

Florence, New Jersey
February 21, 2007

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 Baldorossi at 8:00 PM. President Baldorossi led the Salute to the Flag.

The following statement was read by the Township Clerk: "Notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice was published in the Burlington County Times on January 7, 2007; given to the Register News for information. Notice was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board."

Upon roll call the following were found to be present:

Frank Baldorossi, President
John Fratinardo
Bruce Garganio
Elizabeth Ryan
Jerry Sandusky

Also present:

Mayor Michael Muchowski; Richard Brook, Township Administrator; Thomas Sahol, Assistant Municipal Administrator; Dante Guzzi, Township Engineer; William John Kearns, Jr., Township Solicitor; Joy M. Weiler, Township Clerk; Russell Trice, Township Water and Sewer Engineer

MINUTES

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

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Special ABC Hearing	January 24, 2007

FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

It was on the MOTION of Ryan; seconded by Sandusky to receive and file the Tax Collector's 2006 Report of Receipts. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

Ryan made a MOTION; seconded by Sandusky to approve the Treasurer's Bill List. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing at this time.

APPLICATIONS

A. Social Affair: Willitts-Hogan-Tonne American Legion Post 39, Elvis Night, 3/31/07

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- B. Raffles: Night at the Races – Florence Township Civic Assoc., Inc.
 - 3/31/07, 6PM – 2AM, American Legion Post 194
 - 4/27/07, 6PM – 2AM, St. Stephen’s Church
 - 5/25/07, 6PM – 2AM, American Legion Post 194
- C. Off Premise Raffle: Florence Twp. Civic Assoc. Inc.
 - 5/28/07, 5PM, Florence Little League Field
- D. Off Premise Raffle: NJ Law Enforcement Supervisor Assoc.
 - 5/9/07, 6PM, Office of NJLESA

It was on the MOTION of Fratinardo, seconded by Ryan to approve the above applications:

On the Question

Council Member Garganio stated that he is President and Council Member Sandusky is a member of the Florence Township Civic Association and asked Solicitor Kearns if they should abstain from voting on that organizations application? Solicitor Kearns advised that they both should abstain.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

- YEAS: Fratinardo, Ryan, Baldorossi
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: None
- ABSTAIN: Garganio, Sandusky

Motion carries.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Patricia Maguire, 40 Ridgway Drive, raised concerns regarding the billing for water usage. She had her meter checked. Administrator Brook and Mayor Muchowski asked for time to review with the Water and Sewer Billing Clerk and get back to her.

Don Kaminski, 10 McCay Drive, brought his concern regarding the wide trucks parking on Delaware Avenue by Bob’s Deli to Council at a previous meeting and asked if Council as a group has decided what to do? Mr. Kaminski is prepared, as a private citizen, to go to the Burlington County Highway Department and ask for an engineering study. Council Member Garganio feels it is a good idea for Mr. Kaminski to contact the County; it is a County road.

All residents having an opportunity to be heard, MOTION by Sandusky; seconded by Ryan to close the public portion of the meeting. All ayes - motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-51

**AUTHORIZE REDUCTION OF PERFORMANCE BOND
HAINES CENTER BOND: SPEC. BUILDING NO. 2 –280 DANIELS WAY
BOND NO. 391425**

NOTE: Conditioned upon payment of any escrow funds due.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-52

AUTHORIZE FILING OF RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-53

**APPROVE PAYMENT OF CURRENT ESTIMATE NO. 9(FINAL) AND
CHANGE ORDER NO. 3
AMERICAN ASPHALT COMPANY, 116 MAIN STREET,
W. COLLINGSWOOD HEIGHTS, NJ 08059
FOR 2005 ROAD PROGRAM**

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-54

**AWARD CONTRACT FOR WELL NO. 6 WELL PUMP, BUILDING
AND APPURTENANCES TO B&H CONTRACTING, INC.
1022 BLACKHORSE PIKE, FOLSOM, NJ, 08037**

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Ryan that Resolutions 2007-51 through 2007-54 be approved.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Fratinardo, Garganio Ryan, Sandusky, Baldorossi

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

ORDINANCES

**ORDINANCE NO. 2007-01
(1st Reading)**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE AMENDING CHAPTER
134 OF THE FLORENCE TOWNSHIP CODE TO PROVIDE FOR TRUCK ROUTES
AND FOR STREETS OR PARTS OF STREETS WHERE TRUCKS OVER FOUR
TONS GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT ARE PROHIBITED**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2007-02
(1st Reading)**

**AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET
APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14**

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It was on the MOTION of Garganio, seconded by Sandusky to approve Ordinance No. 2007-01 and 2007-02 on first reading and set adoption for March 7, 2007.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Fratinaro, Garganio, Ryan, Sandusky, Baldorossi
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

REPORTS

Committees, Boards and Officers

- Nothing at this time.

