

Florence, New Jersey
May 18, 2005

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 President Fratinardo at 8:10 PM. President Fratinardo led the Salute to the Flag.

The Township Clerk read the following statement: "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 2, 2005 and January 16, 2005; 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:

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

Also present:

Michael Muchowski, Mayor; Richard Brook, Township Administrator; Thomas Sahol, Assistant Administrator; Dante Guzzi, Township Engineer; William John Kearns, Jr., Township Solicitor; Joy Weiler, Township Clerk

MINUTES

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

Regular Session	March 16, 2005, April 6, 2005 and April 20, 2005
Executive Session	April 13, 2005
Closed Session	April 6, 2005, April 13, 2005, April 20, 2005, May 4, 2005 and May 11, 2005

FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

It was on the MOTION of Garganio; seconded by Ryan to receive and file the Township Clerk's report and the Court Administrator's report for April. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

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

REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE

None at this time.

APPLICATIONS

None at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None at this time.

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. 2005-105

APPROVING 2005-2006 FLORENCE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL BUDGET

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-106

RESOLUTION TO REMOVE PROPERTIES FROM TAX SALE

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-107

**AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE SOIL REMOVAL PERMIT
ATLANTIC COAST PROPERTIES/THAYER**

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-108

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE TO
EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH BURLINGTON COUNTY FOR
COOPERATIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974**

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-109

**AUTHORIZE TOWNSHIP WATER AND SEWER ENGINEER
TO PREPARE PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND SOLICIT BIDS FOR
REHABILITATION OF WELL NO. 3**

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Ryan that Resolutions 2005-105 through 2005-109 be approved.

On the Question

Council Member Garganio stated that he has to abstain on Resolution No. 2005-105 and asked that it be voted on separately. Solicitor Kearns advised that the Resolutions can be voted upon as a group; Council Member Garganio just needs to identify the Resolution he is abstaining on.

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Council Vice President Ryan thanked Mayor Muchowski and the subcommittee of Council for working together with the School's Superintendent and the subcommittee of the School Board in finding reductions to the School Budget.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Garganio (Resolution No. 2005-106 through 2005-109),
Ryan, Sandusky, Fratinardo
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: Garganio (Resolution No. 2005-105)

Motion carries.

ORDINANCES

**ORDINANCE NO. 2005-10
(2nd Reading)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE VACATING THE PUBLIC INTEREST IN A CERTAIN 20 FOOT WIDE STREET KNOWN AS TILTON LANE AND RUNNING FROM WALLACE AVENUE SOUTHERLY TO THE BURLINGTON-BORDENTOWN ROAD (U.S. ROUTE 130), TOGETHER WITH A CERTAIN 20 FOOT WIDE UNNAMED ALLEY RUNNING FROM AN INTERSECTION WITH THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID TILTON LANE EASTWARD TO PREMISES SHOWN AS LOT 6.01 IN BLOCK 109 ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE VACATED AREAS SHALL BE INCORPORATED INTO LOTS 1 THROUGH 5, 7.01, 7.03, 8 AND 9, ALL IN BLOCK 109 AS SHOWN ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF, AND LOCATED IN, THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE, BURLINGTON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

Dan Guzzi, Township Engineer, reported that the corrections have been made for the portion to be vacated. They still have to provide legal descriptions to the other property owners, which will not effect the ability to proceed this evening. Administrator Brook stated that a copy of the Ordinance would not be given to them until they provide the additional information.

Administrator Brook stated, for the record, that there are some conditions that will be incorporated into the approval, which are noted in his letter of August 19, 2004, regarding water and sewer work. Administrator Brook spoke with the bank's attorney, Tom Coleman, and they are fine with the conditions.

Also, language will be changed slightly to read 'when a municipality opens up an area where there is a problem for repair or replacement, it is our responsibility to do so, the bank will be fully responsible for all restoration costs. Mr. Coleman is also in agreement to this language change.

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Council Member Sandusky verified that the bank is paying the professionals for their work on the vacation. Administrator Brook stated that the bank is paying all costs. It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Garganio to approve Ordinance No. 2005-10 on second reading for adoption.

Public Comment

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

None at this time.

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

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Garganio, Ryan, Sandusky, Fratinaro

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2005-11
(2nd Reading)**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE AMENDING
CHAPTER 91 – LAND DEVELOPMENT OF THE FLORENCE TOWNSHIP
CODE TO DEFINE AND TO PROHIBIT TRUCK STOPS WITHIN ANY
ZONING DISTRICT OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE**

It was on the MOTION of Garganio, seconded by Ryan to approve Ordinance No. 2005-11 on second reading for adoption.

