

FLORENCE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2012

6:00 PM

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Council President Jerry Sandusky.

The Salute to the Flag

Justin Bartz, Boy Scout, led the salute to the flag.

Sunshine Statement

The Township Clerk read the following statement:

Notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice was published in the Burlington County Times on November 4, 2012. Notice was posted on the Municipal Bulletin board, given to the Register News on November 1, 2012 for information and placed on the web-site.

Roll Call

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; Thomas Hastie, Township Solicitor; Joy M. Weiler, Township Clerk

Open to the Public

No comments.

Motion to close the public comments: Motion by Paul Ostrander; seconded by Dave Woolston. Roll call vote – all ayes.

Business

**ORDINANCE NO. 2012-33
ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE ADOPTING A
REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR PARCELS WITHIN THE
ROUTE 130 REDEVELOPMENT AREA**

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Council President Sandusky requested that the Township Administrator review the Ordinance for the public.

The Township Administrator, Richard Brook, advised that a formal preliminary study of the area was done and it received the designation of a “Redevelopment Area”. The Burlington Coat Factory is taking the opportunity to use the redevelopment area and is moving forward with a significant expansion.

The Township Planning Board Planner, Barbara J. Fegley, of Environmental Resolutions, prepared the Redevelopment Area Plan.

Administrator Brook noted that the Township Council is adopting the Ordinance prior to the Township Planning Board’s meeting of November 28th, when the Burlington Coat Factory will be before the Planning Board with their application.

Administrator Brook introduced those present from the Burlington Coat Factory: Brian M. Guest, Esq., of Parker McCay; Mr. Stout of Stout and Caldwell Engineers; and Robert L. LaPenta, Jr., Vice President Treasurer of Burlington Coat Factory, who were present at the meeting.

Mr. Guest spoke briefly about the commercial development plan for his client, the Burlington Coat Factory.

Council President asked for a motion to open to the public concerning the Ordinance.

Motion made by David Woolston to open for comments on Ordinance No. 2012-33; seconded by Ted Lovenduski. Roll call vote – all ayes.

There being no public comments. A motion was made to close the public comments. Motion made by David Woolston; seconded by Ted Lovenduski. Roll call vote – all ayes.

MOTION to adopt Ordinance No. 2012-33 made by Frank Baldorossi; seconded by Paul Ostrander.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2012-34
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**

Council President Sandusky explained that the Ordinance was being considered for second reading and adoption after the public hearing. He asked that the Township Solicitor, Thomas J. Hastie, review the Ordinance for the public.

Township Solicitor Hastie reviewed and explained the Ordinance refinances money that was originally borrowed through the Burlington County Bridge Commission's Government 2003 Loan Program at a higher interest rate. At this time, there is an opportunity to move that debt to a lower interest rate and Florence Township will significantly save money. He noted that there is no new debt being approved.

Council President asked for a motion to open to the public concerning the Ordinance.

Motion made by David Woolston to open for comments on Ordinance No. 2012-34; seconded by Ted Lovenduski. Roll call vote – all ayes.

There being no public comments. A motion was made to close the public comments. Motion made by Ted Lovenduski; seconded by Paul Ostrander. Roll call vote – all ayes.

MOTION to adopt Ordinance No. 2012-34 made by Frank Baldorossi; seconded by David Woolston.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

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

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Comments

The Mayor wished all a *Happy Thanksgiving*. He thanked Boy Scout Justin Bartz for leading the pledge of allegiance for this meeting. Mayor Wilkie noted that Justin witnessed a bit of Florence Township's history tonight with the Burlington Coat Factory's expansion of their facilities.

Council President Sandusky stated that it is a pleasure to see the Burlington Coat Factory's expansion coming into the Township of Florence.

Council President Sandusky also thanked the Township Solicitor, Thomas Hastie, for his work on the Bond Ordinance, which will offer savings for the town.

Public Comment

The meeting was again opened for public comment by Council President Sandusky.

There being no comments, a motion was made by Ted Lovenduski; seconded by Paul Ostrander to close the public comments. Roll call – all ayes.

Adjournment

Motion made by Ted Lovenduski; seconded by Paul Ostrander to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 PM. Roll call vote – all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER, RMC/MMC
Township Clerk