Green Team and the Committee on Landfill Matters to the Environmental Commission.

He also discussed Ordinances 2012-03 and 2012-04. The Mayor said that the Chief of Police is retiring effective March 1st of this year. In 1999 when a former Police Chief retired, the Township appointed a Public Safety Director. At this time, when Chief Fazekas retires, Administrator Brook will be named Public Safety Director and Police Captain Alvin Scully will be the Chief Law Enforcement Officer.

REPORTS

Committees, Boards and Officers

Mayor: Nothing at this time.

Administrator: Nothing at this time.

Assistant Municipal Administrator:

Assistant Administrator discussed the Riverfront School PTO fundraiser called Basket Bonanza. He suggested that it would be a good idea to waive the fee of one sport for a child as a donation. Council President Sandusky recommended there be one for a boy and one for a girl. Everyone was in agreement to donate the two fee waivers for the fundraiser.

Division of Law: Nothing at this time.

Division of Engineering: Nothing at this time.

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

Public Comments:

Council President Sandusky opened the meeting to the public for any comments at this time.

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Nothing at this time.

All residents having the opportunity to be heard, MOTION by Woolston, seconded by Lovenduski to close the public portion of the meeting. All ayes – motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Mayor and Council hope to meet with various homeowners associations from time to time in the future on Wednesday nights in lieu of regular council meetings in order to see if there are any issues that Mayor and Council need to address.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Mayor noted that the Fire Company's 100th Anniversary is this year. The Fire Company is preparing a township calendar, which will be from March 2012 to March 2013.

BOARD OF HEALTH: Nothing at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS: The Rabies Clinic was held on Saturday, January 14th, at the Public Works Garage. The several employees worked at the clinic; Council President thanked them.

Administrator Brook explained that there is \$226,000 in funding for the floating dock, improvements at Marter Park and improvements at Veteran's Field. The bid for the boat dock is out for bids and will be awarded on February 18th. A bond ordinance will be prepared for the February 1st meeting.

8:24 PM MOTION by Lovenduski, seconded by Ostrander to adjourn.
Roll call vote - all ayes. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

8:24 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER, RMC/MMC
Township Clerk

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