

Florence, New Jersey
October 5, 2016

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. Council President Lovenduski led the Salute to the Flag.

The Opening Statement was read by the Township Clerk: Notice was sent to the Trenton Times for information; posted on the municipal bulletin board; placed on the web-site on January 7th, 2016; and advertised in the Burlington Co. Times on January 3rd, 2016 and January 10th 2016.

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

Also present: Mayor Craig H. Wilkie; Thomas A. Sahol, Assistant Township Administrator; Kelly Grant, Esq., Township Attorney; Joy M. Weiler, Township Clerk; Nancy Erlston, Deputy Township Clerk

(Note: Township Administrator Richard A. Brook was not in attendance because he was attending a seminar.)

MINUTES

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

- Township Council Closed Session – September 14, 2016 (Held from the September 21, 2016 meeting)

FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

It was the MOTION of Woolston; seconded by Ostrander to receive and file the Township Clerk's Report and the Court Administrator's Report for September. Roll call vote - all ayes. Unanimous approval.

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.

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REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Social Affair Permit for Francis W. Robbins Post 194 American Legion
October 29, 2016, from 10am – 10pm to benefit Florence Flames Girls Softball Team
Approved by the State of NJ, Division of ABC

APPLICATIONS:

- A. Raffle, Off-Premise 50/50, December 2, 2016, Florence Twp. Municipal Building
Florence Township Memorial High School Band Boosters

It was the Motion of Sandusky and seconded by Baldorossi to approve the two applications.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Ostrander, Sandusky, Woolston, Lovenduski

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried. Unanimous approval.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Michael Bunnick, 12 Seventh Avenue, thanked everyone involved for helping the church with the permit parking on Sundays. The netting was taken off the signs on November 1st. There still weren't any decals, but even with the netting on for the prior three weeks, people didn't park there. It is going to work and the decals are in the process of being ordered. They will be distributed and then he will let Police Chief John Bunce know when to enact the enforcement of the time limits. He thanked everyone on behalf of **Saint Mary's Church**. Council President Lovenduski said everyone was glad they were able to help.

Seeing no one else wishing to be heard, it was the Motion of Ostrander and seconded by Woolston to close the public comments. Roll call vote – all ayes.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-202

**Authorizing a State Contract Purchase for the
Supply and Installation of Floor Coverings in
Multiple Offices at the Florence Township
Wastewater Treatment Plant Administration Building**

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-203

**Adopting Policies for Internal Reporting and
Communication Regarding Yearly Tax Appeals and
Outside Employment of Department Heads**

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-204 (HELD)
Resolution Authorizing the Township of Florence to
Enter into a Settlement Agreement with
Community Investment Strategies, Inc.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-205
Resolution Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of
Revenue in the Budget of the Township of Florence,
County of Burlington, Pursuant to N.J.S. 40A:4-87
Chapter 159, P.L. 1948
(*Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund*)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-206
Authorizing an Online Auction with
Govdeals for
Disposal of Municipal Property**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-207
Amending 2016 Capital Budget**

Council President Lovenduski said Resolution No. 2016-204 was being held this evening.

It was the Motion of Sandusky and seconded by Woolston to approve Resolution Nos. 2016-202 through 2016-203 and Resolution Nos. 2016-205 through 2016-208.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Ostrander, Sandusky, Woolston, Lovenduski

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried. Unanimous approval.

ORDINANCES

**ORDINANCE NO. 2016-29
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE, IN
THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY,
PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF BLOCK 165.01,
LOT 2.01 IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP,
APPROPRIATING \$1,000,000 THEREFOR, AND
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$950,000 IN
GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS OR NOTES OF THE
TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE THE SAME**

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Mayor Wilkie said all five of the ordinances this evening deal with litigation that the township has been involved in. It involves a settlement ordered by the court. This is all dealing with **COAH** and meeting the fair housing obligations. A portion of the properties are being purchased with open space funds. They are prime locations on Florence-Columbus Road. A portion of the property will be going toward affordable housing. The first three ordinances put the money in place, Ordinance No. 2016-32 is the ordinance that gives permission to actually buy the properties and one is being transferred to be used for affordable housing. There is no public comment on them at this point but there will be an opportunity at the public hearing in two weeks. He just wanted to explain what the ordinances were.

It was the Motion of Sandusky and seconded by Ostrander to approve Ordinance No. 2016-29 and set the public hearing and adoption for October 19, 2016.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

AYES: Baldorossi, Ostrander, Sandusky, Woolston, Lovenduski

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried. Unanimous approval.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2016-30
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE, IN
THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY,
PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF BLOCK 165.04,
LOT 63 IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP, APPROPRIATING
\$1,100,000 THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE
OF \$1,045,000 IN GENERAL IMPROVEMENT
BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE THE SAME**

It was the Motion of Sandusky and seconded by Ostrander to approve Ordinance No. 2016-30 and set the public hearing and adoption for October 19, 2016.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

AYES: Baldorossi, Ostrander, Sandusky, Woolston, Lovenduski

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried. Unanimous approval.

