

Florence, New Jersey  
April 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 & 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  
Jerry Sandusky

David Woolston was absent due to a work commitment.

Also present:

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

**PRESENTATION – Retirement of Bernadette Carlani, Deputy Tax Collector**

Mayor Wilkie said he remembered when Ms. Carlani was hired. At that time, he was the Assistant Business Administrator. He said she is the only Deputy Tax Collector the Township of Florence has ever had and commended her work here. Mayor Wilkie presented Ms. Carlani with a clock to thank her for her service to the Township of Florence as her friends and family looked on.

President Sandusky presented Ms. Carlani with flowers and thanked her for her years of service to the community.

Administrator Brook said that anyone who knows Bernadette uses words like steady, reliable and dependable to describe her. He said she was always there for everyone. He said after a conversation with her, you would walk away with an extremely warm feeling. He said the Township of Florence was lucky to have her and that she was a very good worker.

Ann Shubert, Tax Collector, said that Valerie Sweeney, a recent retiree from the Tax Office, could not make it this evening, but sent her best wishes. Ms. Schubert said no one was more calming than Bernadette. She said she was very steady, and a dependable worker. She said she will miss working with Bernadette.

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Bernadette addressed the Mayor, Council and those present. She thanked everyone for coming. She said it was wonderful working for Florence Township and she will miss her job and will miss everyone that she worked with. She said she could not thank everyone enough.

A short reception was held in the Front Conference Room to celebrate Bernadette's retirement from the Tax Office.

### **MINUTES**

Baldorossi made a MOTION, seconded by Ostrander to approve the following minutes. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

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Closed Sessions – March 21, 2012, April 4, 2012 and April 11, 2012

### **FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **Reports to receive and file**

It was on the MOTION of Ostrander, seconded by Lovenduski to receive and file the Court Clerk's Report for March.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: Woolston Motion carried.

#### **Treasurer's Bill List**

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

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: Woolston Motion carried

### **REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE**

None at this time.

### **APPLICATIONS**

A. Social Affair for the Roebling Museum

Roebling Fireman's Hall, May 26, 2012

It was on the MOTION of Baldorossi, seconded by Lovenduski to approve the Social Affair Permit. All ayes – motion carried.

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** No comments at this time.

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

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution No. 2012-103  
REQUESTING APPROVAL OF THE DIRECTOR OF  
THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES  
TO ESTABLISH A DEDICATED TRUST BY RIDER FOR  
PATRIOTIC CELEBRATIONS PURSUANT TO PL1997, C.24**

**Resolution No. 2012-104  
AUTHORIZING REFUNDS OF CERTAIN TAX OVERPAYMENTS**

**Resolution No. 2012-105  
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 2717**

**Resolution No. 2012-106  
OPPOSING SENATE BILL NO. 1452**

**Resolution No. 2012-107  
OPPOSING SENATE BILL NO. 1451**

**Resolution No. 2012-108  
APPROVE REQUEST FOR REDUCTION OF PERFORMANCE BONDS  
FOR THE ESTATES AT OAK MILL  
BONDS NO.1034871 AND 1034870  
PHASE 1  
BLOCK 156.01 LOT NO. 2**

**Resolution No. 2012-109  
AUTHORIZE THE ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR  
TO APPLY FOR A RECREATION GRANT FROM  
BURLINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS**

It was on the MOTION of Baldorossi, seconded by Ostrander to approve Resolution Nos. 2012-103 through 2012-109.

On the question: Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: Woolston Motion carried.

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**ORDINANCES**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2012-12**

**(2nd Reading) (Public Hearing and Adoption)**

**An Ordinance of the Township of Florence, in the County of Burlington,  
Providing for the Acquisition of Real Property adjacent to Marter Park  
For Open Space and Recreational Purposes and Related Expenses  
in and for the Township, Appropriating \$600,000 Therefore,  
and Authorizing the Issuance of \$570,000 in General Improvement  
Bond or Notes of the Township to Finance the Same**

Assistant Administrator Sahol explained that the Municipality will be able to purchase approximately 37 acres of land at the end of Cedar Lane. This gives the Municipality the opportunity to purchase the land and pay down the debt with open space funds. The land will be used for open space and recreation. The Township will also be able to, in the future, install additional walkways in this area to protect pedestrians.

A MOTION was made by Lovenduski, seconded by Ostrander to open the meeting for public comments on Ordinance No. 2012-12. No comments.

All residents having an opportunity to be heard, a MOTION was made by Ostrander, seconded by Lovenduski to close the public hearing.

A MOTION was made by Baldorossi, seconded by Lovenduski to adopt Ordinance 2012-12.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: Woolston Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2012-13**

**(2<sup>nd</sup> Hearing) (Public Hearing & Adoption)**

**An Ordinance Authorizing the Township of Florence to Implement the  
Five-Year Exemption and Abatement Law, Granting Tax Exemptions for Certain  
Industrial and Commercial Improvements and Projects,  
And superseding all other Ordinances Granting Such Exemptions**

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A MOTION was made by Lovenduski, seconded by Ostrander to open the meeting for public comments on Ordinance 2012-13. No comments.

