

Florence, New Jersey  
June 12, 2013

The Florence Township Council held a regular meeting on the above date in the **Main Street Community Center, 69 Main Street, Roebling, New Jersey.**

The meeting was called to order by Council President Sandusky at 8:20 PM. 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; posted on the municipal bulletin board; placed on the web-site on May 19, 2013; and advertised in the Burlington Co. Times on May 19, 2013.

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; James E. Biegen, Township Engineer; Kelly Grant, Esq., Township Solicitor; Joy M. Weiler, Township Clerk

#### **MINUTES**

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

Township Council Regular Session – April 17, 2013; May 1, 2013

Township Council Executive Session – April 10, 2013

Township Council Closed Session – May 1, 2013

#### **FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE**

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

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

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

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

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**REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE** None at this time.

**APPLICATIONS**

- A. Social Affair Permit – Comedy Night, Main Street Community Center  
FOP Lodge 210, June 15, 2013, 6:00pm – 11:00pm
  
- B. Bingo – Parish of Saints Francis & Clare, McGrath Hall  
July – 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; August – 5, 12, 19, 26; September – 2, 9, 16, 23, 30,  
October – 7, 14, 21, 28; November – 4, 11, 18, 25; December 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  
All games 7:15pm – 10:15 pm
  
- C. On-Site Merchandise Raffle, St. Nicholas Byzantine Church, 191 Alden Avenue  
September 8, 2013, 12:00pm – 6:00pm
  
- D. Off-Premise 50/50 Raffle, St. Nicholas Byzantine Church, 191 Alden Avenue  
September 8, 2013, 5:30pm

MOTION of Baldorossi, seconded by Lovenduski to approve Applications A-D.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: None Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Dan Kamienski, 10 McCay Drive, claimed to be a creature of habit because he went to the Municipal Building for the meeting this evening. Mayor Wilkie explained that there was a DEP presentation at this location, so the meeting followed it. Also, Mayor and Council are trying to hold meetings in different areas of the community to provide access to the governing body. He hopes to put meetings on the calendar ahead of time for next year. Normally, most meetings are held in the Municipal Building.

Charles Bauer, 517 Wilbur Henry Drive, announced that the Third Grade Fishing Tournament was being held Saturday at the Yacht Club. He hopes to have the area clear by around 11:00 a.m. so as to not interfere with boats using the dock. Also, people were instructed to not park at the dock area. He requested police be provided to enforce this condition. He was told Administration would check into the request.

Mr. Bauer said recently a member of his family was in a minor accident. He is concerned about the area of Railroad Avenue and Cedar Lane by the “whirlybird” where there is a yield for two directions. He said he has not seen that often; usually a yield is one direction, like when entering I-295. He thinks there should be a stop sign. He understands it is a county road, but would like to alleviate the problem. He expressed concern at what could happen if an accident involved a tractor trailer at the intersection.

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Mayor Wilkie said the situation would be reviewed. Council President Sandusky noted that there was a report done by the Police Department and it would be looked at again.

Assistant Administrator Sahol said he is working with the Chief of Police and Burlington County to review the signage in the area.

James Napolitan, 13 Second Avenue, expressed concern with not being able to make a U-turn at the left turn into Mallard Creek. He feels it is the best point to see traffic and it is hard to go into the development and turn around to exit. He was also upset that the U-turn near Potts Mill Road was closed.

Assistant Administrator Sahol explained that the Mallard Creek turn is considered an intersection; there are no U-turns allowed at an intersection. He said the other U-turn is not closed, but the cones are in the required taper area. The township does not have control. The State of NJ regulates the highway. It can still be used if it can be safely maneuvered.

Dennis O'Hara, 871 Wallace Avenue, asked about the renewal of the liquor license of Samuel Paglione. Clerk Weiler explained the license was extended to his wife, the executrix of the estate.

