

Florence, New Jersey  
September 18, 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 (8:05); Richard A. Brook, Township Administrator; Thomas A. Sahol, Assistant Township Administrator; Joy M. Weiler, Township Clerk

Note: The Township Solicitor was absent because of vacation

Also, the Mayor was attending the Florence Township Back to School Night.

### **MINUTES**

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

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### **FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE**

It was on the MOTION of Woolston; seconded by Lovenduski, to receive and file the Township Clerk's, Chief of Police and Court Administrator's Reports for August. 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: 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. **Bingo** – Riverbank Charter School of Excellence  
October 11, 2013, 6:00pm-11:00pm, 1300 Hornberger Avenue
  
- B. **On Premise Merchandise Raffle** – Riverbank Charter School of Excellence  
October 11, 2013, 6:00-11:00pm, 1300 Hornberger Avenue
  
- C. **Social Affair**, American Legion Post 39, October 19<sup>th</sup>, Noon – 6:00 pm  
(Conditioned: Fire Dept. inspection, barriers provided by Public Works)
  
- D. **Catering Permit:** C. Reed’s Inc. for Fireman’s Hall, 10-12-13, 6 pm -11pm  
Class Reunion

It was the Motion of Baldorossi, seconded by Woolston, to approve applications A through D.

Council President Sandusky abstained from Application C because it is his post and he submitted the application for the event.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows for Applications A, B, and D:  
YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None Unanimous approval.

Clerk Weiler explained that the social affair at the American Legion will have and inspection by the Fire Department for the grill and the barriers will be provided by the Public Works Department. They are the same barriers that are provided for block parties.

Upon roll call Council voted on Application C as follows:  
YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: Sandusky  
ABSENT: None Motion carried.

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Joseph Csik, 45 East Fifth Street, asked why the blinking lights near the Riverfront School are on during the evening hours? Assistant Administrator Sahol said he will check the timer.

Mr. Csik inquired about the large number of police cars from multiple municipalities that were near the Subaru facility Saturday night. There were cars being pulled over. Administrator Brook said it had to be some kind of concerted effort. He thinks it could be an organized grant initiative. Administrator Brook said he will ask the Chief of Police what exactly was going on.

Council Vice President Woolston said the Burlington County Sherriff's Office is allowing the municipalities to cross borders to issue summonses.

Assistant Administrator Sahol explained that police officers don't actively patrol or investigate other communities unless there is an Interlocal Services Agreement; that is what Florence has currently. Right now there is an aggressive driver agreement and a pedestrian safety agreement. There is a push to make Route 130 a safer roadway and there are cross jurisdiction rights under these agreements.

Everyone having an opportunity to be heard, it was the MOTION of Baldorossi, seconded by Lovenduski to close the public comments. All ayes – motion carried.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-185  
Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Michael Malmos!**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-186  
Refund Permit Fee as Per  
Construction Code Official**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-187  
Reject Bids for Cedar Lane Water Tower  
Painting and Rehabilitation Project  
And Authorize Readvertisement for Bids  
for the Project**

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-188**

**Approve Request for Reduction of Performance Bonds for  
The Estates at Oak Mill, Pulte Homes**

**NOTE: Conditioned upon payment of any and all escrow funds due**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-189**

**Authorize Execution of CDBG  
Sub-Grantee Agreement  
Between the Township of Florence and the  
County of Burlington**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-190**

**Approve Contract to Purchase Property  
Approximately 4.267 Acres – Hornberger Avenue**

Administrator Brook explained that regarding Resolution 2013-187, yesterday the township accepted bids for the project. There were two received; one was for \$615,800 and the other was for \$308,000. Water and Sewer Engineer Russell Trice accepted the bids and reviewed them. The township was hoping to award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder but upon review there were at least two fatal material defects in the bid process. After consulting with the Township Solicitor, it was decided that the low bid should be rejected. In addition, the high bid was well outside of the parameters of what was budgeted. Both bids were rejected and the township authorized Engineer Trice to rebid the project by way of this resolution. The project will go out to bid in early winter with a start date of early spring. A fatal defect is too serious to not address. It could open the municipality to potential litigation.

