

Florence, New Jersey
May 21, 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:

Richard A. Brook, Township Administrator; Thomas A. Sahol, Assistant Municipal Administrator; Kelly Grant, Esq., Township Solicitor; Joy M. Weiler, Township Clerk; John Bunce, Acting Police Chief

Presentation: Darnell Taylor, Local Hero

Council President Lovenduski said he knew that Mr. Taylor doesn't like being called a "local hero" but that's what he is. He is very much appreciated and the town is proud to have him as a member of the community. On April 15th he went above and beyond and saved a woman and her three children.

Mayor Wilkie called on Mr. Taylor for the presentation. He read Resolution No. 2014-100 into the record. Mr. Taylor's wife, Laura, was presented with flowers. Council Member Sandusky presented Mr. Taylor with a gift card from Mayor and Council. He said speaking on behalf of Council, they are very happy that he was at the right place at the right time. He thanked Mr. Taylor for his act of courage.

Acting Police Chief Bunce said on behalf of the Police Department they would like to thank Darnell Taylor for his heroic actions. It was extraordinary that Darnell helped. Most people would rely on the police to handle the situation. Not Darnell. Some people may not know about the incident and the conditions Mr. Taylor had to endure. When he got to the boat ramp and entered the water, on that day the temperature outside was about 50 degrees. The water temperature in the Delaware River was 49 degrees. It was high tide at the time and the current can be very strong. In addition, the vehicle was in about eight to ten feet of water. Darnell couldn't stand, he had to swim. He got to the vehicle and had to try to get the three children and their mother out of the vehicle.

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They are alive today because of Darnell's actions. Water rescue is very difficult in cold temperatures. The first two minutes Darnell was experiencing cold shock. Beyond that up to the five minute point he would have started to lose muscle depth and he would himself be in danger. When he was done Darnell was experiencing signs of fatigue and nausea and things of that nature. These are signs that his life was in danger and he probably did not realize it at the time. Everyone should know when he jumped in that water, Darnell's life was in danger. On behalf of the police department, Acting Police Chief Bunce thanked Darnell for a job well done and his actions on that day were truly heroic.

Darnell thanked everyone again. He stated that he loves the community and he loves everyone in town. He would hope that if his family was in need, someone would do the same for them.

MINUTES

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

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FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Ostrander, to receive and file the Tax Collector's Reports for Tax and Water & Sewer for April; also, the Court Administrator's Report for April. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

It was on the MOTION of Ostrander; seconded by Woolston 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.

REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE

None at this time.

APPLICATIONS

- A. Bingo: Sts. Francis and Clare: July, Aug., Sept., Oct., Nov., & Dec 2014
Mondays, 7:15pm – 10:15pm
- B. Social Affair: FOP Lodge 210, Fireman's Hall, Main Street, June 14, 2014
7:00pm – 11:00pm

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- C. On-Premise Merchandise Raffle: Fireman’s Hall, Main Street, June 14, 2014
7:00pm – 11:00pm Civic Association to benefit Relay for Life

- D. On-Premise 50/50: Fireman’s Hall, Main Street, June 14, 2014
7:00pm – 11:00pm Civic Association to benefit Relay for Life

It was the MOTION of Woolston, seconded by Sandusky to approve applications A through D.

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, noted the township website said the new floating dock should be installed approximately May 23, 2014. He asked if that was accurate?

Assistant Administrator Sahol said the dock was going to be installed the next day, May 22, 2014, unless there are the severe thunderstorms and lightning that are being predicted. The dock is there, it just needs to be installed.

It was the MOTION of Ostrander, seconded by Woolston to close the public comments.
Roll call vote - All ayes.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-97

**Water and Sewer Payment Plan for Block 166.10, Lot 17
119 Rosewood Drive**

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-98

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 2014-99

**Approve the Public Display of Fireworks for
Florence Township's Patriotic Celebration Day**

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-100

Honoring Local Hero, Darnell Taylor

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-101

**Authorize the Assistant Township Administrator and
Chief Financial Officer/Qualified Purchasing Agent to
Prepare Specifications and Solicit Bids for
Two Dump Trucks with Plows and Related Equipment**

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-102

**Authorize the Township Engineer to Prepare Plans,
Specifications and Solicit Bids for
Florence Public Library Roof and
Township Building Skylight Replacement**

