

FLORENCE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION

April 11, 2012

8:00PM

CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE

Council President Sandusky called the meeting to order and led the Salute to the Flag.

A Moment of Silence was held to honor the victims of a fire in town that occurred over the weekend.

SUNSHINE STATEMENT

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 & 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.

ROLL CALL

Present: Frank Baldorossi, Ted Lovenduski, Paul Ostrander, David Woolston, Jerry Sandusky

Also present: Mayor Craig H. Wilkie; Richard A. Brook, Township Administrator; Thomas A. Sahol, Assistant Administrator; Anthony H. Ogozalek, Jr., Township Solicitor; James E. Biegen, Township Engineer; Joy M. Weiler, Township Clerk

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Council President Sandusky opened the meeting to the public. No comments at this time.

A motion was made by Woolston; seconded by Lovenduski to close the public comments. Roll call vote - all ayes. Motion carried.

BUSINESS

Water & Sewer Engineer

Nothing at this time.

Township Engineer

Pulte Homes: Report on Performance Bond Reduction Request

Township Engineer Biegen reported that Pulte Homes has requested a reduction of its Performance Bonds for The Estates at Oak Mill. Mr. Biegen said the site was inspected and he recommends the bonds be reduced.

A motion was made by Ostrander; seconded by Lovenduski to approve preparation of a Resolution for a Reduction of the Performance Bonds for The Estates at Oak Mill.

Councilman Woolston abstained due to a conflict. All ayes – motion carried.

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Pulte Homes: Review No Parking Regulation – Estates at Oak Mill

Administrator Brook explained that during the planning stages of a development, NJ State regulations require one side of the street be designated as No Parking. Somehow, with The Estates the side of the street where parking is allowed is the same side as the fire hydrants. He said the Township Engineer was asked to look and see if it makes sense to change the side. The developer did not have a problem with the change and the township will move signs already installed.

Engineer Biegen showed a plan indicating the streets in question.

Administrator Brook explained that the Township Engineer will make the adjustments on the plan, and submit them to the Police Department for approval. Administrator Brook would then present it to Council for its approval by Ordinance.

Mayor Wilkie said that on West Fifth Street near the development there is an area where there is no sidewalk.

Engineer Biegen will inspect the area in question.

Assistant Administrator

2012 Park Improvement Grant

Assistant Administrator Sahol presented his recommendations for projects to complete with the Grant funds. He gave the different recreation organizations a chance to provide input. After reviewing with Mayor and Council he presented the final list.

Assistant Administrator Sahol stressed that the new tot lot ground cover material he recommended will make playing there safer and will make the playgrounds more accessible to the handicapped. It is not ground up material that items can be lost in that could pose a health or safety risk.

He said that Tony Pastore and Tim Lutz were at the meeting as members of the Recreation Committee. All members were invited. He said both were very involved with assessing the needs of the different recreation groups.

Assistant Administrator Sahol said the deadline for submitting the application to Burlington County is May 4. He said he worked with the Township Engineer to fine tune some items. He said he needs a Resolution for the next meeting if Council accepts the proposal.

Council President Sandusky asked the Recreation Committee members if they had any questions or problems? Both said they agree with what was submitted.

It was on the MOTION of Ostrander; seconded by Woolston to prepare a Resolution for the next meeting approving the grant application. All ayes – motion carried.

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Interlocal Services Agreement W/Bordentown Township for Recycling Tonnage Grant

Assistant Administrator Sahol explained that like Fieldsboro, Bordentown Township would like his help in preparing and reviewing information for its tonnage grant application. He explained that performing this task will not take away from his performance for Florence; it is something he can do on his own time.

Council President Sandusky made it clear that any financial cost will be paid by Bordentown Township; it will not cost Florence Township anything.

It was on the MOTION of Lovenduski; seconded by Ostrander to approve an Interlocal Services Agreement with Bordentown Township. All ayes – motion carried.

Action

**Raffle – On Premise 50/50 PTO Florence Township Riverfront School
May 5, 2012, 3:00-6:00pm**

It was on the MOTION of Baldorossi; seconded by Lovenduski to approve the application. All ayes – motion carried.

Township Administrator

Administrator Brook said the Township, along with other municipalities, is trying to make sure that the state does not interpret the commitment of affordable housing funds to specifically mean the actual expenditure of those funds. The township has committed a significant amount of money for affordable housing and it takes time to physically spend the money after all the proper channels are satisfied the funds are being used for affordable housing. He would like Mayor and Council to support Assembly Bill 2717 with a Resolution. It will be prepared for next week.

Administrator Brook said Mark Remsa, County Planner, called him to say he wants to contact the DVRC and other organizations to see if they would provide funding for some engineering designs. The designs would be of a detailed nature concerning coming off Route 130 onto Hornberger Avenue. This lays the groundwork for an actual redesign in the future. Council is in agreement.

The Township Administrator said the township was approached by the Roebing Museum to use Fireman's Hall on May 26 for a dinner. He said he is working on some requirements and regulations for use of the building to be ready in May.

Also, he reported that 220 Foundry Street recently received approval for affordable housing. There is an existing stoop on the building. The building will be renovated but the developer would like to be able to keep the original stoop. Mayor and Council in agreement. Administrator Brook will let them know it is acceptable to leave the original stoop.

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He said Council is working with the Roebing Hungarian Reformed Church to install a handicapped ramp. He said that he will have another proposal from the Church that is more appropriate regarding the public right-of-way for next week.

Mayor

Mayor Wilkie said that Edgewater Park and Shamong passed Resolutions against Senate Bills 1451 and 1452 regarding Open Public Meetings Act and the Open Public Records Act. The bills are extreme and will put more and more onto municipalities. He would like to pass Resolutions against these bills. They will be prepared for the next meeting.

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

Richard Lotter, 3 Walnut Court, is concerned about people parking in the Duffy School parking lot when going to the funeral home. He wanted to know if the township has any liability in this situation?

Mayor Wilkie said he does not believe there is a township liability. No permission was granted for the parking.

The Township Attorney said as long as there is no kind of Agreement in place, it is really parking at your own risk.

A Motion was made by Woolston; seconded by Lovenduski, to adjourn. Roll call vote- all ayes. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

8:25 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER, RMC/MMC
Township Clerk

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