

FLORENCE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION

July 13, 2005

8:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Council Vice President Ryan called the meeting to order.

SUNSHINE STATEMENT

The Township Clerk read the Opening 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; posted on the municipal bulletin board.

ROLL CALL

Present: Frank Baldorossi, Bruce Garganio (8:12 PM), Jerry Sandusky, John Fratinardo

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Craig Wilkie, 415 W. Second Street, submitted a Social Affair Permit application to Clerk Weiler and asked if Council would act on it this evening.

Mr. Wilkie reported that the Housing Authority has implemented a free and reduced breakfast and lunch program, available to all Florence Township children. This is a continuation of the free and reduced lunch program through the school. Mayor Muchowski offered the services of the Township employees to help out such as delivering fliers to the residents notifying them of the program.

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

TOWNSHIP WATER AND SEWER ENGINEER

Garelick Farms: Permit Application

Administrator Brook reported that there has only been one complaint regarding foul odors since last month. He asked if Council would like to proceed with the permit application and take action? Mayor Muchowski asked to hold until the first meeting in August.

NOTE: 8: 12 PM Council Member Garganio present.

Report on Bids: Tall Pines Water and Sewer

Russell Trice, Township Water and Sewer Engineer, reported that three (3) bids were received on Tuesday, July 12th, for Tall Pines Water and Sewer installation. Mr. Trice reviewed the bid specifications including the alternate. There is some discrepancy between the bid specification and the agreement with the school as to how far the school's line would run and the township's line begins. Administrator Brook reviewed the agreement and it states, "the township shall install public water and sewer lines from Route 130 through the Tall Pines Development up to the edge

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of the School Board's property on the Cedar Lane side of the site" and "the public sewer main will stop at the edge of the board's property on Cedar Lane side close to Route 130 as shown on the aerial photograph". Administrator Brook will contact the school regarding the discrepancy.

Mr. Trice stated that Council needs to decide on the alternate, which is a deduction that includes four (4) out of eight (8) additional homes. Only one (1) or two (2) of these homeowners wanted to connect. Mr. Trice advises to take the deduct. Council in agreement to do base bid.

GREENBRIER

Mayor Muchowski reported on the meeting he attended yesterday evening along with Administrator Brook, Township Water and Sewer Engineer and David Lebak, Water and Sewer Superintendent with the Greenbrier residents. He believes it went well. A representative from the Bureau of Safe Drinking Water was also in attendance. The residents were apprised of what has been done to the water system.

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

Status Report: High School

Dan Guzzi, Township Engineer, reported that most of the footings and foundation are in for the school, field house and the transportation building. Steel work has begun on the far classroom wings. The work is on schedule. Site work is ongoing; stormwater improvements will be complete in the next eight (8) weeks.

Mayor Muchowski stated that the township has received some e-mails from concerned citizens from the Tall Pines Development that have been forwarded to the school. He also spoke to the School Superintendent and suggested that a meeting be held with the Tall Pine's residents to address their concerns.

Administrator Brook advised Mayor and Council of one resident that believes that the municipality has jurisdiction over the school and may request in writing that the township hire an independent engineer to look at the school project. Administrator Brook has tried to explain to the resident that the municipality does not have jurisdiction over the school, but to no avail. Since the State approves the school plans, even if there are problems in the future with runoff, the municipality would still not have authority over the site.

TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR

Draft: Revised Solicitation Ordinance and Noise Ordinance

Solicitor Kearns provided a Draft Solicitation Ordinance and Draft Noise Ordinance and gave a brief overview. Attached to each draft is a list of other concerns that Mayor and Council may want to include in the Ordinances. He asked that they review for further discussion.

Acquisition of Property: Fire House, Main Street

Administrator Brook reported that the Ordinance and Resolution for the Acquisition of the Roebling Firehouse is scheduled for next week's meeting. The representatives of the fire department are reviewing the lease.

ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR

NJ Transit: Bus Stop

Assistant Administrator Sahol reviewed the memo that was included in the packet regarding moving the bus stop from the Amboy Avenue location to Railroad Avenue where there are better sidewalk improvements. He believes it is a reasonable request provided the Chief of Police agrees from a traffic standpoint.