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-103

**Authorize Refund
Use of the FAAD Building Fee
Due to the Event Being Cancelled**

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-104

**Award Contract to Rio Supply Inc.
100 Allied Parkway, Sicklerville, NJ 08081
for Radio Frequency Read Water Meters**

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RESOLUTION NO. 2014-105

**Award Contract for 15% Sodium Hypochlorite
Solution – Bulk
to Miracle Chemical Company**

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-106

**Award Contract for SLI-K200 or
Equivalent Liquid Corrosion Inhibitor
(Shannon Chemical Corp.)**

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-107

**Authorize Purchase of One Ford Explorer
Police Interceptor, State Contract Purchase
Replacement Vehicle**

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-108

**Authorize Replacement and Acquisition of Trucks
and Vehicles Under State Contract**

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-109

**Authorizing Approval of 2014-2015 Renewal of
Plenary Retail Consumption Licenses
(Bungs & Vito in Florence, LLC)**

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-110

**Authorizing Approval of 2014-2015
Renewals of Club Licenses
(American Slovak Citizens; Willitts, Hogan, Tonne, Post #39; Marconi Lodge)**

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-111

**Acknowledging Filing of 2014-2015 Renewals of
Plenary Retail Consumption Licenses
(Murphy's; Paglione's; Fine Food & Spirits, Inc.)**

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RESOLUTION NO. 2014-112

**Authorizing Approval of 2014-2015 Renewal of
Plenary Retail Consumption License
Dr. Lou's Place, LLC
With Conditions**

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-113

**Authorizing Approval with Conditions of
2014-2015 Renewal of
Plenary Retail Consumption License
River Rock Bar & Grille, LLC
ABC License No. 0315-33-008-004**

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-114

**Authorizing Approval of 2014-2015 Renewal of
Plenary Retail Distribution Licenses
(Town Liquor & Liquor Barn)**

It was the MOTION of Baldorossi, seconded by Sandusky to approve Resolution Nos. 2014-97 through 2014-114.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Ostrander, Sandusky, Woolston, Lovenduski

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried. Unanimous approval.

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-06

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE
AMENDING SECTION 64-3 OF THE CODE OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE
ESTABLISHING CONSTRUCTION CODE FEES
WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE
(1st Reading) (Public Hearing and Adoption 6/4/14)**

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ORDINANCE NO. 2014-07

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TOWNSHIP'S WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AND WALLACE STREET PUMP STATION IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP, APPROPRIATING \$250,000 THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$250,000 IN WATER AND SEWER UTILITY BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE THE SAME
(1st Reading) (Public Hearing & Adoption 6/4/14)**

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-08

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR INSPECTION AND REFURBISHING OF PUBLIC WELLS 3, 4, AND 5 IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP, APPROPRIATING \$300,000, THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$300,000 IN WATER AND SEWER UTILITY BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE THE SAME
(1st Reading) (Public Hearing and Adoption 6/4/14)**

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-09

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF VEHICLES FOR THE TOWNSHIP'S WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP, APPROPRIATING \$250,000 THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$250,000 IN WATER AND SEWER UTILITY BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE THE SAME
(1st Reading) (Public Hearing & Adoption 6/4/14)**

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-10

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF POLICE VEHICLES IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP, APPROPRIATING \$115,000 THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$109,250 IN GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE THE SAME
(1st Reading) (Public Hearing & Adoption 6/4/14)**

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ORDINANCE NO. 2014-11

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF PUBLIC WORKS VEHICLES IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP, APPROPRIATING \$300,000 THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$285,000 IN GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE THE SAME
(1st Reading) (Public Hearing & Adoption 6/4/14)**

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-12

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO BOULEVARD STREET, IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP, APPROPRIATING \$300,000 THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$285,000 IN GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE THE SAME
(1st Reading) (Public Hearing & Adoption 6/4/14)**

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-13

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE AMENDING SECTION 140-43 AND 140-48 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE ESTABLISHING WATER AND SEWER RATES WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE
(1st Reading) (Public Hearing & Adoption 6/4/14)**

Council President Lovenduski said all of the ordinances were on first reading and said they could be addressed all at once unless there were any objections. All were in agreement. He read them each by title into the record.