Public Comment

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

Bill Bott, 64 Riverbank Drive, asked how many truck parking spaces the Ordinance would allow? Council President Fratinaro advised Mr. Bott the Ordinance allows six (6) truck parking spaces. Mr. Bott asked how it would be policed and if they would have to go before the Planning Board? Mayor Muchowski explained that this is a generic Ordinance for the township. Any applicant that comes before the Planning Board where this would apply, language is incorporated into the Ordinance where conditions can be placed on the approval. Mr. Bott stated his concerns that he does not want to see trucks left running. Mayor Muchowski agrees.

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

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Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Garganio, Ryan, Sandusky, Fratinardo

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

**ORDINANCE NO. 2005-15
(1st Reading)**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE AMENDING THE
CHAPTER 140 WATER AND SEWERS, SECTION 140-42 WATER METERS OF
THE FLORENCE CODE**

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Ryan to approve Ordinance No. 2005-15 on first reading and set adoption for June 1, 2005.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Garganio, Ryan, Sandusky, Fratinardo

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

REPORTS

Committees, Boards and Officers

- Nothing at this time.

Mayor Muchowski

- Mayor Muchowski stated that work is under way for the Patriotic Celebration and as part of the day's events we are celebrating Roebing's 100th Anniversary. He believes that it has been worked out for the fireworks to be held in Roebing. Parking locations are being sought.

Council Member Sandusky feels that the parade route is not quite long enough for the Centennial. He suggested extending the parade route. Assistant Administrator Sahol will look into extending the parade route. Past parade routes were discussed.

The location of the reviewing stand, which will be at Main and Fourth Avenues, was discussed. Council Member Sandusky believes that the reviewing stand may be too far from the ending point. The bands may not perform for the last few blocks.

Mr. Mognancki, 904 Walnut, noted that he also has heard comments that the parade route is short.

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Administrator

- Nothing at this time.

Assistant Administrator

- Nothing at this time.

Township Engineer

- Dan Guzzi, Township Engineer, obtained quotes for crack sealing and seal coating throughout the community. He stated the past couple of winters have been brutal on the roads and recommends sealing early to prolong the life of the roads. He asked to discuss at next month's Worksession.

Council Member Garganio asked if the patch in the municipal building drive could be crack sealed or is it too far gone? Mr. Guzzi feels that should be done as part of a road program. Administrator Brook stated that funds have been set aside and the drive is scheduled to be done as part of the road program.

Township Solicitor

- Nothing at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Garganio stated that there have been two (2) **accidents** in front of the **high school** in the last couple of years and asked what could be done to improve **safety**? Administrator Brook will ask the traffic unit of the police department to look into. He reviewed the accident that happened today, in which both vehicles were parked illegally. Administrator Brook will also contact the County.

Administrator Brook reported that the Chief of Police will be approaching the County regarding lowering the speed limit on Cedar Lane once the new high school opens.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Nothing at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS

Council Member Baldorossi asked when the **alley work** would begin, and if there were any plans? Administrator Brook stated that work would be performed over the summer months. Mr. Guzzi explained that it will be an in-house project and plans are being worked on. Mayor Muchowski suggested that John Purakovics, Public Works Superintendent, meet with Council Member Baldorossi to go over the plans.

Council Member Baldorossi questioned the status of the new **gazebo** for **Roebling Park**. Administrator Brook stated that the gazebo has been ordered; it will take 6 to 8 weeks for delivery.

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Assistant Administrator Sahol explained that since the new gazebo will not be installed in time for the Patriotic Celebration, the repairs will be made to the old one and the electric service will be upgraded.

Council Member Garganio stated that part of the funding for the alleys was coming from the **Bond Ordinance** and questioned the status of the Ordinance. There were other items included in the Bond Ordinance that were going to be done over the summer. Administrator Brook stated that he is working to schedule an appearance before the Local Finance Board. He explained that the projects could be funded through the budget and the township paid back through the Ordinance. Administrator Brook believes that he will have approval by the end of July.

Council Member Garganio asked when they could go to bid on the projects? Administrator Brook responded that Mr. Guzzi should be able to go to bid by the end of June or beginning of July.

Council Member Sandusky asked if some of the roads would be milled and if the millings could be utilized in the Florence alleys? Mr. Guzzi stated that they could.

8:50 PM MOTION by Sandusky, seconded by Ryan to adjourn to Closed Session. Action may be taken following Closed Session. Roll call vote - all ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

8:50 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER
Township Clerk

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NOTE: No action taken after Closed Session.