Mayor Muchowski

- Mayor Muchowski presented the following **Mayor's Appointment**:

Richard Lotter: Florence Township Environmental Commission, Ward #3 – 3 Year Term, Term Expiration: 12/31/09

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Fratinaro to nominate **Richard Lotter** to the Florence Township Environmental Commission.

On the Question

Council Member Sandusky thanked Mr. Lotter for being a part of the Environmental Commission. He also thanked Mayor Muchowski for presenting Mr. Lotter's appointment.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Fratinaro, Garganio Ryan, Sandusky, Baldorossi
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

- Mayor Muchowski announced that he would not be seeking re-election in the upcoming mayoral race. At the end of this year his tenure as Mayor will be over. He has enjoyed what he has done but feels it is time to move on with the next phase of his life. Council Member Sandusky expressed his appreciation to Mayor Muchowski for the outstanding job he has done.

Administrator

- Nothing at this time.

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Assistant Administrator

- Assistant Administrator Sahol provided a memo in the packet with recommendations from Police Chief Gordon Dawson regarding the **abandoned vehicle code**. He stated that if Council is interested in making those minor recommendations into Ordinance, an Ordinance could be prepared for March.
- Assistant Administrator Sahol reported that the **zip code committee** is coming along nicely. They will be moving forward.
- Assistant Administrator Sahol sent a letter to the Florence Historical Society and the Roebing Historical Society asking that they meet with him with regards to **street names**. They have reached out to him and seem interested.
- Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that reviewing the **recreation policies** is a large process with a lot of information. He asked if Council would like to set up a sub-committee to review? Council Member Garganio and Council President Baldorossi would like to serve on the sub-committee.

Council Member Ryan asked Assistant Administrator Sahol if there has been any feedback from residents across Route 130 that they do not want to merge zip codes with Florence? Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that he has only heard from one (1) small area (Fountain Boulevard) that they do not want to merge zip codes. They do have representation on the committee.

Township Solicitor

- Nothing at this time.

Township Engineer

- Dan Guzzi, Township Engineer, requested that the **Road Program** be added to March's Worksession Agenda. Mayor Muchowski will meet with Mr. Guzzi before that meeting to look at the roads.

Township Water and Sewer Engineer

- Russell Trice, Township Water and Sewer Engineer, reported on the **bid openings** for **Well No. 6**. Eight bids were received. He recommends awarding to the lowest bidder, B&H Contracting, Inc.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council Member Fratinardo stated that one thing the township can work on in regards to the parking problems at Bob's Corner Deli (Station Road and Hornberger Avenue) is the parking on the sidewalk. The Police Department can ticket. Administrator Brook will speak with the Police Chief.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Ryan **commended Rich Pendel, Public Works Superintendent, and Joy Weiler, Township Clerk**. They were required to provide doorbells for handicapped access and assistance to election polling places and instead of purchasing a system for approximately \$400, they purchased doorbells for \$7. Rich Pendel and Robert DuBell designed a sign that is in compliance with ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act)

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regulations that worked very well. Now the County refers other municipalities to Florence to look at the signs and doorbells as an example.

Council President Baldorossi asked if the **Roebing Firehouse** would be undergoing renovations in the near future? Mayor Muchowski stated that Administrator Brook will be meeting with Mr. Guzzi next week to finalize the scope and timeline for the project. All of the appropriate parties will be notified when there is a specific dateline for the project.

Clerk Weiler stated that one (1) **street name** is needed for a development off Hamilton Avenue. There is also one (1) additional judge that has passed away, **Judge McHugh**. She asked if Council would like to name that street after Judge McHugh?

It was on the MOTION of Fratinardo, seconded by Sandusky to approve McHugh for the development off Hamilton Avenue. Roll call vote – all ayes.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Nothing at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS

Council Member Sandusky discussed the possibility of the township purchasing **portable defibrillators** for various locations where many people attend such as the library, court and ball fields. He feels it would be a good safety factor. Mayor Muchowski agrees and suggested training for court personnel, coaches and anyone who would be in the position to use the defibrillators. Training could possibility be done in house. Administrator Brook will look into and report back. Ms. Maguire stated that the Red Cross would provide training for free and will send in the information.

8:45 PM MOTION by Garganio, seconded by Sandusky to adjourn to Closed Session. Roll call vote - all ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

8:45 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER
Township Clerk

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