

Florence, New Jersey
December 3, 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.

Present: Frank Baldorossi, Paul Ostrander, Jerry Sandusky, David Woolston,
Ted Lovenduski

Also present: Richard A. Brook, Township Administrator; Thomas A. Sahol, Assistant Administrator; Kelly Grant, Esq., Township Solicitor; Joy M. Weiler, Township Clerk

(Mayor Craig Wilkie was absent due to a prior commitment)

MINUTES

Ostrander made a MOTION; seconded by Sandusky 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 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:

A. To: Mayor & Council From: Land Use Clerk Date: December 1, 2014

Re: Recommendation for Redevelopment Plan: Liberty Property Trust

It was the MOTION of Woolston, seconded by Ostrander to receive and file Correspondence A. Roll call vote - all ayes. Unanimously approved.

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APPLICATIONS:

- A. On Premise Merchandise Raffle – Riverfront PTO
March 7, 2015, Riverfront School, 5:00pm – 11:00pm
- B. On Premise 50/50, Riverfront PTO
March 7, 2015, Riverfront School, 5:00pm – 11:00pm
- C. Bingo – Church of Sts. Francis & Clare
McGrath Hall, Mondays, Jan. – June, 2015, 7:15pm – 10:15pm

It was the MOTION of Baldorossi, seconded by Sandusky to approve applications A through C. Roll call vote - all ayes. Unanimous approval.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Fritz Wainwright, 1011 Cedar Lane, thanked everyone, and especially Tom Sahol, Assistant Municipal Administrator, for helping get a tree removed from in front of his property.

It was the MOTION of Ostrander, seconded by Woolston to close the public comment. Roll call vote - all ayes. Unanimous approval.

RESOLUTIONS

Public Hearing on Resolution/Project (Advertised in the Burlington County Times on Friday, November 11, 2014, sent to the Register News on November 17, 2014, posted on the municipal website and bulletin board on November 17, 2014)

Assistant Administrator Sahol explained that before the Resolution could be passed at the meeting tonight, there would have to be an open to public session for comments regarding the ***2015-2016 Community Development Block Grant Application***.

As part of 2015-2016 CDBG Application, Florence Township is applying to Burlington County for funds to continue the process of removing architectural barriers, namely sidewalk issues, where it comes to handicapped accessibility and mobility. Another aspect is improving areas for pedestrians in eligible areas, which are low to moderate income, that were identified by census numbers. The project areas that Council is considering at this time are: Railroad Avenue in the Village of Roebling, a small portion of Hamilton Avenue in Roebling, Bodine Street, the 1000 block of West Fourth and the 1000 block of West Fifth Street. Again these are sidewalk improvements, handicapped accessibility improvements at curbs and intersections, and that type of repair.

It was the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Woolston to open the meeting to the public regarding the 2015-2016 CDBG sidewalk projects.

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Jack Ulmer, 200 West Front Street, asked if these were the only locations that were being improved? Council President Lovenduski said yes, with this grant these were the only locations. Mr. Ulmer said he has been waiting for West Front Street to be repaired. It is hard to walk on the sidewalk because it is not level. The trees that raised the sidewalk were removed, but the damage done to the sidewalk was not repaired.

Assistant Administrator Sahol explained that project areas, for eligibility, must be listed in the Census tract. That portion of West Front Street is not listed in that tract. A project can be eligible outside of a tract only if it removes handicapped inaccessibility which would be ramps at the corner. Since that is a county road and county right-of-way, Burlington County would have to apply for funds to repair a right-of-way in that section.

Seeing no one else wishing to be heard, it was the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Woolston to close the public hearing on the 2015-2016 CDBG Application. Roll call vote – all ayes. Unanimously approved.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-236
Authorizing the Filing of Community Development
Block Grant Application**

It was the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Woolston to approve **Resolution Nos. 2014-236 through 2014-241.**

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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8:26 PM MOTION by Ostrander; seconded by Sandusky to adjourn. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:26 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER, RMC/MMC
Township Clerk
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**** Note: The above noted minutes represent the portion of the CDBG Public Hearing and approval of the Resolution for the Community Development Block Grant application.***