

Florence, New Jersey
May 15, 2013

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. President Sandusky led the Salute to the Flag.

A **Moment of Silence** was observed in honor of fallen **Florence Township Police Officer Walter J. Kotch** who perished in the line of duty. Council President Sandusky announced the Florence FOP Lodge 210 would be holding a memorial service honoring him on Friday in front of the Municipal Building at noon.

The Opening Statement was read by the Township Clerk: Notice was sent to the Register News for information; posted on the municipal bulletin board; placed on the web-site on January 3, 2013; and advertised in the Burlington Co. Times on January 6, 2013.

Upon roll call the following were found to be present:

Ted Lovenduski
Paul Ostrander
David Woolston
Jerry Sandusky

Note – Council Member Baldorossi was absent due to illness.

Also present:

Mayor Craig H. Wilkie; Richard A. Brook, Township Administrator; Thomas A. Sahol, Assistant Municipal Administrator; Kelly Grant, Esq., Township Attorney; Joy M. Weiler, Township Clerk

MINUTES None at this time.

FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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

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

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

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

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REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE None at this time.

APPLICATIONS None at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Lauricella, 3 Applegate Drive, commended the Administration for the good job they did creating the budget and holding taxes in place. He was concerned with the climate of the country and the recent violence in schools and other public areas. He wanted to know if the local emergency personnel and police were adequately trained.

Mayor Wilkie said the personnel were trained very well and the community works very closely with the County, the State Police and the school district to ensure the safety of everyone.

PRESENTATION

Bill Close, Chairman of the New Jersey Sustainable Energy Meeting, Chuck Cuccia, Secretary and Vice President of the Sustainable Energy Meeting, Jim Kickham, Co-President of PERMA and Steve Sacco, VP and Chief Account Executive of NJSEM were at the meeting to recognize Administrator Brook for his hard work and dedication. They presented him with a token of their appreciation. He was presented with a shadow box plaque for his service to the SEM. Mr. Close said Administrator Brook served as Chairman for three years and was a member for another two years. Over \$50 million of energy was purchased during his term. Nine million dollars in savings was realized by the various entities that belong to the fund. Administrator Brook did an outstanding job. His leadership was instrumental not only in the formation of the organization but in steering its direction and its success. Presently there are 185 members. This was due in no small part to Administrator Brook's efforts. He was tireless in working on behalf of the fund outside of his duties for Florence Township. He is well respected by the organization. Mr. Close wanted to say thank you, they appreciate all he has done.

Mr. Cuccia said it is a very unique situation. When does anyone get to lead a sustainable energy meeting in the State of New Jersey and create something that has never been created before? Administrator Brook did just that and should be commended.

Mr. Kickham noted that what was not mentioned was that it took two years to get the meeting together and there was a lot of work done to arrange it. Administrator Brook steered the group through the foot work and got the joint meeting started. It has been recognized by the DCA. They were thankful for Administrator Brook in those formidable years before buying the power started.

Mr. Sacco said it has been a pleasure working with Administrator Brook and he is a great guy and a great leader. The award was presented at the meeting so the Township Administration could see how much Administrator Brook is appreciated by the joint meeting. Those who work most closely could see how much he is appreciated by his colleagues.

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Administrator Brook said this is a tremendous group of guys. It has been one of the most remarkable challenges he has been involved in. He remembers when he was first asked to get involved; it was something to build an organization like this from the ground up, where energy is purchased for so many municipalities. Ultimately, in the end, the time is volunteered to save the taxpayers and residents a tremendous amount of money. It could not be done if everyone didn't work together. He thanked the gentlemen and said it had been a pleasure working with them and he looks forward to the great challenges in the future.

Council President Sandusky thanked the gentlemen for coming and presenting the award. Administrator Brook means a lot to Florence Township, also. In the audience there were current and former employees of the township who worked with Administrator Brook. He is constantly trying to save the town money and he is doing a good job. It did not surprise him that Administrator Brook was presented with the plaque because he is a hard worker.

Valerie Sweeney, a recent Florence Township retiree, congratulated Administrator Brook on his award.

It was the MOTION of Ostrander, seconded by Woolston to close the public comments. All ayes – motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-105

**Authorize the Assistant Municipal Administrator
to File a Grant Application
NJ Community Forestry Program Community Stewardship
Incentive Program (CSIP) Grant 2013**

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-106

**Extension of ABC Consumption Pocket License
No. 0315-33-024-007
to the Executrix of the Samuel O. Paglione Estate**

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-107

**Approve the Release of the Performance Bond
for the Manors at Crossroads
Phase I
Bond No. 1024185**

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RESOLUTION NO. 2013-108

**Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Shared Services Agreement
Between the Township of Florence
and the Township of Bordentown
for Animal Control Services**

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-109

**Resolution Authorizing the Submission of an
Application for the United States Department of Justice
COPS Grant Program/CHP Program/CPD Program**

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-110

**Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Florence
Referring a Proposed Redevelopment Plan for
Parcels Within the Route 130 Redevelopment Area to the
Township of Florence Planning Board, and Directing the
Planning Board to Take Certain Actions Pursuant to
N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7(e)**

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-111

**Amend Resolution No. 2013-91
Purchase of One Tahoe Police Vehicle,
State Contract Purchase Replacement Vehicle**

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-112

**Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Florence
Directing the Planning Board of the Township of Florence
to Undertake a Preliminary Investigation of
Certain Parcels Located in the Proximity of Route 130
Within the Township to Determine Whether Such Parcels
Satisfy the Criteria as an “Area in Need of Redevelopment”
as Set Forth in the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law
Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6**

