

Florence, New Jersey
October 2, 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

OATHS OF OFFICE: POLICE OFFICERS

Mayor Wilkie approached to administer the Oath of Office, as several Florence Township Police Officers looked on, to Florence Township's two new officers. He said this was one of the nicer occasions he was able to participate in. He called on Chief Alvin Scully and **Officer Jason J. Silk**. Officer Silk's wife, Morgan, held the bible as the oath was administered.

Mayor Wilkie called **Officer Salvatore D. Spart**. Apryl, his wife, held the bible as the oath was administered.

Chief Scully thanked the Mayor, Council and Administrator Brook for helping to hire the new officers. He has great expectations for the two new patrolmen. Mayor Wilkie said the Chief will be there to support the officers and he has good reason for his high expectations.

Mayor Wilkie thanked the current police officers. Activity has been quite high. He noted that the Chief said there is a spike this time of year. The officers have stepped up to the challenge and the new officers will be a help.

The Mayor announced that **October 10, 2013** has been declared "**Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day**". He read the **proclamation** into the record.

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MINUTES

Ostrander made a MOTION; seconded by Lovenduski 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 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.

REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE: None at this time.

APPLICATION

- A. On Premise Merchandise Raffle – Deborah Hospital Foundation
December 12, 2013, 6:00pm-11:00pm, Opre Larson VFW, 10th and Main Streets

It was the Motion of Baldorossi, seconded by Woolston, to approve application A.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows for Application A:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Open to the public

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. 2013-193
A Resolution Cancelling Taxes on Property
Owned by a Totally Disabled Veteran
Block 98.06 Lot 39**

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-194
A Resolution Cancelling Taxes on Property
Owned by a Totally Disabled Veteran
Block 129 Lot 23**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-195
A Resolution Cancelling Taxes on Property
Owned by a Totally Disabled Veteran
Block 155.49 Lot 5**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-196
A Resolution Cancelling Taxes on Property
Owned by a Totally Disabled Veteran
Block 166.11 Lot 31**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-197
A Resolution Cancelling Taxes on Property
Owned by the Township of Florence**

It was the MOTION of Baldorossi, seconded by Lovenduski to approve 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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2013-19
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE,
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
TO VACATE A PAPER STREET PORTION OF SPRING STREET
IN FAVOR OF THE CREATION OF A UTILITY EASEMENT
AS DESCRIBED HEREIN ON LAND SITUATED NEAR
PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 47, LOT 4
LOCATED AT WEST FRONT STREET AND SPRING STREET
(1st Reading) (Public Hearing & Adoption 11/6/13)**

It was the MOTION of Lovenduski, seconded by Ostrander to approve Ordinance No. 2013-19 and set the public hearing and adoption for November 6, 2013.

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Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: None Motion carried. Unanimously approved.

REPORTS

Committees, Boards and Officers

Council President Sandusky said MEND was successful in receiving tax credits. MEND is the company that is going to work on the Duffy School project. It has been a long time in coming, but the project will get started in the near future.

Mayor

Mayor Wilkie said he and Council President Sandusky and Council Member Baldorossi were able to attend services at St. Nicholas Church where **Michael Malmos** was able to attend with his family and friends on his **100th birthday**. There was a nice reception for Mr. Malmos at Sterling House after the service.

This Sunday is **Fallen Firefighter Remembrance Day**. It calls for flags to be lowered but there is no one working on Sunday. There are about 20 flags in town to be lowered. Mayor Wilkie welcomed suggestions as to how to get it done.

October 11 is the **Fire Department Open House**. October 13 **St. Stephen's Church** will be having the **blessing of the firemen, police and EMS** members as part of its service.

There is **no meeting on October 16 due to the Special Election**.

October 20 is the **100th Anniversary** of the **Hungarian Reformed Church**. A resolution was prepared and will be on the next meeting's agenda.

Mayor Wilkie, Council Vice President Woolston and Council Member Lovenduski met with the EPA and walked the slag area in Roebing. Assistant Administrator Sahol has the plans for review. The Mayor would like the council members to look at the plans. The plans will also be shared with the Recreation Committee. There are some issues with the fence and the depth of the area. The township needs to give the EPA some direction by November 13. It will be discussed at the next meeting.

Administrator

Administrator Brook said a few months ago a resident named Jennifer Bounjourno talked with him about her child that suffers from Pediatric Stroke Syndrome and the disease. She asked if it would be possible to come to a Council meeting and talk about the disease and how it affects children? Ms. Bounjourno said she is able to attend to the December 4th meeting and bring a doctor from Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

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He invited the press to attend; it is a really good human interest story and could help many children and families dealing with this condition.

The networking is very important. Just from reading the minutes of a previous meeting where this issue was discussed, another resident with a child that had the same condition was able to connect. It is a very good story about life, children, parents, love of family and community.

Assistant Municipal Administrator

Assistant Administrator Sahol said the township applied for about \$200,000 in **County Park Grant funds**. The focus of the application was to develop the fall safe materials under the tot lots that are on either side of the municipal building as well as expanding the parking lot at the end of Summer Street. The parking will support the field hockey field that was just built, using a prior grant. Burlington County looked favorably on the application but then sub-prioritized and said they could only fund \$100,000 for the fall safe material. He mentioned to the Mayor that it is unfortunate because right now the highest priority is that there is so little parking that supports the field hockey, football and soccer programs. He wanted to know if Council is willing to accept the grant money toward the tot lots and have the township somehow fund the rest?

Mayor Wilkie said the Recreation Committee has discussed the parking issue before. A developer provided funds toward street hockey. He will have the Recreation Committee look at the whole site and decide where these things should be. Administrator Brook confirmed the parking lot can be installed without a big impact over the next two years.

Council member Ostrander asked how many spaces would be provided? Assistant Administrator Sahol said there will be about 35 to 40 spaces. It will be designed to be able to expand further if funds become available at a later time.

It was the MOTION of Baldorossi, seconded by Lovenduski to find a way to fund a parking lot for the end of Summer Street. All ayes. Motion carried.

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:

Mayor Wilkie said the impact of MEND receiving the tax credits for the rehabilitation of the former Duffy School is crucial. He said he understands the project is very important to Council President Sandusky. The tax credits make the project very viable over the next year. It is going to be a great thing for the community.

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Public Comments: Open to the Public

No comments. It was on the MOTION of Lovenduski, seconded by Ostrander to close the public comments. All ayes.

8:28 PM MOTION by Ostrander; seconded by Lovenduski to adjourn. Roll call vote - all ayes. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

8:28 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER, RMC/MMC
Township Clerk

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