

Florence, New Jersey  
July 16, 2003

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 Hofflinger at 8:00 PM. President Hofflinger 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 5, 2003 and 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 Hofflinger, President  
Frank Baldorossi  
Jerry Sandusky

Also present:

Michael Muchowski, Mayor (Late); Richard Brook, Township Administrator; Dante Guzzi, Township Engineer; William John Kearns, Jr., Township Solicitor; Joy Weiler, Township Clerk

### **MINUTES**

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

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Closed Session	June 4, June 11, July 2 and July 9, 2003

### **FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE**

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky; seconded by Baldorossi to receive and file the Police report and the Court Administrator's report for June; also, the Tax Collector's Sale Report. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

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

### **REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE**

None at this time.

### **APPLICATIONS**

A. Social Affair Permit: St. Nicholas, September 7, 2003, 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Baldorossi to approve the Social Affair Permit application.

### **On the Question**

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Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Sandusky, Hofflinger

NOES: None

ABSENT: Fratinardo, Garganio

Unanimous approval.

NOTE: 8:08 PM Mayor Muchowski present at this time.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Nick DiLullo, 416 E. Fourth Street, discussed parking violations and abandoned vehicles. He does not feel that the laws are being enforced. He suggested that new residents be given a letter with an overview of the laws. Administrator Brook stated that a formal notice can be included in the next newsletter and he can also speak with the Police Department regarding enforcement.

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

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2003-131**

**AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC SALE OF ABANDONED VEHICLES**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2003-132**

**AUTHORIZE RELEASE OF MAINTENANCE BOND FOR THE  
ELEVATED WATER STORAGE TANK  
PITT-DES MOINES, INC.  
Maintenance Bond No. 14008048**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2003-133**

**TEMPORARY CAPITAL BUDGET AMENDMENT**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2003-134**

**REFUND SOCCER REGISTRATION FEE  
(FAMILY MOVING)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2003-135**

**APPROVE CURRENT ESTIMATE NO. 3 AND CHANGE ORDER NO. 2  
FOR WALNUT STREET WATER MAIN EXTENSION  
SPENCER V. MAUSSNER, INC., P.O. BOX 408, MARLTON, NJ 08053**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2003-136**

**EXTENSION OF TIME FOR PAYMENT OF TAX BILLS**

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Baldorossi that Resolutions 2003-131 through 2003-136 be adopted.

On the Question

Council President Hofflinger asked Administrator Brook to explain Resolution No. 2003-136, Extension of Time for Payment of Tax Bills. Administrator Brook explained that the Township just received the tax rate from the County today. The tax bills will be mailed out by August 4<sup>th</sup>. Since this is past the due date of August 1<sup>st</sup>, this Resolution extends the due date until September 5<sup>th</sup>. If taxes are not paid by September 5<sup>th</sup>, interest will be charged back to August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Sandusky, Hofflinger  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Fratinardo, Garganio

Unanimous approval.

**ORDINANCES**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2003-14**

**A BOND ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE,  
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION  
OF WATER UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS; APPROPRIATING THE SUM  
OF \$730,000 THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF  
\$693,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING  
SUCH APPROPRIATIONS; AND MAKING CERTAIN  
DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS AND AUTHORIZING  
CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE  
FOREGOING**

Public Comment

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

Nothing at this time.

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

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

**Due to a lack of the full majority of Council being present, the vote for Ordinance No. 2003-14 will be HELD until the August 6, 2003 meeting.**

**ORDINANCE 2003-15  
(1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE  
AUTHORIZING THE IMPOSITION OF A MUNICIPAL  
HOTEL AND MOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX AS  
AUTHORIZED BY P.L. 2003, C. 114**

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Baldorossi to approve Ordinance No. 2003-15 on first reading and set adoption for August 6, 2003.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Sandusky, Hofflinger  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Fratinardo, Garganio

Unanimous approval.

**REPORTS**

**Committees, Boards and Officers**

- Council Member Sandusky would like to see tractor trailer parking restricted on the old Florence Diner site. He has witnessed many tractors and tractor-trailers parked on the site. He asked if the property owner could be asked for consent to go onto the property and ticket vehicles parked there. Administrator Brook stated that inspections on that property have been stepped up and a letter will be sent to the property owner.

Council discussed the tractor-trailer parking problem at the WAWA on Route 130. Some tractor-trailers even park on the jug handle. Administrator Brook stated that he knows enforcement action has been taken but he will speak with the Chief of Police. Mayor Muchowski suggested asking WAWA and Burger King to post signs that the township would supply regarding the tractor-trailer parking.

