

Florence, New Jersey
November 12, 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 9:14 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.

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

MINUTES None at this time.

FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Woolston, to receive and file the Court Administrator and Township Clerk's Reports for October. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

It was on the MOTION of Ostrander; seconded by Sandusky 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: None at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Council President Lovenduski opened the meeting to the public. Seeing no one wishing to be heard, it was the MOTION of Ostrander, seconded by Sandusky to close the public portion. Roll call - all ayes.

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RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-226
Approve Release of Performance Bond
LPM9044835
NFI Real Estate, Phase II & III
Site Clearing

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-227
Approve Reduction of Performance Bond
LPM9044836
NFI Real Estate, Phase III A, Building C

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-228
Approve Release of Water & Sewer Maintenance Bonds
K. Hovnanian for Crossroads East
Water Bond No. 1082803
Sewer Bond No. 1082802

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-229
Approve Change Order No. 1 & Payment No. 1
For Boulevard Street Phase I Project
Richard T. Barrett Paving Company, Inc.
400 Prospect Street, Trenton, NJ 08618

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-230
Transferring Certain Budget Appropriations

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-231
Award of Professional Services Contract
Tax Assessor's Office
To J. H. Services, Inc.

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-232
Approve Reduction of Water Distribution &
Sanitary Sewer Performance Bonds
Water Distribution No. LPM9044837
Sanitary Sewer No. LPM9044838

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-233
Approve Change Order No. 3 and Payment No. 2 for
2013/2014 Road Resurfacing Project
Richard T. Barrett Paving Co., Inc.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-234
A Resolution Authorizing the Township of Florence
To Enter into a Cooperative Pricing/Purchasing Agreement**

Administrator Brook said there was a correction for Resolution No. 2014-230. The items were transposed where it said where the funds were going to and coming from. The “from” should be “to” and the “to” should be “from.”

Clerk Weiler advised that Resolution No. 2014-229 is the revised payment from the Township Engineer.

It was the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Woolston to approve Resolution Nos. 2014-226 through 2014-234.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Ostrander, Sandusky, Woolston, Lovenduski

NOES: None

ABSENT: None Motion carried. Unanimous approval.

ORDINANCES None at this time.

REPORTS

Committees, Boards and Officers

Administration

Mayor

Mayor Wilkie said yesterday morning there were two **Veteran’s Day** ceremonies. At 11:00am there was a service held by Post 194 at the monument on Broad and Front Streets and it was very nice. Unfortunately, there was a faint odor from the landfill. At 11:30 there was a service at the Veteran’s Monument near the Municipal Building. Bob Lowry did a great job. Dick Glass, who was one of the three gentlemen that spearheaded the creation of the monument, was able to attend and lead the Pledge of Allegiance. There was a good crowd. There were refreshments at the legion following. The post always does a great job and he appreciates what the auxiliary and the staff does.

For the public’s information, there is no meeting next week because of a conference.

Friday at 11:00am the **Roebling Museum** will be kicking off its fundraising campaign for the replica of the Golden Gate Bridge. He planned to attend.

The next meeting will be on December 3, 2014 at 8:00pm.

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Administrator

Assistant Municipal Administrator

Assistant Administrator Sahol said the **Boulevard Street trees** are all planted with the exception of two where there were some serious conflicts found in the ground. He is trying to resolve it. It was the two trees closest to Front Street.

Regarding the question asked last week about the number of trees, there was a conversation with the arborist and the Shade Tree Commission. The Commission took the position that it is best to plant the proper number of trees so as not to compete for available land area and air space. In the past, trees were just thrown in to create a massive canopy. That wasn't the best idea. Even the training that the commission members and Assistant Administrator Sahol attended two weeks ago recommended proper quantities of trees in areas where they can properly be supported by the available land and air space. That is exactly what took place on Boulevard Street. It was the proper planning for the long-term future of the community.

Summer Street was striped today. There is a center line on Summer Street that establishes where parking is permitted. Some portions in front of Public Works has been striped and along the side. No Parking has been posted in front of the bay doors.

Division of Engineering:

Engineer Biegen said the **skylight project** is moving along. There is some temporary inconvenience and there is some noise but it is progressing.

Mayor Wilkie asked if there was more than one arborist at Maser? Engineer Biegen confirmed that there is another arborist.

Also, **Destination Maternity** and **Burlington Coat Factory** will shortly be seeking Temporary Certificates of Occupancy.

There will be a **bid opening** December 4, 2014 for **phase II of the bike path project**. He is hoping for better prices than last time.

Public Comments: Open to the Public

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

Seeing no one wishing to be heard, it was the MOTION of Woolston, seconded by Sandusky to close the public portion of the meeting.

9:23 PM MOTION by Ostrander; seconded by Woolston to adjourn. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

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ADJOURNMENT: 9:23 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER, RMC/MMC
Township Clerk

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