

Florence, New Jersey  
June 15, 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 8:05 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  
Jerry Sandusky

Also present:

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

### **MINUTES**

None at this time.

### **FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE**

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

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

### **REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE**

None at this time.

### **APPLICATIONS**

- A. RAFFLE: Off Premise 50/50, St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church, September 11, 2005, 1:00PM – 6:00 PM
- B. SOCIAL AFFAIR: Florence Republican Club at Florence Tollgate Clubhouse, July 29, 2005, 5:00 PM - Midnight

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Fratinardo to approve the above applications.

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Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Garganio, Sandusky, Fratinardo

NOES: None

ABSENT: Ryan

Motion carries.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Terrance West, 312 Foundry Street, stated that he submitted a letter earlier today to Mayor and Council asking permission to hold a block party on July 9, 2005 and asked what the outcome was? Mayor Muchowski explained that the Chief of Police was on vacation but the Captain and Administrator Brook reviewed the request. Administrator Brook explained that the date of the block party poses a problem due to the Patriotic Celebration being held on the same date in Roebling. The entire police force except one officer will be in Roebling that day. Another concern of the police department is keeping the road closed until midnight as requested. Administrator Brook asked Mr. West if he would be interested in using the vacant lot adjacent to him?

Council Member Sandusky stated his concerns that only one police officer will be in the Florence section on July 9<sup>th</sup>. Administrator Brook explained that all police officers will be working that day with one officer designated to handle all calls; the other officers will respond to emergency calls.

Administrator Brook stated that he does not believe that the Police Department would object to the block party if it was on a different date and ended earlier in the evening.

Mr. West thanked Mayor and Council for their time and for taking his request under consideration.

Bill Bott, 64 Riverbank Drive, stated that he smelled a foul odor (sour milk) coming from Garelick Farms the other evening. The next night the odor was still there but not as strong. Mayor Muchowski also smelled a foul odor but it was a different odor from what previously would come from Garelick Farms.

Council Member Sandusky asked if there was a way to tell how much flow comes from Garelick everyday? Administrator Brook believes that they have an effluent meter, which meters the amount of effluent that is discharged into the municipal system. Council Member Sandusky suggested that when an odor is detected, they check the amount of flow that day.

Fritz Wainwright, Florence-Columbus Road, discussed the odor coming from the County Landfill. Council Member Fratinardo agrees and stated that Mr. Wainwright should call DEP when he smells the odor. Council Member Garganio asked that a letter be sent to the County. Administrator Brook will contact Mary Pat Robbie at the County in writing.

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**

Council President Fratinardo announced that there are two (2) additional Resolutions that are to be considered this evening that were not included on the Agenda; adoption of Municipal Storm Water Plan and NJDOT Safe Streets to Schools.

Dan Guzzi, Township Engineer, reviewed the Resolutions. The adoption of the Municipal Storm Water Plan is part of the state regulations that were passed last year. All municipalities must adopt a Storm Water Management Plan. It addresses potential and existing development and storm water quality. It also makes recommendations with respect to several Ordinances that Council will be considering over the next couple of months. It will be forwarded to the County and DEP for review. It can be modified.

Mr. Guzzi explained that the NJ Safe Streets is an application to apply for a grant for sidewalk from Route 130 to the new high school.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2005-129**

**AUTHORIZING REFUNDS OF CERTAIN TAX OVERPAYMENTS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2005-130**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION  
IN THE BURLINGTON COUNTY SHARED SERVICES FORUM**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2005-131**

**RESOLUTION FOR RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE  
BURLINGTON COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2005-132**

**APPROVE REQUEST TO REDUCE PERFORMANCE BOND  
FOR ATLANTIC COAST COMPANIES  
CONDITIONED UPON PAYMENT OF ANY ESCROW FUNDS DUE**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2005-133**

**AUTHORIZE THE TOWNSHIP ENGINEER AND  
TOWNSHIP ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR TO  
DEVELOP COST ESTIMATE FOR  
NJ DOT MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM – BIKEWAYS  
AND FILE APPLICATION**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2005-134**

**RESOLUTION AMENDING 2005 CAPITAL BUDGET**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2005-135**

**APPROVE MUNICIPAL STORMWATER  
MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2005-136**

**AUTHORIZE THE TOWNSHIP ENGINEER AND  
TOWNSHIP ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR TO  
DEVELOP COST ESTIMATE FOR  
NJ DOT MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM – SAFE STREETS TO SCHOOL  
AND FILE APPLICATION**

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Garganio that Resolutions 2005-129 through 2005-136 be approved.

**On the Question**

Council President Fratinardo expressed his opposition to the State mandating municipalities to do the Storm Water Management Plan. He feels it is costly, and since it is State mandated, he feels that the State should pay for it and do it.

Due to the condition of the sidewalks on one side of Hornberger Avenue and the location of the Handicapped Housing on Hornberger Avenue, along with the number of residents with wheelchairs, Council Member Garganio asked if there was a sidewalk grant available to replace sidewalks? Mr. Guzzi stated that the grants are less likely to cover replacements; most grants are geared towards new sidewalks.

Council Member Garganio asked if Assistant Administrator Sahol looked into the company that lifts the slabs of sidewalk to even off underneath? Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that the representative did look at the sidewalk, but he could not help due to the tree roots.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Garganio, Sandusky, Fratinardo

NOES: None

ABSENT: Ryan

Motion carries.

**ORDINANCES**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2005-16  
(1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

**AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN  
OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2005-17  
(1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL  
IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY IN AND BY THE  
TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW  
JERSEY, APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$2,910,000  
THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,081,000 BONDS OR  
NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF**

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Garganio to approve Ordinance No. 2005-16 and 2005-17 on first reading and set adoption for Ordinance No. 2005-16 on July 6, 2005 and Ordinance No. 2005-17 on July 13, 2005.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Garganio, Sandusky, Fratinardo

NOES: None

ABSENT: Ryan

Unanimous approval.

**REPORTS**

**Committees, Boards and Officers**

- Nothing at this time.

**Mayor Muchowski**

- Nothing at this time.

**Administrator**

- Nothing at this time.

**Assistant Administrator**

- Nothing at this time.

**Township Solicitor**

- Nothing at this time.

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**Township Engineer**

- Nothing at this time.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Nothing at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Council Member Garganio discussed a request received from a Railroad Avenue resident asking for a speed reduction. This has been discussed in the past. Administrator Brook stated that requests have been made in the past but have been denied. He will advise the resident of the history of the requests and also let her know that the Township will provide signage for the street. The road will be paved and once paved, Mayor and Council expressed concern regarding speed on that road. Administrator Brook will convey their concerns and request a speed reduction. Council Member Garganio asked that the road be striped. Mr. Guzzi noted request and will follow up.

Council Member Sandusky suggested asking River Terminal to exit using the Whirlybird opposed to Railroad Avenue to Delaware Avenue. Mayor Muchowski stated that River Terminal along with the other trucking companies have been asked to use the whirlybird.

**BOARD OF HEALTH**

Nothing at this time.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Nothing at this time.

8:35 PM MOTION by Sandusky, seconded by Fratinardo to adjourn meeting. Roll call vote - all ayes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

8:35 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER  
Township Clerk

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