

Florence, New Jersey  
May 16, 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; Thomas A. Sahol, Assistant Municipal Administrator; Anthony Ogozalek, Jr., Township Solicitor; Joy M. Weiler, Township Clerk

Administrator Brook was not in attendance due to a personal commitment.

### **MINUTES**

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

Regular Session – April 4, 2012

Executive Session – April 11, 2012

Closed Sessions – May 2, 2012 and May 9, 2012

### **FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE**

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

It was on the MOTION of Woolston, seconded by Lovenduski to receive and file the Court Administrator's Report, the Township Clerk's Report and the Chief Law Enforcement Officer's Report for April. Roll call vote – all ayes. Unanimous approval.

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

It was on the MOTION of Ostrander, 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. Unanimous approval.

**REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE**

None at this time.

**APPLICATIONS**

Street Closing - St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, September 29, 2012  
Car Show and Cook-Off.

Street Closing – St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, October 14, 2012  
Blessing for Police, Fire, and EMS personnel and vehicles.

A MOTION was made by Baldorossi, seconded by Woolston to approve the applications.  
Roll call vote: All ayes. Unanimous approval.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Don Kamienski, 10 McCay Drive, asked about Resolution 2012-122 and if the amounts were in the bid awarded for the work on the boat dock? Assistant Administrator Sahol explained it is the first current estimate for the project. It will cover some preliminary site work. The work is scheduled for June 4<sup>th</sup> for this part of the project. Mr. Sahol confirmed it is in the bid awarded.

Mr. Kamienski asked who made the sign at the boat ramp? Assistant Administrator Sahol said it was made in-house by the Public Works Department.

Richard Lotter, 3 Walnut Court, said the properties at the Oak Mill development do not have handrails. He researched the Uniform Construction Code and said it states there are to be handrails if there are more than three steps.

Assistant Administrator Sahol said he will refer the matter to the Construction Code Official.

Mr. Lotter asked if the old Duffy School is still township owned? He was advised that it is. He said he saw children playing there the other day and a child fell and skinned his knee. He said he is concerned someone will get hurt and cost the township money. He said he notices also that the funeral home uses the property for parking.

Mayor Wilkie said the township can send the funeral director a letter stating he does not have the town's permission to park there, which will release the town from liability.

Assistant Administrator thanked Mr. Lotter for his concern.

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Mayor Wilkie said the new developer of the Duffy School property, MEND, is putting in an application to the State of NJ to possibly receive funding soon.

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

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution No. 2012-120  
APPROVE CURRENT ESTIMATE NO.6 (FINAL)  
THE 2009 BIKEWAY  
AMERICAN ASPHALT CO., INC. - CONTRACTOR**

**Resolution No. 2012-121  
DENY RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE BOND  
FOR ESTATES AT CROSSROADS  
BOND NO.0433377  
FOR WATER AND SEWER**

**Resolution No. 2012-122  
APPROVE CURRENT ESTIMATE NO.1  
THE CLARK T. CAREY MEMORIAL PARK BOAT DOCK  
MARINE MAINTENANCE AND CONSTRUCTION**

**Resolution No. 2012-123  
AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF 2012-2013  
RENEWALS OF CLUB LICENSES  
(All five clubs)**

**Resolution No. 2012-124  
AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF 2012-2013 RENEWAL OF  
PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSES  
(Florence Liquors, Town Liquor, Liquor Barn)**

**Resolution No. 2012-125  
AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF 2012-2013 RENEWAL OF  
PLENARY CONSUMPTION LICENSE  
(Bungs)**

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**Resolution No. 2012-126  
AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF LAND PRESERVATION  
AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON  
FOR THE ROEBLING MUSEUM PROERTY**

**Resolution No. 2012-127  
APPROVE REQUEST TO RELEASE  
THE CASH PERFORMANCE BOND FOR  
ROCCO'S PIZZA, FRONT STREET, FLORENCE  
NOTE: Conditioned upon payment of any escrow funds due  
And posting a two (2) year Maintenance Bond.**

**Resolution No. 2012-128  
AUTHORIZING LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE AND  
THE FLORENCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
FOR USE OF THE WEST THIRD STREET FIREHOUSE**

**Resolution No. 2012-129  
AUTHORIZING LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE AND  
FLORENCE TOWNSHIP FOP LODGE #210  
FOR USE OF THE ROEBLING FIREMAN'S HALL**

**Resolution No. 2012-130  
AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF BLOCK 164.01, LOT 3.01  
LOCATED ON CEDAR LANE AND BUSTLETON ROAD**

**Resolution No. 2012-131  
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.40A:4-87  
CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948**

**Resolution No. 2012-132  
APPROVE STREET NAME  
WEST EIGHTH STREET**

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**Resolution No. 2012-133  
ACKNOWLEDGING FILING OF 2012-2013 RENEWALS OF  
PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSES  
(Sandor's)**

**Resolution No. 2012-134  
APPROVE THE PUBLIC DISPLAY OF FIREWORKS  
FOR FLORENCE TOWNSHIP'S PATRIOTIC CELEBRATION DAY**

Clerk Weiler explained that Resolution 2012-127 is being approved with conditions. It was revised for the meeting.

MOTION made by Baldorossi, seconded by Ostrander to approve Resolution No. 2012-120 through 2012-126 and Resolution No. 2012-28 through 2012-134.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky  
NOES: None  
ABESENT: None Motion carried. Unanimous approval.

