

FLORENCE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION

July 11, 2012

8:00PM

CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE

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

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 T. Drollas, Jr., Township Solicitor; Joy M. Weiler, Township Clerk

Note: Administrator Brook was meeting with the CIS' Attorney outside of Council Chambers at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Council President Sandusky opened the meeting to the public.

Don Kamienski, 10 McCay Drive, said he was upset and concerned about traffic on Broad Street and Front Street near Debbie's Snack Shop. He said he has witnessed many near accidents from cars making a U-Turn on Broad Street to go back to Front Street when leaving the snack shop. He said he sees it every day. He does not know if there were any accidents, but he is sure it is unsafe and he does not know what can be done to fix the situation.

Assistant Administrator Sahol will touch base with the Police Department and a report will be prepared for August.

Mayor Wilkie said there is now a crosswalk on Front Street thanks to the urging of Council President Sandusky. The Mayor said the township will look into the traffic situation and he certainly wants the area to be safe.

Joseph Kostrub, 260 Delaware Avenue, said there is too much truck traffic on Delaware Avenue. He said the speed limit used to be 25 miles per hour, and there were only local deliveries and truck traffic was limited. He said there is a specific trucking company that goes through town to get to Dulty's Lane. Council President Sandusky concurred and agreed.

Mr. Kostrub said there are large cracks in the walls of his home from the trucks barreling through the area. He said he has been behind the trucks and he noted that they do not obey the speed limits. He asked that something be done.

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Assistant Administrator Sahol said he is in agreement; unfortunately, it is a Burlington County road and by virtue of being a county road, it is automatically a truck route, unless the county decides to place a restriction. He said the Burlington Township businesses should be using Dulty's Lane. He said he is willing to meet with officials of Burlington Township to ask them to direct their businesses to use other routes. He noted that he can also contact the county to do a new speed study. Council President Sandusky asked that Assistant Administrator Sahol contact Burlington County and follow up.

Fred Wainwright, 1011 Cedar Lane, said he read in the paper that the State of NJ is seizing unused COAH funds. He wanted to know if the township was going to lose any money?

Mayor Wilkie assured him that Florence Township will not be losing any funds. The Mayor noted two Resolutions to be approved this evening that will be taking steps to ensure that.

Mr. Wainwright said that the NJ Turnpike needed to be connected to Interstate 295 to help ease some of the truck traffic in Florence and specifically at the corners where trucks may require wide turns.

All having an opportunity to be heard, a MOTION was made by Woolston, seconded by Lovenduski to close the public comments. Roll call vote - all ayes. Motion carried.

Water & Sewer Engineer

- The Manor at Crossroads, Phase I and II - Deny release of Performance Bonds

A Resolution to deny request will be considered for approval at the next meeting tonight.

Township Engineer

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- 2011 CDBG: Est. No.1, Ocean Excavating

Assistant Administrator Sahol said this is for the work performed to date on a large amount of sidewalks throughout the community. He said he thinks this is about fifty-percent of the project. A Resolution will be considered for approval at the next meeting tonight.

- Carey Park Boat Dock: Est. No. 2, Marine Maintenance and Construction

Assistant Administrator Sahol said this is not a close out. The township is well within where it needs to be regarding payments to the contractor. He said the work has been performed; it is just clean up and minor things now. A Resolution will be considered for approval at the next meeting tonight.

- Release Performance Bond: Nexus Solar (Fountain of Life) – Post Maintenance Bond

A Resolution will be considered for approval at the next meeting tonight.

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Second Avenue Parking

Assistant Administrator Sahol noted there has been only one comment received. An amended ordinance will be prepared for consideration at a future meeting.

S.N. Golden Property – Corner of Florence-Columbus Road and Old York Road

Assistant Administrator Sahol explained that this is a triangle of land at Old York and Florence-Columbus Road by the NJ Turnpike. He said the estate of the owner is liquidating and would like to give the property to the township. He recommends accepting the parcel. A Resolution will be prepared to accept the property.

Boat Ramp Fees

Assistant Administrator Sahol presented the recommended fee schedule to the Mayor and Council. He said the change would not be in effect until 2013. As Mayor and Council had agreed, it will not impact anyone at this time.

Casual Sales Ordinance

The Assistant Administrator Sahol said an ordinance would be presented at a future meeting for Council's consideration.

Assistant Municipal Administrator

• **Paper Alley Vacating Request**

Assistant Administrator Sahol said he was approached by a resident asking if the township could vacate an alley instead of having an easement. The resident would have the benefit of being able to use his entire parcel of property. Right now his parcel is separated by this paper alley and he would need to apply for a variance to be able to use his whole parcel. If the alley was vacated, it would create a continuous lot. The resident said all but one of his neighbors is in favor of vacating the alley. The Assistant Administrator said it is in the best interest of the residents and the township. He said an easement will need to be in place for utilities. An ordinance will be drafted for a future meeting. Assistant Administrator Sahol said the Township Engineer's office will work with him to draft an ordinance.

It was on the MOTION of Baldorossi, seconded by Lovenduski to vacate the alley. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried. The Ordinance will be prepared.

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

ADJOURNMENT

8:35 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER, RMC/MMC

Township Clerk

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