It was the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Woolston to approve Ordinance Nos. 2014-06 through 2014-13 and set the public hearing and adoption of each for June 4, 2014.

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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REPORTS

Committees, Boards and Officers

Mayor Wilkie noted the upcoming weekend was **Memorial Day Weekend**. There were a number of events scheduled. On Friday, the Police will be having **Peace Officer Memorial Day** starting at noon at the Municipal Building. It was originally scheduled for last Friday but the weather did not cooperate.

Sunday the **Florence American Legion at Sixth and Broad Streets** will start at 10:00am with its annual visitation to the graves. The caravan will go throughout the community.

On Monday at 10:00am the **American Legion Post 39** will host a memorial service in conjunction with the Boy Scouts. They will then pay respects at the cemeteries in Roebbling and the monuments in that part of the community. The American flag standard calls for the flag to be lowered on Memorial Day until noon, and then raised. Unfortunately, it is not feasible for the community to be able to do that; there are more than twenty flags. He consulted with some individuals, along with his "flag etiquette expert." The proposal presented to the expert was to lower the flags on Friday morning and raise them Tuesday morning. This would honor the Police service on Friday. All were in agreement.

The following Saturday, May 31, is the date for the **Mayor's Cup Softball Tournament**. It begins at 9:00am at Muchowski Field. The first game is police vs. teachers and the second game is township employees vs. fire department. The winners of each game will face each other for the third game. The event is part of the initiatives of the Wellness Committee.

June 3 is the **Duffy School Groundbreaking Ceremony** at 5:00pm. The Mayor will not be able to attend the June 4 Council meeting. Mayor Wilkie said he will be attending the **June 6 honor for NFI from NBIA**. He explained the award that NFI is receiving and how it honors projects that improve the area they are built in. It is a nice industry standard recognition. Two companies have reached out to meet with township officials and mentioned the NFI award. It is a good thing for NFI. They will have a press release shortly. It is a good thing for Florence Township, also.

There is a lot of chatter about Florence Township and the opportunities here.

Florence Township is working on a redevelopment plan for the **Roebbling Steel Mill** and will be moving forward with the design for Hornberger Avenue. Within the next year the township will need to look at how it is handling Route 130 at Florence-Columbus Road and at Cedar Lane. Those areas are in the redevelopment plan and the town needs to see what makes sense. It is wonderful to get all of these new projects in Florence Township but there needs to be good circulation through the community.

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Council Member Sandusky asked how **Officer Michelle Hollins** made out in Washington, D. C. singing the National Anthem at the National Police Officer's Convention? Mayor Wilkie said she received all kinds of praise and did a wonderful job. She received national attention.

Chelsea Kerr, a senior at Boston University and Florence graduate, was a finalist for the college world series. Her team lost in the seventh inning. **Curtis Thompson**, a Florence Township High School javelin thrower broke another record recently. He placed second in the Penn Relays and he recently participated in the State Finals.

Council Member Baldorossi said there was another local graduate, **Heath Filmyer**, playing for Oklahoma for the college world series.

Administrator

Administrator Brook thanked Assistant Administrator Sahol and Engineer Biegen for the work they did on the Boulevard Street improvements. It was a grant in the amount of \$196,000. That is the second section of Boulevard, from West Third Street to West Fifth Street. Florence Township, through the Assistant Administrator and Engineer's efforts and the foresight of Council putting this on the list, was deemed to be eligible for a grant to do the entire stretch of Boulevard, from Front Street to West Fifth Street, which is two sides of a street with an island in between, so it is a significant accomplishment. These were two sizeable grants that Florence Township received.

Assistant Municipal Administrator

Assistant Administrator Sahol thanked Administrator Brook for his comments. He noted the floating dock will be installed tomorrow. It is here and all of the modifications were made, including some that were discussed previously regarding aesthetic modifications. As long as the weather holds and it is safe for the employees to operate, it will be done in the morning.

The **Community Development Block Grant Project**, which is the sidewalks on Hamilton Avenue and Hoffner Court, was delayed a bit because of some small problems with an easement question. The work will begin next week.

The parking lot is the first phase of the current paving project. It should begin tomorrow or Friday. They will start boxing out the parking lot in front of the Public Works building. The fence has already been removed. Then after the holiday, they will start on some of the roads that were noted in the phase schedule that was distributed on an earlier date.