Mayor Muchowski stated that WAWA is in contractual agreement with some landowners and has come before the Zoning Board and may go before the Planning Board to expand

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their parking area so truck parking and private passenger vehicle parking can be segregated. This raises concerns that the area may become a truck stop.

Various suggestions such as closing the satellite parking area during certain hours overnight and installing surveillance cameras were discussed. These conditions could be part of an agreement.

**Mayor Muchowski**

- Mayor Muchowski apologized for being late; he was meeting with some residents that are interested in organizing some activities in the downtown area for the children. He will prepare a report to present to Council for discussion.
- Mayor Muchowski thanked everyone involved in a successful Patriotic Celebration this past Saturday. Discussed improvements that could be made. He also had many people question him as to why the Patriotic Celebration is held the week after July 4<sup>th</sup>. A comparison of cost between holding the celebration on July 4<sup>th</sup> or the week after will be done so it can be discussed at budget time.

**Administrator**

- Administrator Brook reported that the Public Works Department will begin the pothole repairs next week. It will take approximately a month and a half to complete all of the repairs.
- Administrator Brook included a memo in the packet regarding the transporter for the water & sewer video truck. The current one needs to be replaced.
- Administrator Brook discussed Whitesell's water main permit application. The application was previously denied by the DEP due to the water allocation issue. Whitesell has resubmitted a scaled down application for two buildings at this time and is asking Mayor and Council to reconsider authorizing the application to the State for those two buildings and the water main installation. This would include the installation of a water main near the municipal building for the new public works facility, which would save the municipality a considerable amount of money. If Mayor and Council authorize the application, Whitesell has agreed to have the water main installed by the end of September or October. Whitesell has also agreed to help contribute towards a water allocation agreement that is executed with an adjacent municipality. If the water main permit application request is approved this evening, these two items would be made a condition of the approval.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2003-137**

**APPROVAL OF NJDEP WATER MAIN PERMIT APPLICATION FOR  
HAINES INDUSTRIAL CENTER, WHITESELL, BLOCK 158,  
LOTS 1, 6.02, 7.02 AND 9.02, FLORENCE TOWNSHIP**

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Baldorossi to approve Resolution No. 2003-137.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

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Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Sandusky, Hofflinger

NOES: None

ABSENT: Fratinardo, Garganio

Unanimous approval.

- Administrator Brook questioned what type of buffer Council would like NJ Transit to use to replace the berm? Council President Hofflinger and Council Member Sandusky would like to see galvanized fence on both sides of the tracks. Mayor Muchowski stated that NJ Transit has expressed a willingness to work with the Township. Various options for the different areas along the tracks were discussed. He will be meeting with NJ Transit again on July 28<sup>th</sup> and will pass on Council's wishes. He will also question NJ Transit as to when the contaminated soil will be removed. Council Member Sandusky wants to be sure that NJ Transit does it right and not when the soil is wet so that it leaves the roads muddy. He would like them to bring street cleaners to clean up after themselves.

**Township Solicitor**

- Nothing at this time.

**Township Engineer**

- Dan Guzzi, Township Engineer, stated that the DEP search on Buc's property has been completed. DEP has pulled the file to be reviewed. Mr. Guzzi will go review the file prior the August meeting.
- Mr. Guzzi stated that the new public works facility is out to bid. He expects to receive bids by the end of the month and make his recommendation in August.

Council Member Sandusky questioned the dock area? Mr. Guzzi stated that he has contacted the manufacturer and will report back at the next meeting.

Community Center will be discussed at the next meeting.

Council Member Baldorossi asked when the handicapped ramps would be installed at the corners of Seventh Avenue and Main Street? Mr. Guzzi stated that the handicapped ramps are included in the grant application that was submitted.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Potts Mill Road Sewer**

HOLD until all Council Members present.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Muchowski stated that he received Council President Hofflinger's email regarding the condition of 1580 Hornberger Avenue and has discussed it with Administrator Brook. A letter will be going out to the owner by the end of the week.

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**BOARD OF HEALTH**

Nothing at this time.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Mayor Muchowski stated that the 12-year-old Girls Softball teams are in a tournament tonight; if they win this evening they move on to Regionals. The 10-year-old girls begin district play tomorrow evening. Mayor and Council wished the girls luck.

9:05 PM MOTION by Sandusky, seconded by Baldorossi to adjourn meeting. Roll call vote - all ayes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

9:05 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER  
Township Clerk

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