

Florence, New Jersey  
March 7, 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 8:10 PM. President Baldorossi led the Salute to the Flag.

The following statement was read: "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  
Bruce Garganio  
Jerry Sandusky

Also present:

Mayor Michael Muchowski; Richard Brook, Township Administrator; Thomas Sahol, Assistant Municipal Administrator; Marty Sander, Township Engineer; Ellen Kearns, Township Solicitor

NOTE: Council Member Sandusky stated for the record that Council Member Fratinardo was out due to the death of a family member, and that Council Member Ryan was out because of a family member's serious illness.

### **MINUTES**

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

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Closed Session	February 21, 2007

### **FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE**

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky; seconded by Garganio to receive and file the Township Clerk's report and the Chief of Police's report for February. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

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

### **REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE**

Nothing at this time.

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**APPLICATIONS**

- A. Catering Permit: C. Reed's Inc., Roebling Fireman's Hall, April 14, 2007, 4:00PM – Midnight
- B. Florence Township Fire Company/Boyd's Pharmacy: Annual Easter Egg Hunt, April 7, 2007, 9:00AM, H. Kenneth Wilkie Memorial River's Edge Park
- C. Off Premise Raffle: NJ Superior Officer Association Civic Assoc., June 12, 2007, 7:30PM, VFW Post 8838

It was on the MOTION of Garganio, seconded by Sandusky to approve the above applications:

**On the Question**

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Garganio, Sandusky, Baldorossi

NOES: None

ABSENT: Fratinardo, Ryan

Motion carries.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Richard Cheesman, 262 Fifth Avenue, requested a meeting with Administrator Brook, Mayor Muchowski and the Chief of Police regarding various problems he sees such as drugs, underage drinking and the sale of tobacco products to minors.

Mr. Cheesman also discussed a situation in which a 23 year old male has been witnessed with a 14 year old girl. This morning the mother of the 14 year old found the 23 year old hiding in the basement. The mother does not want the 23 year old in the house. Mr. Cheesman stated that when the mother spoke to the police and the court department, she was told that nothing could be done.

Kathy Bartosh, 250 Sixth Avenue, mother of the 14 year old girl, explained that after the incident this morning she called the police who advised her to come to the police station, which she did. After speaking with an officer, she was advised to speak with the Court Clerk at 9:00AM, which she also did. The Court Clerk advised her that nothing could be done this time because her children may have let him in but if she tells her children not to let him in and he does come in, he can be charged with trespassing. Administrator Brook asked how the 23 year old was getting in the house? Ms. Bartosh stated that she does not know. The 23 year old told her that one of her children let him in but her children will not admit to it. Administrator Brook strongly advised that Ms. Bartosh meet with the Chief of Police. The Chief and the Captain know the law and can better advise Ms. Bartosh. Administrator Brook will speak with Chief Gordon Dawson first thing in the morning and call Ms. Bartosh to set up a meeting.

Donna Cheesman, 262 Fifth Avenue, stated that she witnessed the two together in a car after what she believes was a sexual act. She spoke to the police who advised her she had to actually see the act. The police officer did look for the two, but could not find them. Ms. Cheesman believes that the 23 year old is also serving minors alcohol.

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John Mariano, 268 Fifth Avenue, believes that the 23 year old supplied his 15 year old son alcohol.

After further discussion, it was decided that a meeting will be set up with the Police Chief. The police know the law and will be better able to advise Ms. Bartosh.

Mr. Cheesman would also like a meeting to discuss the issues he brought up earlier in the meeting.

Administrator Brook stated that two (2) meetings would be set up.

Mr. Cheesman, on behalf of a resident from the 100 block of Fifth Avenue, stated that there is very poor water pressure on that block and asked if something could be done about it? Mayor Muchowski advised that the resident call the Water & Sewer Department directly and testing would be set up in a couple of days.

Mrs. Cheesman stated that there is a dip on Fifth Avenue (200 block) just as you turn off Hornberger Avenue. Mayor Muchowski will have it looked at.