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RESOLUTION NO. 2013-113

**Authorize Agreement with
Lee L. Rohm, Inc.
Professional Real Estate Appraiser and Consultant
to Provide Appraisal for Block 143.01, Lots 1 and 2**

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-114

**Approve Reduction of Performance Bond
Florence Family Dental, PC
1001 Hornberger Avenue
Block 96, Lots 1, 2, & 3
Bond No. 71206889**

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-115

**Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Shared Services Agreement
for the
Burlington County Route 130 Task Force Program**

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-116

**Authorize the Assistant Municipal Administrator
to Apply for a Recreation Grant from
Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders**

It was on the MOTION of Ostrander; seconded by Lovenduski to approve Resolution Nos. 2013-105 through 2013-116.

On the Question

Administrator Brook explained Resolution No. 2013-108, regarding shared services with Bordentown Township. There was a draft written up and provided to Council and Bordentown Township. Bordentown sent back a draft agreement that read in concert with what the draft resolution said, except for a minor change. Animals were defined as dogs and cats but Administrator Brook will speak to Bordentown Township to make it clear that there are other animals covered. It will be revised and executed and sent to Bordentown Township.

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Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: Baldorossi Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

Assistant Administrator Sahol explained that there were three ordinances being introduced that were not on the agenda. The issues these ordinances address were discussed at the last meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-06

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE AMENDING
CHAPTER 110 OF THE FLORENCE TOWNSHIP CODE TO REVISE
PROVISIONS OF PARKS AND RECREATION
(1st Reading) (Public Hearing & Adoption 6/12/13)**

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-07

**AND ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE AMENDING
CHAPTER 134 OF THE FLORENCE TOWNSHIP CODE TO
REVISE PROVISIONS OF THE
RECREATIONAL VEHICLE AND BOAT PARKING LOT
(1st Reading) (Public Hearing & Adoption 6/12/13)**

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-08

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE
ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS
FOR THE PLACEMENT AND USE OF CHARITABLE CLOTHING
BINS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE
(1st Reading) (Public Hearing & Adoption 6/12/13)**

The Assistant Administrator explained that Ordinance No. 2013-07 prevents people from sleeping in the vehicles parked in the lot. Ordinance No. 2013-08 regulates the clothing bins that are popping up all over. Ordinance No. 2013-06 deals with the proper use of recreation fields and problems with golf balls on the fields and divots being created.

It was the MOTION of Lovenduski; seconded by Woolston to approve Ordinances 2013-06, 2013-07 and 2013-08 on first reading.

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YEAS: Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky
NOES: None
ABSENT: Baldorossi

Noted that the public hearing and adoption of the Ordinances would be held at the Main Street Community Center, Fireman's Hall, Main Street in Roebbling.

REPORTS

Committees, Boards and Officers

Mayor

Mayor Wilkie said Florence FOP Lodge 210 would be honoring Officer Kotch at noon on Friday at the Municipal Building. Today the flags were lowered at all municipal facilities in honor of **Peace Memorial Day**.

This weekend is **Free Yard Sale Day**. The following week there are **Memorial Day** observations planned at both American Legions in the township. There is no Council meeting on June 5th and the **Mayor's Cup Softball Tournament** is scheduled for Saturday June 8 at Veteran's Park Softball Field.

Cecile Wainwright recently celebrated her **100th birthday**. A proclamation would be presented to her at a family celebration this weekend. There are three other **100th birthdays in July**. They are **Virginia Shaver, Doris Krieger and Michael Malmos**. He also noted Mrs. Danley is 92 today.

Administrator:

Administrator Brook thanked everyone for pulling off the recognition he received. He acknowledged the employees present. He said everything that is accomplished starts from working together as a group. No one has been more fortunate than him to work with such great employees; those that are here now and those that have retired.

Assistant Municipal Administrator:

Assistant Administrator Sahol noted that there is a proliferation of high grass at certain properties. He wanted to let the public know that the municipality gives notice of a high grass complaint and the property owner is given 10 days to comply. If they do not comply in the required amount of time a citation is issued. If it is still not taken care of, the township will cut the grass so the neighbors have a clean and safe environment. He and the Code Enforcement Official are looking into an Ordinance that would enable the township to impose a penalty to set fees for mowing. He will research and bring something to Mayor and Council for review.

Division of Law: Nothing at this time.

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Division of Engineering: Nothing at this time.

Division of W & S Utilities: Nothing at this time.

Unfinished Business: Nothing at this time.

New Business: Nothing at this time.

Board of Health: Nothing at this time.

Miscellaneous:

Council President Sandusky noted that the Director of Public Works, Richard Pendle, was in attendance. He told Mr. Pendle the recreation fields look very good and Nykita Field is shaping up well. "Keep up the good work."

Public Comments:

Valerie Sweeney, 67 Hornberger Avenue, "The Village", said someone complained to her about the grass at the library and she explained that Public Works has a lot of grass to cut. The next day the grass was cut. She pointed this out to the person who complained. "The Public Works Department is doing a great job."

MOTION of Woolston; seconded by Lovenduski to close public comment. Roll call vote - All ayes.

8:17 PM MOTION by Lovenduski; seconded by Ostrander to adjourn.
Roll call vote - all ayes. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

8:17 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER, RMC/MMC
Township Clerk

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