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

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-117**

**Water and Sewer Payment Plan  
for Block 165.03, Lot 18  
4 Philliponi Court**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-118**

**Water and Sewer Payment Plan  
for Block 167.13, Lot 3  
97 Ridgway Drive**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-119**

**Appointing Temporary, Part-Time Plumbing Subcode Inspector**

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-120**

**Authorizing Approval of 2013-2014 Renewal of  
Plenary Retail Consumption License  
(Michael Day)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-121**

**Approve Alcoholic Beverage Control License  
Person to Person and Place to Place Transfer  
Plenary Retail Consumption License  
from Pocket License to  
2043 Route 130, Harkins Lane Plaza  
License No. 0135-33-014-003**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-122**

**Authorizing Approval of 2013-2014  
Renewals of Club Licenses  
(Willitts-Hogan-Tonne; Francis W. Robbins; American Slovak Citizens Club, Inc.,  
Societa DiMuto Soccorso Guliemlo Marconi, Inc.; Opre Larsons VFW)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-123**

**Acknowledging Filing of 2013-2014 Renewals of  
Plenary Retail Consumption Licenses  
(Calle Mar'Gina, Samuel O. Paglione, Aiebon Corp.)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-124**

**Authorizing Approval of 2013-2014 Renewal of  
Plenary Retail Consumption License  
F & A, Inc., t/a Downtown Tavern, holder of  
Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 0315-33-007-002  
With Conditions**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-125**

**Authorizing Approval of 2013-2014 Renewal of  
Plenary Retail Distribution Licenses  
(Florence Wine & Liquor Shop, Inc.; PUNAM Corp., Hiral Kimi, Inc., Madpad Center, Inc.)**

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-126**

**Authorizing Approval of 2013-2014 Renewal of  
Plenary Retail Consumption License  
(*Bungalow Corp.*)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-127**

**Authorizing Approval with Conditions  
Of 2013-2014 Renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption License  
River Rock Bar & Grille, LLC  
License No. 0315-33-008-004**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-128**

**Authorizing Approval of 2013-2014 Renewal of  
Plenary Retail Consumption License W/Conditions  
Wesley's Pub, Inc., t/a Roebing Pub**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-129**

**Authorizing Approval of 2013-2014 Renewal  
Plenary Retail Consumption License W/Conditions  
Dr. Lou's Place, LLC**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-130**

**Authorizing Approval of 2013-2014 Renewal  
Plenary Retail Consumption License  
No. 0315-011-005**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-131**

**Resolution to Remove Certain Properties from Tax Sale**

It was on the MOTION of Lovenduski; seconded by Ostrander to approve Resolution Nos. 2013-117 through 2013-131.

On the Question Nothing at this time.

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Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: None Motion carried.

**ORDINANCES**

**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  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Reading) (Public Hearing & Adoption)**

Assistant Administrator explained this ordinance restricts where people can golf. There was a problem on some of the recreation fields with gold balls and it is a safety hazard when mowing and when children are running and don't see them. There was also damage to the fields from people driving and creating divots.

It was the MOTION of Lovenduski, seconded by Woolston to open the public hearing of Ordinance No. 2013-06.

Seeing no one wishing to be heard, it was the MOTION of Lovenduski, seconded by Ostrander to close the public hearing.

MOTION was made by Woolston, seconded by Ostrander to adopt Ordinance No. 2013-06.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

AYES: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: None Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2013-07**

**AN 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  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Reading) (Public Hearing & Adoption)**

Assistant Administrator Sahol said this ordinance will prevent people from sleeping in vehicles that are parked in the South Street Recreational Vehicle lot.

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It was the MOTION of Lovenduski, seconded by Ostrander to open the public hearing of Ordinance No. 2013-07.

Seeing no one wishing to be heard, it was the MOTION of Lovenduski, seconded by Ostrander to close the public hearing.

MOTION was made by Baldorossi, seconded by Lovenduski to adopt Ordinance No. 2013-07.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

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

**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  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Reading) (Public Hearing & Adoption)**

The Assistant Administrator explained that Ordinance No. 2013-08 uses the State Statute to help regulate where clothing donation bins can be placed. They have been popping up all over the township. This ordinance requires an application and review of placement to be sure all rules are being followed.