Assistant Administrator Sahol would also like to look at the bus stops in the area of the high school. A child leaving school last year was struck in front of a NJ Transit Bus due to the site problem there. Also, there are three (3) or four (4) bus stops in a four (4) block radius. He believes those locations should be looked at to see which ones are used the most.

Mayor Muchowski was under the belief that NJ Transit was going to look at re-tailoring bus stops and routes to coordinate with the River Line. Discussion followed regarding moving the bus stop in with the train station creating a hub. Assistant Administrator Sahol will speak with NJ Transit and report back.

Naming Streets: Haines Center

Assistant Administrator Sahol reported that the Tax Assessor received a request from Whitesell to name a street in the Haines Center "Engle Drive." It is a private road. Council's policy is to name new streets after veterans. Assistant Administrator Sahol asked if that is only for residential areas or all new streets. If road will remain private, they can name it Engle Drive; if it will eventually become a public road, it must be named for a veteran. Clerk Weiler stated that there is an "Engel" on the list of possible street names.

PATRIOTIC CELEBRATION DAY: COMMENDATION

Council Member Garganio stated that he had many concerns with the events of the Patriotic Celebration all being held in Roebing last Saturday. He commended Assistant Administrator Sahol and the rest of the staff involved for a job well done; it was a wonderful day. Mayor and Council agreed that everything went very well. Assistant Administrator Sahol thanked Mayor and Council and acknowledged the staff that helped make everything go so smoothly.

OFFICE RESEARCH DISTRICT

Mayor Muchowski asked that this be HELD until next week when all Council Members are present. Council in agreement to hold.

GENERAL MANUFACTURING ZONE: PLANNING BOARD'S REQUEST

Mayor Muchowski explained that this has been discussed before. The Cream O Land area is zoned General Manufacturing; should it be considered for a less intensive use? Mayor Muchowski has advised the property owner that the discussion may take place. The property owner asked that he be included in the conversation.

ACTION

APPLICATIONS

- A. Social Affair Permit: Fire Department, Main Street Fire House, August 13, 2005, 12:00 PM to 12:00 AM
- B. Social Affair Permit: Marconi Lodge, Bocce Tournament, August 6, 2005, 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM

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

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

- YEAS: Baldorossi, Garganio, Sandusky, Fratinardo
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: Ryan
- ABSTAIN: Baldorossi (Marconi Lodge application only due to a conflict of interest)

Motion carries.

ORDINANCES

**ORDINANCE NO. 2005-17
(2nd 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 Garganio, seconded by Sandusky to approve Ordinance No. 2005-17 on second reading for adoption.

Public Comment

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

None at this time.

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: Baldorossi, Garganio, Sandusky, Fratinardo

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NOES: None
ABSENT: Ryan

Unanimous approval.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2005-18
(1st Reading)**

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF WATER AND SEWER MAINS AT THE TALL PINES DEVELOPMENT LOCATED OFF OF CEDAR LANE IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$1,400,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,330,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING THE COST THEREOF AND PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT OF THE COST THEREOF ON THE PROPERTIES BENEFITED BY SUCH IMPROVEMENT

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Baldorossi to approve Ordinance No. 2005-18 on first reading and set adoption for August 3, 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.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-144

**AWARD TRASH CONTRACT
TO GARDEN STATE REMOVAL**

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Baldorossi that Resolutions 2005-144 be approved.

For the record, Solicitor Kearns stated that the contract is being awarded to the low bidder.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

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

Motion carries.

HOUSING AUTHORITY APPOINTMENT

Housing Authority Appointment: 5 Year Term Ending 07/31/2010

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Garganio to nominate **Kimberly Mattson**.

There being no further nominations, it was on the MOTION of Garganio, seconded by Sandusky to close the nominations. All ayes – motion carries.

Upon roll call for **Kimberly Mattson**, the Council voted as follows:

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

Unanimous approval.

9:10 PM MOTION by Sandusky, seconded by Baldorossi to adjourn to Closed Session. Action may be taken following Closed Session. Roll call vote - all ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

9:10 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER
Township Clerk

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NOTE: No action taken following closed.