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**ORDINANCE NO. 2016-31
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE, IN
THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY,
PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF BLOCK 165.07, LOT 17
IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP, APPROPRIATING
\$1,300,000 THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE
OF \$1,235,000 IN OPEN SPACE BONDS OR NOTES
OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE THE SAME**

It was the Motion of Ostrander and seconded by Woolston to approve Ordinance No. 2016-31 and set the public hearing and adoption for October 19, 2016.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

AYES: Baldorossi, Ostrander, Sandusky, Woolston, Lovenduski

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried. Unanimous approval.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2016-32
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY
KNOWN AS BLOCK 165.01, LOT 2.01, BLOCK 165.04, LOT 63 AND
BLOCK 165.07, LOT 17 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE FOR
OPEN SPACE, REDEVELOPMENT AND POTENTIAL
ROAD IMPROVEMENT PURPOSES**

It was the Motion of Sandusky and seconded by Ostrander to approve Ordinance No. 2016-32 and set the public hearing and adoption for October 19, 2016.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

AYES: Baldorossi, Ostrander, Sandusky, Woolston, Lovenduski

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried. Unanimous approval.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2016-33
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PRIVATE SALE OF
CERTAIN VACANT PROPERTY OWNED BY THE
TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE NOT NEEDED
FOR PUBLIC USE**

It was the Motion of Woolston and seconded by Ostrander to approve Ordinance No. 2016-33 and set the public hearing and adoption for **December 7, 2016**.

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Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

AYES: Baldorossi, Ostrander, Sandusky, Woolston, Lovenduski

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried. Unanimous approval.

REPORTS

Committees, Boards and Officers:

Administration

Mayor

Mayor Wilkie said there was going to be an **Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Justin Bartz** on October 29th at 3:00 p.m. He is unable to attend but another Member of Council will make the presentation.

There was an article in the Burlington County Times this morning about the **township's prosecutor**. Council has received a letter from him explaining his situation. Mayor Wilkie said he and Administrator Brook will be setting up a meeting with him. He finds it unacceptable. He will advise Council of the details of the meeting.

Assistant Township Administrator

Assistant Administrator Sahol said in the packet there was a letter from a resident regarding horns at the railroad tracks. He said this has been discussed many times over the years. The freight horns have always been operating but now there are daytime horns as well. These people have a valid complaint. They are asking if the township can help them. He said he could reach out the same way he did in the past, to Federal Rail and the DOT and ask how **Quiet Zones** are established. He will report back and let the residents know he is investigating it.

Regarding the **Road Program**, as of last week all of the paving was completed. There is some striping left to be done and some punchlist items. There are some ponding areas that will be corrected. Council Vice President Ostrander said the contractor did a really nice job on Broad Street. Assistant Administrator Sahol agreed. There is some work being done on Hornberger Avenue to get rid of some of the gravel areas. At some point, it will be paved but for now safety issues need to be addressed.

The township has received the next round application for the **Burlington County Park Grant**. He spoke briefly with Mayor Wilkie about it this evening and there was a meeting hosted here regarding the **Park Development Committee**. There were some ideas that were floating and there were things hanging from the past. He said if there were any suggestions, he would love to hear them. He will add them to a pick list of things that can be addressed at a future meeting. The township has done everything it really wanted to get done for the safety piece with the addition of the fall safe materials at all the parks. The township has done tremendous work with this grant. He suggested trying to revitalize some of the parks.

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Under the **Energy Aggregation Program**, 4,600 households were eligible in Florence. About 1,800 people opted out or weren't eligible. The new accounting on what people would be billed started in September, so the October bill is when the change will be seen. It may only be a small amount but it will be a benefit to the residents.

Tomorrow is the **Farmer's Market**. It had to be cancelled last week. The wind was an issue. Last week was supposed to be the unveiling of the new reusable grocery bags. They are free and have the Florence Township Farmer's Market on them. They will be given out tomorrow. Starting the first Thursday in October the hours will be from 2:00 p.m. to dusk.

Public Comments: Open to the Public

Don Kamienski, 10 McCay Drive, said he isn't able to comment on the properties but wanted to know if he could be told where the properties were located? Mayor Wilkie explained that when an ordinance is introduced, the public hearing is set at that time for comments prior to adoption. The public can comment at the public hearing. He said in this portion of the meeting a resident can ask anything they want to ask. He said the properties are on Florence-Columbus Road in front of the Estates and the Manors at Crossroads. There are three properties.

Bill Bott, 64 Riverbank Drive, said the hole on Hornberger Avenue in front of Kalman's Bakery is getting bigger. Assistant Administrator Sahol said that is one of the gravel areas he was talking about earlier in the meeting. It needs to be repaired. He said it will be addressed.

It was the Motion of Sandusky and seconded by Woolston to close the Public comment portion of the meeting. Roll call vote - all ayes. Unanimous approval.

ADJOURNMENT

8:20 PM MOTION of Sandusky; seconded by Woolston to adjourn to Closed Session. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy M. Weiler, RMC/MMC
Township Clerk
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