It was on the MOTION of Ostrander, seconded by Lovenduski to approve Resolution No. 2012-127.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows

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

**ORDINANCES**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2012-16  
(1<sup>ST</sup> Reading)  
An Ordinance of the Township Of Florence Amending Chapter  
134 of the Florence Township Code Repealing Parking  
Restrictions on a portion of Second Avenue**

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Assistant Administrator Sahol said this Ordinance addresses the area in front of the Roebing Museum where currently it is posted “no parking”. The area has two big doors that the Museum previously used the doors to bring in larger items. The Museum said it no longer needs the spaces and would like to give them back to the community. This will add three to four parking spots. The Museum said it will work with residents from time to time if the doors are needed when exhibits are changed.

It was on the MOTION of Lovenduski, seconded by Baldorossi to approve on first reading Ordinance No. 2012-16 and set the public hearing and adoption for June 13, 2012.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows.

AYES: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None Motion carried. Unanimous approval.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2012-17**

**(1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

**An Ordinance of the Township Of Florence  
Amending Chapter 134 of the Florence Township Code  
to Establish Parking Restrictions on certain roadways  
in the Estates at Oak Mill Subdivision**

Assistant Administrator Sahol said Oak Mill Estates is the development behind the Municipal Building. He said at the time of the approval the residential site development standards of New Jersey required that at least one side of the development be designated no parking because of the width of the streets. When that was done, it was done in a way that did not take advantage of the parking potential. The Township Engineer advised moving the parking to the side opposite the fire hydrants and other impediments.

It was on the MOTION of Lovenduski, seconded by Woolston to approve on first reading Ordinance No. 2012-17 and set the public hearing and adoption for June 13, 2012.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows.

AYES: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None Motion carried. Unanimously approved.

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**ORDINANCE 2012-17**

**(1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

**An Ordinance of the Township of Florence Amending Section 64-3 of the Code of the Township of Florence Establishing Construction Code Fees within the Township of Florence**

Assistant Administrator Sahol said a previously adopted Ordinance was sent to the State of NJ for review. The State of NJ required an amendment and required removal of a small section that was deemed to be redundant and there was a minor error that was corrected.

It was on the MOTION of Baldorossi, seconded by Woolston to approve on first reading Ordinance No. 2012-17 and set the public hearing and adoption for June 13, 2012.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows.

AYES: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: None Motion carried. Unanimous approval.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND OFFICERS**

**REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION**

Council President Sandusky reminded everyone that on Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, the Florence Girls' Softball team will be going against New Egypt in a Championship Game. He said the game is being played on the field next to the Municipal Building in Florence.

Council President Sandusky noted that May 26<sup>th</sup> is Memorial Day Weekend. He said on May 27<sup>th</sup> the Florence Legion will go to the local cemeteries in Florence and on May 28<sup>th</sup> the Roebing Legion will go to the cemeteries to place flags on the veterans' graves.

**Mayor:**

Mayor Wilkie thanked Council for approving the Resolutions, especially Resolution No. 2012-126, the Agreement with Burlington County for the Roebing Museum. He said it is key for the Museum to keep their operations going. He also thanked Council for Resolution No. 2012-128 giving the Florence Historical Society a "home," and Resolution No. 2012-129 letting the FOP use the Fireman's Hall. He is pleased to keep activity at that location.

The Mayor noted that the acquisition of the parcel on Cedar Lane and Bustleton Road is a return to the community. The residents decided to pay the extra Open Space Tax and now it is going back to the community with the use of funds for the purchase.

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He said it was incorrectly reported that there were funds in the budget for fireworks this year. There is no money in the budget, but the fireworks were approved tonight and the Patriotic Day Celebration is being held because of the donations of residents and businesses. He thanked all of those who donated, especially large donations from The Fountain of Life Center and the Fire Department.

Mayor Wilkie said on May 27<sup>th</sup>, the Florence Legion will be starting its procession at 10 a.m. to visit all cemeteries in Florence Township on that day.

He said May 19<sup>th</sup> is Free Yard Sale Day and there are a number of organizations holding fundraisers that day. He said he hopes it is a beautiful day.

The Mayor noted that on May 20<sup>th</sup> the First Baptist Church will be holding a First Responder Service. He said it ties in with a memorial service that was held this evening at Burlington County, where two Florence Firefighters and two Township Police Officers were honored.

He said this Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, the Florence FOP Lodge #210 is holding a Memorial Service for Officer Kotch, a Florence Police Officer who was killed several years ago while on duty.

The Mayor stated that the Golden Gate Bridge Exhibit opens up at the Roebing Museum on May 26<sup>th</sup>.

He also noted that on June 2<sup>nd</sup> there will be many people in town for the State Exempt Convention being hosted by the Florence Fire Department. He said it is a nice event that they are looking forward to having.

Mayor Wilkie said that on June 13<sup>th</sup> Council will be having a regular and work session meeting. There will not be a meeting on June 6<sup>th</sup>. He said the Council is looking for input on the Second Avenue Parking Permits and the residents were delivered notices of the meeting. He thanked everyone for all of their support.

The Mayor noted that he received a notice from the Township's Office of Emergency Management concerning the fire in Bristol, Pa. It stated there is no danger from the chemical odor.

#### **Administrator:**

Council President Sandusky said that Administrator Brook was absent due to attending his son's graduation at Monmouth College. He said those who attend the meetings regularly know that Administrator Brook rarely misses a meeting.

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**Assistant Administrator:**

Assistant Administrator Sahol said the sign has been posted for the dock and letters have been sent to all permit holders regarding the dock. He looks forward to getting the dock replacement project completed in June.

Council President Sandusky asked if there was any more information about getting a crosswalk by Debbie's Snack Shop across Front Street to the dock? Assistant Administrator Sahol said he continuing to work on it.

**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.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

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

8:22 PM MOTION by Woolston, seconded by Baldorossi to adjourn.  
Roll call vote - all ayes. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

8:22 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER, RMC/MMC  
Township Clerk

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