

Florence, New Jersey
May 2, 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. Council 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
David Woolston
Jerry Sandusky

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

MINUTES

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

Regular Session – March 21, 2012
Executive Session – March 14, 2012
Closed Session – April 18, 2012

FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Reports to receive and file

None at this time.

Treasurer's Bill List

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

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Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: None Motion carried

REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE

None at this time.

APPLICATIONS

None at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No comments at this time.

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

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 2012-111

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED
\$4,000,000 TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES OF 2012 OF THE TOWNSHIP
OF FLORENCE, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW
JERSEY**

Resolution No. 2012-112

**AUTHORIZING REFUNDS OF CERTAIN OVERPAYMENTS
WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT**

Resolution No. 2012-113

**RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM
OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE,
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87
CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948**

Resolution No. 2012-114

**A RESOLUTION CANCELLING 2005 AND 2006 TAXES
PERTAINING TO BANKRUPTCY**

Resolution No. 2012-115

**RESOLUTION TO WITHHOLD FUTURE INSTALLMENTS FOR SPECIAL
ASSESSMENT FROM THE 2012 TAX SALE**

Resolution No. 2012-116

**RESOLUTION TO WITHHOLD FUTURE INSTALLMENTS FOR SPECIAL
ASSESSMENT FROM THE 2012 TAX SALE**

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Resolution No. 2012-117

**CONFIRMATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF
MUNICIPAL POLICY FOR ALL EMPLOYEES
ACTIVATED FOR MILITARY DUTY**

It was on the MOTION of Ostrander, seconded by Lovenduski to approve Resolution Nos. 2012-111 through 2012-117.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: None Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-15

(2nd Reading) (Public Hearing and Adoption)

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

A MOTION was made by Woolston, seconded by Ostrander to open the meeting for public comments on Ordinance No. 2012-15. No comments.

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

On the question

Administrator Brook said there was a letter sent to the Township regarding Ordinance 2012-15 from Shawn Marie Billick. He said he is not sure that she was aware the ordinance creates both positions in the Municipal Code, or that it allows the Township to name either a Chief of Police or a Director of Public Safety. He wanted it noted for the record the letter was received and was distributed to Mayor and Council.

A MOTION was made by Ostrander, seconded by Woolston to adopt Ordinance 2012-15.

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Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: None Motion carried.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND OFFICERS

REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION

Mayor:

Mayor Wilkie said last Friday night he was able to participate in the third **Relay for Life** event held at the High School. He said it is a good community event and it was very successful in raising money to fight Cancer. He said it was a cold and windy night but the warmth of the participants was felt. He said it was great to see such a diverse group of people come together for such a worthy cause. He said he acknowledged the Education Association for all of its hard work and leadership for the event.

Mayor Wilkie proclaimed Thursday, May 3rd as a **Day of Prayer** in the Township of Florence. The event is scheduled for tomorrow. It was established by the Federal Government as appropriate. There will be a service tomorrow at the Municipal Building at 10am. He thanked Township Clerk Weiler for all of her efforts planning the event and Rev. David Boudwin from the Fountain of Life Center for officiating. Mayor Wilkie said he is unable to attend due to work obligations. He said the Governor has also proclaimed that day as the Day of Prayer for the State, so there is complete support.

He said that this Saturday at the Roebing Fireman's Hall there will be a presentation from the **Roebing Museum** featuring the **Titanic**. He is glad to be able to make the venue available to the residents and local groups.

He said on May 16th Burlington County is sponsoring a **Memorial** for those lost in the line of duty. It honors police officers, firemen and EMS technicians.

On May 18th at noon our local officers will be holding a **Memorial** for **Officer Kotch**, and on May 20th the First Baptist Church will be holding a service to honor the first responders with a luncheon to follow.

He said in June the **New Jersey State Firemen's Exempt Convention** will be held in Florence Township. The events will begin on June 1st and the Firehouse has been spending a lot of time preparing for the event. It is a two-day convention with people coming from all over the State of New Jersey. It is an honor to host the event and it is in honor of the **Fire Department's 100th Anniversary**.

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He also thanked Assistant Administrator Sahol for all of his hard work on the **2012 Parks Grant Application**. He thanked Administrator Brook for working with Assistant Administrator Sahol on the application.

Administrator:

Nothing at this time.

Assistant Administrator:

Assistant Administrator Sahol explained that the **2010 Parks Grant** was used to install trees at Nykita Field. Many were installed by volunteers. There were about 75 trees planted by volunteers and next week there are 100 more being installed. He said also at Nykita Field the backstop and fence will begin soon. The grant will be closed about six months before what is required by Burlington County and that is an accomplishment for Florence Township.

Mayor Wilkie said as for the 2011 Parks Grant work, preconstruction meetings are being held next week. This work is for **Marter Park and Veteran's Park** projects.

He noted that the **new boat dock** should be done around June 4th to the 6th.

The **Community Development Block Grant** should begin within the next few weeks as well. That is a substantial sidewalk project: Woodlawn Avenue, the 1000 Block of West Third Street, the 800 Block of West Second Street, Norman Avenue and Amboy Avenue are all slated for improvement.

Council President Sandusky would like thank you letters sent to the contractors who volunteered their time to help plant trees.

Assistant Administrator Sahol said the Township received about \$20,000 for the **Clean Communities Program**. It enables the Township to hire college-age residents to work to maintain the parks and community and Florence Township also can purchase some hard equipment such as waste receptacles to promote a cleaner environment.

Division of Law:

Nothing at this time.

Division of Engineering:

Nothing at this time.

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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.

MISCELLANEOUS

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

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

8:15 PM MOTION by Lovenduski, seconded by Ostrander to adjourn.

Roll call vote - all ayes. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

8:15 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER, RMC/MMC
Township Clerk

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