All residents having an opportunity to be heard, a MOTION was made by Ostrander, seconded by Lovenduski to close the public hearing.

A MOTION was made by Lovenduski, seconded by Ostrander to adopt Ordinance No. 2012-13.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Sandusky  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Woolston Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2012-14  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Hearing) (Public Hearing & Adoption)  
An Ordinance of the Township of Florence Amending Chapter 140,  
Article VI of the Code of the Township of Florence  
Establishing Fees and Charges for the Disposal of Septic and Grey Water**

A MOTION was made by Ostrander, seconded by Lovenduski to open the meeting for public comments on Ordinance 2012-14. No comments.

All residents having an opportunity to be heard, a MOTION was made by Ostrander, seconded by Lovenduski to close the public hearing.

A MOTION was made by Lovenduski, seconded by Ostrander to adopt Ordinance No. 2012-14.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Sandusky  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Woolston Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2012-15  
(1<sup>st</sup> Reading) (Public Hearing & Adoption 5/02/12)  
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 or a Chief of  
Police to Designate the Public Safety Director as the "Appropriate Authority"  
to have Charge of the Police Department, if the Chief of Police Position is Vacant  
and be Responsible to the Mayor and Council for the Function of the Department**

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Administrator Brook said this Ordinance established both the Public Safety Director and Chief of Police positions within the Municipal Code. He said the appointments of police officer the Police Chief and Public Safety Director is done by the Mayor. This Ordinance also reinforces the fact that the Mayor makes the appointment.

A MOTION was made by Lovenduski, seconded by Ostrander to approve Ordinance 2012-15 on first reading and set the public hearing and adoption for May 02, 2012.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: Woolston                      Motion carried.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND OFFICERS**

**REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION**

**Mayor:**

**River Route Advisory Committee Appointments**

Mayor Wilkie said that typically the representatives to the River Route Advisory Committee are the Economic Development Chairs. At its last meeting, Emma Cartier was named Chair and B. Michael Zekas was named Vice-Chair, so they will be the representatives for the committee. He asked that they be approved, along with the Township Planner, Township Administrator and Assistant Administrator to be the five Florence Township representatives.

A MOTION was made by Baldorossi, seconded by Lovenduski to approve the appointments to the River Route Advisory Committee. All ayes – motion carried.

Mayor Wilkie thanked Council for the approvals of the Resolutions and Ordinances, especially the Resolutions concerning opposition of the changes being proposed for the Open Public Records Act and the Open Public Meetings Act. The changes would be very restrictive to the residents and would be a disservice to the community.

He said the land acquisition Ordinance is a big plus for the Township of Florence. He said the purchase is the result of a one-cent open space tax voters approved a few years prior. This puts the money where the people asked for it to be. This is a prime location for continuing the preservation of open space. He also thanked Assistant Administrator Sahol for his efforts to secure the property.

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Mayor Wilkie said the tax incentive program Ordinance is important because it gives the Township of Florence an advantage for economic development in this economy. He said the septic waste Ordinance is a source of revenue for the town. It is not a major source but in this economy every bit helps.

The Mayor said he wanted to point out some community events. He said the previous Sunday Softball opened. There are a number activities starting soon. He said the registration numbers are higher than previous years. He said a comment was made that baseball and softball don't play on Saturday. He explained it is because a travel soccer league uses the fields on the weekends.

The Mayor noted that Saturday is Opening Day for Little League. He asked if Councilman Baldorossi was still a coach? Councilman Baldorossi responded that he serves on the Board.

Mayor Wilkie wished the league well; he cannot attend. He said also the following weekend is the Relay for Life at the High School at 7pm. He asked that the community come out and support the event that raises money for cancer research.

**Administrator:**

Administrator Brook referred to reports submitted by the Township Clerk and Chief Law Enforcement Officer Alvin Scully regarding the township liquor licenses. He said there were a couple licenses that may require some discussion and possibly the license holders may need to attend the May workshop meeting to discuss some problems at the establishments.

**Assistant Administrator:** Nothing at this time.

**Division of Law:** Nothing at this time.

**Division of Engineering:** Nothing at this time.

**Division of Water and Sewer:** Nothing at this time.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Nothing at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Nothing at this time.

**BOARD OF HEALTH:** Nothing at this time.

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**MISCELLANEOUS**

Council President Sandusky thanked the two area newspapers for the articles about the Seaman Drive dedication. He said the Township of Florence appreciates all the coverage provided by the two papers.

8:25 PM MOTION by Lovenduski, seconded by Ostrander to adjourn.  
Roll call vote - all ayes. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

9:10 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER, RMC/MMC  
Township Clerk

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