

Florence, New Jersey  
April 2, 2014

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 Lovenduski at 8:00 PM. President Lovenduski 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 9, 2014; and advertised in the Burlington Co. Times on January 12, 2014.

Upon roll call the following were found to be present:

Frank Baldorossi  
Paul Ostrander  
Jerry Sandusky  
David Woolston  
Ted Lovenduski

Also present:

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

#### **FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE**

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

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Ostrander, Sandusky, Woolston, Lovenduski

NOES: None

ABSENT: None Motion carried. Unanimous approval.

#### **REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE**

None at this time.

#### **APPLICATIONS**

A. FOP: June 14<sup>th</sup>: Social Affair & Raffles: 50/50 and Raffle

B. Annual Easter Egg Hunt: H. Kenneth Wilkie Memorial Park, 4-19, 10 am

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- C. On Premise 50/50 Raffle – Civic Assn. to benefit Pediatric Stroke Awareness  
Main Street Community Center, May 2, 2014, 6pm – 11pm
- D. On Premise Merchandise Raffle – Civic Assn. to benefit Pediatric Stroke Awareness  
Main Street Community Center, May 2, 2014, 6pm – 11pm
- E. Renew Transient Merchant License: Mister Softee  
(Driver: James William McCullough)
- F. Social Affair: Pediatric Stroke Awareness Fundraiser, Main Street Community  
Center May 2, 2014

Council President Lovenduski noted Application A was pulled from the agenda.

It was the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Ostrander to approve applications B through F.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Ostrander, Sandusky, Woolston, Lovenduski

NOES: None

ABSENT: None Motion carried. Unanimous approval.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Don Kamienski, 10 McCay Drive, thanked the Public Works Department for installing the floating boat dock. He said other towns in the area have not installed their docks yet.

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

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-75**

**Resolution Stating Reasons Why 2014 Budget  
is Being Introduced Beyond  
March 14, 2014**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-76**

**Self-Examination of Budget**

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-77**

**Introduce 2014 Municipal Budget**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-78**

**Authorizing Refunds of Certain Tax Overpayments**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-79**

**Approved Shared Services Agreement with  
the Borough of Fieldsboro  
For a Certified Recycling Professional (CRP)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-80**

**Approve Shared Services Agreement With  
The Township of Bordentown  
For a Certified Recycling Professional**

Mayor Wilkie said the Debt Service of the budget will be about \$1.2 million. In 2016 it will drop down. There was a conscious effort made for this year and next year when the Whitesell PILOT funds expire that there will be no shortage. There is a large amount of surplus being used to make sure the Debt Service can be paid without having to raise taxes or have layoffs. This budget provides the same level of services and to some extent expands the services the town has. Technology has been modernized. Water & Sewer and Tax bills can now be paid online. Payment information is also available online. This budget also includes the first road program in a number of years. This past winter was the worst he has seen during his tenure as Mayor. Snow removal went from about \$10,000 to about \$60,000. It is a sound budget. The public hearing will be on May 7.

It was the MOTION of Ostrander, seconded by Sandusky to approve Resolution Nos. 2014-75 through 2014-80.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Ostrander, Sandusky, Woolston, Lovenduski

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Unanimously approved.

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**ORDINANCES**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2014-03**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE, IN  
THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY,  
PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF REAL  
PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1042 POTTS MILL ROAD IN  
THE TOWNSHIP FOR OPEN SPACE AND  
RECREATIONAL PURPOSES AND RELATED EXPENSES  
IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP, APPROPRIATING \$270,000  
THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF  
\$256,500 IN GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS OR  
NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE THE SAME.  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Reading) (Public Hearing & Adoption)**

Mayor Wilkie said the property is very unique. There have been discussions about the town purchasing it for quite a few years. When the developments were built in the country area, the developers made contributions to recreation and those funds were used for park improvements in town. The residents of the developments said they would like to have open space in their area so they don't have to come across the highway for parks. The price on the property has been dropped drastically. It has water, hilly terrain and an Indian Prayer Mound. It ties into two other pieces of property that the town already owns. There is a nice flat area adjacent to Potts Mill Road. It made sense to move forward with the purchase using open space funds. The town has been collecting open space funds since 2007. There have been conversations with the scouting program and its possible involvement with the property. There are over 40 boy scouts and even more cub scouts. Hopefully, they will be interested in working with the town.