Mr. Mariano asked if any consideration has been given to a stop sign being installed at the end of Fifth Avenue at South Street? Assistant Administrator Sahol will check to see if it is a stop intersection in the code. If it is, a sign will be posted; if it is not currently a stop intersection in the code, Council will be asked to change the code with recommendation from the Chief of Police.

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

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2007-56**

**AUTHORIZE APPLICATION TO NJ DIVISION OF HIGHWAY  
TRAFFIC SAFETY FOR PEDESTRIAN/PEDALCYCLIST SAFETY GRANT**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2007-57**

**AWARD CONTRACT FOR  
RADIO FREQUENCY READ WATER METERS  
TO RIO SUPPLY, INC. d/b/a  
SLC METER EAST  
100 ALLIED PARKWAY, SICKLERVILLE, NJ, 08081  
TWO YEAR CONTRACT**

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Garganio that Resolutions 2007-56 through 2007-57 be approved.

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**On the Question**

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Garganio, Sandusky, Baldorossi

NOES: None

ABSENT: Fratinardo, Ryan

Unanimous approval.

**ORDINANCES**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2007-01  
(2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Garganio to approve Ordinance No. 2007-01 on second reading for adoption.

**Public Comment**

Council President Baldorossi opened the meeting to the public for comments at this time.

No public comment.

It was on the MOTION of Garganio, seconded by Sandusky to close the public hearing. All ayes – motion carried.

**On the Question**

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Garganio, Sandusky, Baldorossi

NOES: None

ABSENT: Fratinardo, Ryan

Unanimous approval.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2007-02  
(2<sup>nd</sup> 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. 2007-02 on second reading for adoption.

**Public Comment**

Council President Baldorossi opened the meeting to the public for comments at this time.

No public comment.

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Garganio to close the public hearing. All ayes – motion carried.

**On the Question**

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Garganio, Sandusky, Baldorossi

NOES: None

ABSENT: Fratinardo, Ryan

Unanimous approval.

**REPORTS**

**Committees, Boards and Officers**

- Nothing at this time.

**Mayor Muchowski**

- Nothing at this time.

**Administrator**

- Administrator Brook reported that Mr. Kaminski received a letter from the County in reply to his concerns regarding **Delaware Avenue (near Station Road)**. The County's response was that they reviewed the concerns and concur that larger vehicles should be prohibited from parking along Delaware Avenue. The letter states that if the township wants the County to take action, the township must enact an Ordinance and send to the County for consideration. Mr. Kaminski asked that Council discuss at their next Worksession. Administrator Brook will provide a copy of the letter in Council's packet.

**Assistant Administrator**

- Nothing at this time.

**Township Solicitor**

- Nothing at this time.

**Township Engineer**

- Marty Sander, for Dan Guzzi, Township Engineer, requested that the **Road Program** be added to the Worksession Agenda for discussion next week. Council President

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Baldorossi requested a list of alleys in need of repair. Council Member Garganio asked for a list of roads to review.

Council Member Sandusky asked if Mr. Guzzi has been able to get the estimate for **concrete sidewalk work on Amboy Avenue**? Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that Mr. Guzzi has not been able to meet with Shade Tree yet in order to work on the estimate.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Nothing at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Council Member Garganio stated that the speed limit on Cedar Lane has been lowered in front of the new high school. He asked if **lowering the speed limit on Bustleton Road** was addressed at that time? Mayor Muchowski and Administrator Brook do not believe it was addressed. Council Member Garganio would like to approach the County to request lowering the speed limit on Bustleton Road and asked when the best time would be? Mayor Muchowski agrees the speed limit should be lowered especially since the school busses exit onto Bustleton Road and feels now is a good time to request. Mayor Muchowski requested that Assistant Administrator Sahol check the speed limit on Bustleton Road from Neck Road to Old York Road. This will be followed up on.

**BOARD OF HEALTH**

Nothing at this time.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Council Member Garganio questioned the letter from Cedar Lane Associates regarding the clean up and their statement that it would be hard for them to clean up the Wawa property and then bill them. Administrator Brook will follow up.

8:59 PM MOTION by Sandusky, seconded by Garganio to adjourn meeting. Roll call vote - all ayes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

8:59 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD A. BROOK  
Deputy Township Clerk

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