Engineer Trice explained there were two items that were fatal. The first was that the bidder did not acknowledge receipt of the addendum. In this case the addendum dealt with the cell phone carrier's antennas on the tank. The bidders were notified that various companies had antennas on the tanks and they had to work around them and protect them. The second, more serious flaw, was that the bidder did not acknowledge and certify who the stock holders of the company are. Anyone with 10% or more of the shares has to be named. There were no shareholders listed. This is a mandatory bid item.

Administrator Brook said he would like to explain Resolution No. 2013-190. The Mayor and Council authorized the purchase of about 4.267 acres owned by the Diocese of Trenton and the Parish of Saints Frances and Clare. The property is being subdivided off a larger lot. The township has permission from the church to go before the Planning Board to formally subdivide off the parcel. The township requested that the church withdraw the application it has before the Planning Board at the same time. Once that is completed, a date can be set for settlement. Council has already authorized the purchase of the property and a bond ordinance was formally approved at a public meeting.

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Resolution No. 2013-190 is approval of the contract of sale. The church has been cooperative to work with. This is a property that will be preserved for open space and purchased through the Municipal Open Space Trust Fund account. Settlement will be before December 31, 2013.

It was the MOTION of Baldorossi, seconded by Lovenduski to pass Resolution Nos. 2013-185 through 2013-190.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: None Motion carried. Unanimous approval.

ORDINANCES None at this time

### REPORTS

#### Committees, Boards and Officers

##### Mayor

Mayor Wilkie thanked Council for the approval of the purchase of the land. There was much discussion over the past year regarding this property. It is in the best interest of the community to preserve the space considering the uses in the area.

This Saturday is an unofficial “**Florence Day.**” St. Stephen’s is holding its annual car show and the Florence Historical Society is hosting an open house. It is also the second Free Yard Sale Day. Hopefully, the local businesses will benefit from all the activity. Council President Sandusky reminded everyone that signs need to be removed at the conclusion of the yard sales.

On September 28, 2013 the **Roebing Museum** will be hosting a lecture. The topic is Engineering During the Civil War. It starts at 1:00pm.

September 29, 2013 is **Michael Malmos’ 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday.** Someone from St. Nick’s Church is going to pick him up and take him to church so he can attend the services. Then he will be taken back to Sterling House for a birthday celebration. The Roebing Museum is hoping to attend also. Mr. Malmos was in the original Roebing video.

The fourth major business in the past year and one half has approval from the EDA. It has not been before the Planning Board but the **Destination Maternity** warehouse will be coming to the community. Mayor Wilkie hopes the new “**Buy Local**” initiative from the County will benefit our local businesses.

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**Administrator**

Administrator Brook said when a municipality is able to lure a company like Destination Maternity, which is a \$600 million company, it is a credit to everyone working for the township, especially the professionals. It makes a big difference when interested companies know they will get a high level of cooperation.

Ann Schubert, Tax Collector and David Dennison, Recreation Coordinator, are retiring. They will be honored at the last meeting in December. Sergeant Dominique Golden is also retiring. The Chief of Police will let Mayor and Council know when he can be honored.

The two police recruits graduated from the Ocean County Police Academy. They did extremely well. They will be ready for street duty in January.

**Assistant Municipal Administrator**

Assistant Administrator Sahol said he sent an e-mail with a photograph of the two new air conditioners for the Community Center. They were purchased through a grant. It should be a marked improvement on the utility bills. They are twice as efficient as the current units and the reliability for years going forward is there. The cost for these units would have been \$55,000. Because of the grant, the cost to the township was just under \$14,000.

**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:** Nothing at this time.

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

**Miscellaneous:** Nothing at this time.

**Public Comments:** No public comments.

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

8:22 PM MOTION by Lovenduski; seconded by Ostrander to adjourn. Roll call vote - all ayes. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

8:22 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER, RMC/MMC  
Township Clerk

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