Assistant Administrator Sahol and Engineer Biegen met and also exchanged correspondence regarding the grant Administrator Brook spoke of. They are working on the best case scenario and options for getting more money from a **Safe Streets to Schools Grant**. That application is due the end of June. He will provide some streets for consideration. He will provide the information and then recommend a resolution for one of the June meetings approving the application.

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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: 2014/2015 Road Program

Administrator Brook said initially there was one significant master list of roads. In 2013 some of the roads went out to bid. That left the balance of the list for review for the spring of 2015. He provided a list of what was discussed. There is a section off Delaware Avenue at Hornberger Avenue that is very bad. Assistant Administrator Sahol is working with the DOT to see if they can possibly do the repairs. If not, hopefully the county will repair it. The time has come, if not now than in the very near future, to decide what roads are going to be concentrated on. Once that is done, in about three months the planning will start for the 2016 road program. The township is doing better. Next year is going to be the most difficult year with respect to debt service. From 2016 onward that will change. The one thing that makes a positive impact on the community is the maintenance of roads, curbing and sidewalks. Florence Township is tackling the challenge and moving forward, now the question comes down to the locations.

Mayor Wilkie said it is best to make a decision now to be on top of it because the work should be done in the spring in order that it is done quickly and not lingering into the summer. If there are other streets that are worse than those listed, he asked that Council let the administration know so they can be considered in 2016.

Administrator Brook said Council President Lovenduski mentioned Summer Street and Riverview Avenue, it could be included in the 2016 program. He did look at it, and it is in need of repair. There are a lot of other locations in the same condition. There are several streets on the west end of town that need work. There are also some on the east end. Really all over the community there are areas. Engineer Biegen advised if Main Street is going to be done, Ninth and Tenth Avenues should be looked at. It is a good idea to start out and move in if the big equipment is brought in. The numbers can be adjusted, the total figure could grow; also anticipation for potential contingencies and issues that arise. The number will grow from what has been presented but there are some roads to be added. An example was the end of Broad Street near the Altera Sterling House. If there is a road program every year there will be a significant impact on the community.

Mayor Wilkie said Assistant Administrator Sahol is working with township engineers to get all of the roads that were done recently mapped out so areas can be built upon for completeness. He said it will help to manage what is being done as opposed to piece repairing.

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Council Member Sandusky referred to a letter from a resident that was distributed to Mayor and Council regarding her alley. He suggested the millings be used to repair it. Administrator Brook said he looked at the alley and it will be taken care of.

Council Member Woolston asked if the township ever considered looking at doing a town-wide bid for paving, milling or curbing? Instead of doing street by street, there would be a per square yard price.

Assistant Administrator Sahol said the state and county both do that, but he is not sure it would benefit the town. He said the state is going to be doing some work on Route 130 so he reached out to the Township Engineer about possibly partnering with the state to help with some of the bigger roads. He does not think the state will agree to it though.

Mayor Wilkie suggested figuring out what the township's cost per linear foot is and compare that to what the county pays. That might help decide if it is better to bid town-wide.

Assistant Administrator Sahol said he will look into it and present his findings.

Mayor Wilkie confirmed that the current road program list is acceptable for 2015 and anything after will be considered for 2016. All were in agreement. Administrator Brook explained the financing of the projects and how it is related to permanent debt.

Mayor Wilkie asked if the Water & Sewer and Public Works Departments would be notified in case there was work that needed to be done before the project begins? He asked when the residents would be notified? Administrator Brook said when the ordinance is prepared the notices are prepared. The residents are given plenty of advanced notice to do any work that needs to be done before the road is fixed.

New Business: Nothing at this time.

Board of Health: Nothing at this time.

Miscellaneous: Nothing at this time.

Public Comments: Open to the Public

Council President Lovenduski opened the meeting to the public at this time.

Mr. Kamienski said he has been travelling on Route 130 and saw the new buildings. He wanted to know what NFI stood for. Mayor Wilkie told him it is National Freight Industries. He said they started as a trucking company and expanded.

Administrator Brook said he recently had a meeting with another large competitor of NFI and the company noted the award NFI recently received and said NFI deserved to receive it.

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

8:46 PM MOTION by Sandusky; seconded by Woolston to adjourn. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

8:46 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER, RMC/MMC
Township Clerk

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