At this time the meeting was opened to the public for comments on Ordinance No. 2014-03. Seeing no one wishing to be heard it was the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Ostrander to close the public hearing. Roll call – all ayes. Unanimous approval.

It was the MOTION of Ostrander, seconded by Sandusky to adopt Ordinance No. 2014-03.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Ostrander, Sandusky, Woolston, Lovenduski

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Unanimous approval.

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**ORDINANCE NO. 2014-04  
AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN  
OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF  
THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE  
(1<sup>st</sup> Reading) (Public Hearing & Adoption 4/16/14)**

It was the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Woolston to approve Ordinance No. 2014-04 and set the public hearing and adoption for April 16, 2014.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Ostrander, Sandusky, Woolston, Lovenduski

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Unanimous approval.

**REPORTS**

**Committees, Boards and Officers**

**Mayor**

Mayor Wilkie read the *Arbor Day Proclamation* into the record. He joked it is the “Thomas Sahol and David Woolston proclamation”.

He noted that he had attended the *Boys Scouts Blue and Gold Banquet*. It was a great event and he thanked the members of Council who were able to attend. There was a large crowd.

On Sunday, *Softball* will have its *Opening Day*. Officer Michelle Hollins will be singing the National Anthem for the event and former *Director of Recreation David Dennison* will be honored.

Next Wednesday the *Riverfront School* will have its *Spring Musical, The Phantom Toll Booth*. Council President Lovenduski has been helping with the carpentry.

There is much more activity at the fields this time of year. The lights are on and the kids are out. He requested that people be aware when driving.

There was a *Groundbreaking Ceremony for Destination Maternity on Friday*. It will hopefully be operational in 2015. He said he realized that some of the Council Member’s schedules make it hard to attend weekday events, but the Mayor has no control over the scheduling.

**Administrator:**

Administrator Brook said there will be a Closed Session regarding negotiations and there may be a statement made and action taken when open session resumes.

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### Assistant Municipal Administrator

Assistant Administrator Sahol referred to the letter from the *EPA regarding the slope area* in Roebing along the river. He said he would like to appeal the decision of the EPA. Council was in agreement to allow Assistant Administrator Sahol to draft a letter to the EPA.

Mayor Wilkie said it makes no sense for the EPA to install sidewalks going nowhere and a fence to protect nothing. They could easily make it much more accessible to the township by removing some of the trees that are going to die anyway and even the slope out. The Mayor noted that Assistant Administrator Sahol told him that because of all the construction going on in the community, the township may be able to help with filler soil from the contractors.

Assistant Administrator Sahol said he discussed the color of the *water tower* with Director of Water & Sewer David Lebak. They agreed a darker color would be better for the water tower. It will be a grey color. The words will still show but it will hide some of the exhaust and mold underneath the tower. Council was in agreement.

**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: Open to the Public**

Seeing no one wishing to be heard, it was the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Woolston to close the public comment. Roll call vote – all ayes.

At 8:24 it was the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Ostrander to enter into *Closed Session*.

**Resolution No. 2014-81** to discuss Contract Negotiations. Roll call vote: All ayes. Unanimous approval.

At 8:39 the regular meeting resumed. Returned to open session.

Administrator Brook said in negotiations with MEND for the transfer of the Duffy School property, MEND approached Florence Township to request the property be deeded to them. There are certain assurances and “out clauses” that will protect the municipality until there is a formal closing. He believes the request is reasonable in light of the fact that the project will be moving forward. He recommended Council give the authorization for the deed transfer.

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It was the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Ostrander to proceed with the deed transfer.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Ostrander, Sandusky, Woolston, Lovenduski

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Unanimous approval.

8:40 PM MOTION by Ostrander; seconded by Woolston 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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