

Florence, New Jersey  
November 7, 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 8:18 PM. Council President Sandusky led the Salute to the Flag.

The Opening Statement was read by the Township Clerk: Notice was advertised in the Burlington County Times on 10-18-12; given to the Register News for information; posted on the web-site and municipal bulletin board on October 12, 2012.

(Council President Sandusky announced that Councilman Frank Baldorossi was not attending because he was working as part of the Hurricane Sandy relief effort.)

Upon roll call the following were found to be present:

Ted Lovenduski  
Paul Ostrander  
David Woolston  
Jerry Sandusky

Absent: Frank Baldorossi (noted above)

Also present:

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

### **MINUTES**

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

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### **FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **Reports to Receive and File**

It was on the MOTION of Lovenduski, seconded by Woolston to receive and file the Township Clerk, Court Administrator and Chief of Police's Reports for October. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

#### **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: Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: Baldorossi Motion carried.

**REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE**

Letter from the Land Use Clerk representing the Planning Board dated November 2, 2012. The Planning Board recommends the Proposed Redevelopment Plan for the Route 130 Corridor.

It was on the MOTION of Lovenduski, seconded by Woolston to receive and file the recommendation regarding the Proposed Redevelopment Plan.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: Baldorossi Motion carried.

**APPLICATIONS**

Night at the Races – American Legion Post 39, January 26, 2013, 6:00pm – Midnight.  
Sponsored by the Civic Association to benefit Relay for Life

It was on the MOTION of Woolston, seconded by Lovenduski to approve the application. Roll call vote – all ayes.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

At this time the meeting was opened to the public for comments.

Seeing no one wishing to be heard, it was on the MOTION of Ostrander, seconded by Woolston, to close the public comments portion of the meeting. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-239  
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:-87**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-240  
CANCEL CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION BALANCES**

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-241  
TRANSFERRING CERTAIN 2012 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-242  
APPROVE CURRENT ESTIMATE NO. 2  
THE 2012 PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-243  
AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF 2012-2013 RENEWAL OF  
PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE  
DR. LOU'S PLACE, LLC WITH CONDITIONS**

*(Note: this Resolution replaces Resolution No. 2012-137, as requested by Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control)*

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-244  
APPROVE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND  
K. HOVNANIAN FOR ESTATES AT CROSSROADS  
BOND NO. 1010873  
CONDITIONED UPON POSTING A MAINTENANCE BOND AND  
PAYMENT OF ANY ESCROW FUNDS DUE**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-245  
AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE APPLICATIONS  
FILED BY THE BURLINGTON COAT FACTORY  
FOR NJDEP WATER WORKS FACILITIES APPLICATION PERMIT AND  
TREATMENT WORKS APPLICATION PERMIT  
FOR  
2004 ROUTE 130 NORTH**

It was on the MOTION of Ostrander, Seconded by Lovenduski to approve Resolution No. 2012-239 through 2012-245.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: Baldorossi Motion carried.

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**ORDINANCES**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2012-32  
(2nd Reading) (Public Hearing & Adoption)  
An Ordinance of the Township of Florence  
Amending Chapter 140 of the Code of the Township of Florence  
Establishing Article VIII entitled Construction Verification  
(as-built drawings) For Water and Sewer Utilities**

It was on the MOTION of Lovenduski, seconded by Woolston to open the meeting to the public for comments on Ordinance No. 2012-32. Roll call vote – all ayes.

Assistant Administrator Sahol said the Ordinance will require developers or anyone installing a utility service that the municipality will ultimately be asked to accept and certify that the installation was done exactly as it was presented in the design. This will protect the municipality going forward to make sure the systems work properly and safely.

Seeing no one from the public wishing to comment, it was on the MOTION of Lovenduski, seconded by Ostrander to close the public hearing. Roll call vote – all ayes.

It was on the MOTION of Ostrander, seconded by Woolston to adopt Ordinance No. 2012-32.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: Baldorossi Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2012-33  
(1<sup>st</sup> Reading) (Second Hearing & Adoption 11/19/12)  
Ordinance of the Township of Florence Adopting a Redevelopment Plan  
for Parcels within the Route 130 Redevelopment Area**

Solicitor Hastie explained that there was a small change regarding the term “parcel” of land instead of “property” in a section of the Ordinance because there are subdivisions on the property. The minor change will be made to the draft.

It was on the MOTION of Lovenduski, seconded by Ostrander to approve Ordinance No. 2012-33 and set the public hearing and adoption for November 19, 2012.

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Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2012-34**

**(1<sup>st</sup> Reading) (Public Hearing & Adoption 11/19/12)**

**Bond Ordinance of the Township of Florence, In the County of Burlington, New Jersey,  
Authorizing the Issuance of not to Exceed \$3,200,000 Aggregate Principal Amount of  
General Obligation Refunding Bonds of the Township to Refund Certain Outstanding  
Bonds and Appropriating the Proceeds of such Refunding Bonds to such Purpose**

Solicitor Hastie explained that in 2003 the township issued \$5,212,000 in bonds. Rather than selling to the public it was sold to the Bridge Commission. Many municipalities do this. It produces lower interest rates. The bonds become callable in 2014. Because interest rates have dropped dramatically, the township will issue new bonds at a lower interest rate with the same maturity schedule. Payments are not being deferred or put off. The township is replacing a high interest rate with a lower interest rate. The township will save \$200,000 to \$300,000 by refinancing the bonds.

