

Florence, New Jersey  
September 4, 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.

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:

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 Township Administrator; Kelly Grant, Esq., Township Solicitor; Joy M. Weiler, Township Clerk

### **MINUTES**

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

- Township Council Regular Sessions – August 7, 2013 and August 14, 2013
- Township Council Executive Session – August 14, 2013
- Township Council Closed Sessions – August 7, 2013 and August 14, 2013
- Township Council Special Session – August 28, 2013

### **FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE**

It was on the MOTION of Lovenduski; seconded by Ostrander 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. Unanimous approval.

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**REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE:** None at this time.

**APPLICATIONS**

A. On Site 50/50 Raffle – Riverbank Charter School of Excellence  
October 25, 2013, 6:00pm – 8:00pm

MOTION was made by Lovenduski; seconded by Woolston to approve the applications.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: None Motion carried. Unanimous approval.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-178**

**Authorize Refund  
Recreation Fee  
Soccer Registration Withdrawn**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-179**

**Approve Final Reimbursement and Acceptance of Work  
2012 Burlington County Park Development Grant**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-180**

**Authorize Approval of Renewal of Plenary  
Retail Consumption License for 2013-2014  
Mary E. Paglione Executor of Estate of Samuel O. Paglione  
as per Special Ruling**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-181**

**Resolution Authorizing the Application and Acceptance of a  
Subgrant Award of the Federal Fiscal Year 2013 Department of  
Homeland Security Emergency Management Performance Grant  
Program Funding**

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It was the MOTION of Lovenduski, seconded by Woolston to pass Resolution Nos. 2013-178 through 2013-181.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

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

**ORDINANCES**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2013-15**

**AN ORDINANCE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE, IN  
THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY,  
PROVIDING FOR THE PAINTING AND  
REHABILITATION OF THE WATER TOWER LOCATED  
ON CEDAR LANE, APPROPRIATING \$450,000  
THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF  
\$450,000 IN WATER AND SEWER UTILITY BONDS OR  
NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE THE SAME  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Reading) (Public Hearing & Adoption)**

Administrator Brook discussed the two water towers. He explained the one on Cedar Lane is the oldest and it needs to be addressed. The paint is chipping. Doing the work now is a proactive approach to maintain the tower. Painting it now will be preventative maintenance. The work is slated to begin this fall or in the spring. The timing of the maintenance of the towers needs to be scheduled in a way to ensure there is no impact on residents.

MOTION was made by Lovenduski, seconded by Woolston to open the meeting to the public regarding Ordinance No. 2013-15.

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

It was the MOTION of Ostrander, seconded by Lovenduski to adopt Ordinance No. 2013-15.

Upon roll call the Board voted as follows:

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

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**ORDINANCE NO. 2013-16**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE, IN  
THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY,  
PROVIDING FOR THE APPRAISAL AND ACQUISITION OF  
REAL PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE ROUTE 130  
CORRIDOR IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 160.01, LOTS 1.03, 14  
AND 15 FOR REDEVELOPMENT PURPOSES AND RELATED  
EXPENSES IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP, APPROPRIATING  
\$937,000 THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE  
OF \$937,000 IN GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS OR  
NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE THE SAME  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Reading) (Public Hearing & Adoption)**

Administrator Brook explained that the three properties in question are near the site of the Burlington Coat Factory project. They are part of Florence Township's Redevelopment Plan. The proposal calls for a business-class hotel and restaurant. It is a proactive move for the township.

MOTION was made by Lovenduski, seconded by Woolston to open the meeting to the public regarding Ordinance No. 2013-16.

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

It was the MOTION of Baldorossi, seconded by Lovenduski to adopt Ordinance No. 2013-16.

Upon roll call the Board voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: None Motion carried. Unanimous approval.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2013-17**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE IN  
THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY,  
PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY  
LOCATED ON HORNBERGER AVENUE AND PARISH LANE  
FOR OPEN SPACE PURPOSES AND RELATED EXPENSES  
IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP, APPROPRIATING \$800,000  
THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF  
\$760,000 IN GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS OR NOTES  
OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE THE SAME  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Reading) (Public Hearing & Adoption)**

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Administrator Brook explained the Ordinance will allow the township to purchase the property that was proposed to be developed as senior apartment housing. The town will subdivide the property and maintain it as open space.

MOTION was made by Lovenduski, seconded by Woolston to open the meeting to the public regarding Ordinance No. 2013-17.

Anthony Drangula, 2124 Route 130, inquired about the amount of the purchase. He felt it was high.

Mayor Wilkie explained the price was at that amount because the property was approved for senior market-rate apartments. This ordinance gives the township the opportunity to purchase the property and preserve it as open space. Open Space Tax will be used to pay gradually over the next few years for the Bond Anticipation Notes. This is a short-term bond with a lower interest rate.

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

It was the MOTION of Baldorossi, seconded by Woolston to adopt Ordinance No. 2013-17.

Upon roll call the Board voted as follows:

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

Motion carried. Unanimous approval.

**REPORTS**

**Committees, Boards and Officers**

**Mayor**

Mayor Wilkie said that school was opening the next day and the police officers posted signs throughout the township for motorists to slow down and beware of the children.

He said the *Saint Nicholas Ethnic Festival* was next weekend and *Grandparents' Day* was on Sunday. The *St. Stephen's Car Show and Florence Historical Society Open House* were also coming up.

He noted the many of the fall sports had started. (He also welcomed Assistant Administrator Sahol back from his recent vacation.)

**Administrator**

Administrator Brook said he would address the concerns of Anthony Drangula and Michael Lubik (present at the meeting) with the Environmental Protection Agency at a future meeting. Their apprehensions would be focused on at the subsequent meeting.

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He congratulated *Rick Cureton of Whitesell* on his upcoming retirement and noted for the record that he acknowledges and thanks him for his fair treatment of the Township of Florence. Administrator Brook stated that Mr. Cureton was instrumental in assisting Family Services and Twin Oaks in Burlington County.

**Assistant Municipal Administrator**

Assistant Administrator Sahol said the township was awarded a grant from the State Community Forestry Program. He said it will be used to re-establish trees lost in the Fifth Avenue area.

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

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

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

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

**New Business:**

Mayor Wilkie said a Resolution will be prepared to *Honor the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Hungarian Reformed Church*.

*Nook's Pourhouse* has scheduled a *Grand Opening Celebration* for next Saturday. Council President Sandusky will attend to represent the Mayor and Governing Body.

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

**Miscellaneous:** Nothing at this time.

**Public Comments:**

Joseph Csik, 45 East Fifth Street, inquired about a vacant property and the upkeep and maintenance. Mayor Wilkie explained that the township is aware of the situation but the owner has certain rights and is required to be given time to comply with what is necessary to abide by the Ordinance.

It was on the MOTION of Woolston, seconded by Lovenduski to close the public comments. All ayes.

8:20 PM MOTION by Woolston; seconded by Lovenduski to adjourn. Roll call vote - all ayes. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

8:20 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER, RMC/MMC  
Township Clerk