It was the MOTION of Ostrander, seconded by Woolston to open the public hearing of Ordinance No. 2013-08.

James Napolitan, 13 Second Avenue, wanted to know if there were now designated locations for the placement of the bins?

Assistant Administrator Sahol explained that there were not designated places, but an application would be made with a proposed location and it would be reviewed for conformity. Regulations stipulate they cannot be placed 500 feet near a place that dispenses fuel. Right now they are being seen at gas stations. Also, they cannot reduce the number of parking spaces in some cases. Each application will be reviewed.

It was the MOTION of Woolston, seconded by Baldorossi to close the public hearing.

MOTION was made by Woolston, seconded by Baldorossi to adopt Ordinance No. 2013-08.

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Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

AYES: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: None Motion carried.

### REPORTS

#### Committees, Boards and Officers

##### Mayor

Mayor Wilkie said it was a great opportunity to have had the EPA present before the meeting to discuss the mill and dredging project to the public. Dredging will be done this fall and the slag area should be capped by the fall of 2014. There will be discussion regarding what should be placed on the slag area so there is time to make adjustments if needed. The township needs to decide what it wants to do with the steel mill site. Traffic flow will be a factor and he would like to see active conversation with citizens' involvement on the future use.

Two residents celebrated their 100<sup>th</sup> birthdays recently. He wondered what it was like here in 1913. At that time there was not a Village of Roebing but just two unconnected communities. It was really just Roebing Steel and Florence Pipe. Now here we are with Subaru and Burlington Coat Factory. He said he will actively listen to what residents want in their township.

On July 7<sup>th</sup> there will be a surprise birthday party for the two residents turning 100 years old. It is invitation only.

Saturday, June 15, the **Police Department** is hosting a **Bike Rodeo** behind the Municipal Building. There will be games, an obstacle course and lots of fun for the township's youth.

That same night the **FOP Lodge 210** is hosting a **Comedy Night to benefit Relay for Life**. Also on Saturday night the **Softball Association** is hosting a **Movie Night at Muchowski Field**.

The **Roebing Museum** will be hosting a **Civil War Encampment/Reenactment at the Museum** grounds. Washington Roebing contributed to the war effort.

The Township **Patriotic Celebration** is scheduled for **July 6** this year.

The Mayor asked that Council please hold off on the Housing Authority Appointment on tonight's agenda. The Mayor will advise in the future.

**Administrator:** Nothing at this time.

**Assistant Municipal Administrator:** Nothing at this time.

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**Division of Law:** Nothing at this time.

**Division of Engineering:**

Engineer Biegen said the progress is good at the Burlington Coat Factory Site. The clearing and excavating are going well.

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

**Unfinished Business:** Nothing at this time.

**New Business:**

It was the MOTION of Baldorossi, seconded by Lovenduski, to hold the appointment to the Housing Authority. All ayes, Motion carried.

**Board of Health:** Nothing at this time.

**Miscellaneous:** Nothing at this time.

**Public Comments:**

Dennis O'Hara, 871 Wallace Avenue, said there is a house on the corner of Wallace and Delaware Avenues that is not well maintained. The grass is never cut and is overgrowing on the sidewalk.

Assistant Administrator Sahol said the township is aware of the situation and is taking steps to fix it. There is also an ordinance being drafted that will give the township the ability to contract the cutting and put a lien against a property for the cost.

John Lauricella, 3 Applegate Drive, said he liked that the township works with residents for payment plans for water and sewer. He said it says a lot about the character of the town.

MOTION of Ostrander; seconded by Council Member Lovenduski to close public comment.  
Roll call vote - all ayes.

8:40 PM MOTION by Lovenduski; seconded by Ostrander to adjourn.  
Roll call vote - all ayes. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

8:40 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER, RMC/MMC  
Township Clerk  
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