It was on the MOTION of Ostrander seconded by Lovenduski to approve Ordinance 2012-34 and set the public hearing and adoption for November 19, 2012.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

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

**ORDINANCE 2012-35**

**(1<sup>st</sup> Reading) (Public Hearing & Adoption 12/05/12)**

**Ordinance of the Township of Florence Confirming the  
Designation of Block 45, Lots 8, 9, 10, 13, 14 and 15 Within the  
Township as an Area in Need of Redevelopment Under  
The New Jersey Local Redevelopment and Housing Act  
And Adopting an Amended Redevelopment Plan for Such  
Parcels**

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Administrator Brook said the applicant did appear before the Planning Board the pervious Thursday. The Board reviewed and determined the plan is consistent with the Master Plan and recommended approval. There will be a letter from the Planning Board forthcoming.

Mayor Wilkie said that from a design standpoint the transition from the old structure to the new components looks good. He said there is an additional amount of parking on site and there is a decrease in the impervious coverage. He hopes the funding comes through from the State of NJ.

It was on the MOTION of Lovenduski, seconded by Woolston, to approve Ordinance No. 2012-35 and set the public hearing and adoption for December 5, 2012.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: Baldorossi Motion carried.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND OFFICERS:** None at this time.

### **REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION**

#### **Mayor:**

Mayor Wilkie said that two weekends ago the area was suffering from Hurricane Sandy. He said he can't thank enough those in the township who kept everything under control and safe. He said the Administration did a wonderful job and pulled together and worked as a team. He also praised the Public Works employees and the various departments such as the Office of Emergency Management and other first responders. The Mayor noted that people didn't realize, but the township had three pumping stations down and the Water and Sewer employees worked very hard to keep everything operating. He said the township fared well. There was some tree damage but there was no real flooding. Unfortunately, there are two neighborhoods that are still without power. Assistant Administrator Sahol is working with PSE&G and the State of NJ to try and restore the power.

The Mayor advised that the Governor's office reached out to the township for updates and the Office of Emergency Management has been receiving updates. There is a daily conference call with the Governor's office that is available. It includes, at times, the National Weather Service, the State Police and other crucial personnel.

Councilman Woolston listened to the conference call today and said there were no major changes.

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Mayor Wilkie said the township feels for those people along the shore. His children were devastated because they spent many great times at the Seaside boardwalk. He said many in the township relate to the sentiment. He noted that the face of New Jersey has changed.

He said this Sunday is Veterans Day. There will be a service at the Veterans Memorial at 11:30 a.m. He noted that Post 194 will have their 11:00 a.m. service at Broad and Front Streets. The Mayor thanked former Mayor Sampson for the honor of having him and his daughters do the presentation at the service.

Mayor Wilkie wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving and reminded all that there will not be another meeting, except the special meeting on November 19<sup>th</sup>, in November. He said December 1<sup>st</sup> is Christmas in Roebling, being sponsored by the Roebling Museum. They have a nice day planned.

The Methodist Church may be holding a dinner the same day as a fund raiser for the Red Cross. He will share more information as it becomes available.

Mayor Wilkie said that December 7<sup>th</sup> is the Township of Florence's Tree Lighting Ceremony. There is a Council meeting before then but wanted to let everyone know as far ahead as possible.

#### **Township Administrator:**

Administrator Brook reminded Council that there needs to be four votes at the Special Meeting on November 19<sup>th</sup> and asked that if a member cannot attend to please let him know.

Councilman Woolston said he went to the Fountain of Life Center where there are about 250 people being sheltered that were misplaced from the storm. He said it was amazing. The indoor soccer field was covered with cots. He recommended getting the word out for donations. The site is also sheltering animals. It was very emotional to see.

Mayor Wilkie said the Florence High School is opening the showers and the Township is providing police and medical assistance; also, the children will be educated by Florence Township while they are at the shelter. He noted that most are from Ocean County.

Councilman Woolston said he heard a story that a young woman from Ocean County got on a bus. Apparently, people just boarded busses where there was room and were sent wherever the bus went. She asked if her husband was on a bus. She was told he didn't make it and he drowned. When she arrived at the shelter she was greeted by the husband she thought she'd lost.

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**Assistant Administrator:**

Assistant Administrator Sahol said there were minor issues and the debris management actions taken in advance of the storm did help. He said he will submit to FEMA to see if there are any reimbursements available to the township.

Mayor Wilkie said he has heard a number of compliments for the Public Works Department regarding the clean-up it has been doing.

**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:**

Council President said in the past the Knights of Columbus in Roebling have prepared dinners for people in need and he thought that the township had donated to this cause in the past. Administrator Brook said it has been a common practice to help people in need during the holidays. There will be a \$250 contribution made to help purchase the food. The volunteers will be giving their time on Thanksgiving.

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

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

**MISCELLANEOUS:** Nothing at this time.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Motion was made by Woolston, seconded by Lovenduski, to open the meeting to the public.

Seeing no one wishing to be heard, it was on the MOTION of Woolston, seconded by Lovenduski to close the public portion of the meeting. All ayes – motion carried.

8:43PM MOTION by Lovenduski, seconded by Woolston to go into Closed Session. Roll call vote - all ayes. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

8:43 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

JOY M. WEILER, RMC/MMC  
Township Clerk

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