

Florence, New Jersey
August 6, 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
John Fratinardo
Bruce Garganio
Jerry Sandusky

Also present:

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

MINUTES

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

Regular Session	June 18, 2003 and July 2, 2003
Executive Session	May 14, 2003, June 11, 2003 and July 9, 2003

FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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

Fratinardo 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.

APPLICATIONS

- A. Transient Merchant: Mr. Softee Ice Cream, RENEWAL
- B. Social Affair Permit: Roebing Fire Company Annual Golf Tournament, August 23, 2003, Noon – 12:00AM

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Joy Weiler, Township Clerk, advised Mayor and Council that the driver of the Mr. Softee truck was going to attend the meeting this evening to request permission to operate the truck until 9:00 PM. The permit normally allows him to operate until dusk. Council Members in agreement to deny his request; 9:00 PM is too late.

It was on the MOTION of Fratinardo, seconded by Baldorossi to approve the Social Affair Permit application. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

It was on the MOTION of Fratinardo, seconded by Sandusky to approve the Transient Merchant application conditioned upon only operating until dusk. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Nick DiLullo, 416 E. Fourth Street, discussed laws that he does not believe are enforced. He stated that a boat was parked in such a way that it was blocking the sidewalk. The boat was parked there for a week and nothing was done about it.

Mr. DiLullo discussed the recent tax bills and the fact there was an increase. Mayor Muchowski explained that the municipal taxes were not raised. Mr. DiLullo discussed the current recession and does not feel that the municipal employees should have received raises. Mr. DiLullo voiced his opinion that he does not believe that the Council cares about the residents.

Mr. DiLullo again discussed laws that are not enforced. Council President Hofflinger asked that the Chief of Police attend a meeting to address Mr. DiLullo's concerns.

Mr. DiLullo discussed the School Board budget and increases that occurred years ago. Brief disagreement between Council Member Garganio and Mr. DiLullo took place.

NOTE: 8:15 PM RECESS

NOTE: 8:20 PM MEETING RESUMED

Terri Cranmer, Route 130, questioned Ordinance No. 2003-15, Hotel/Motel Tax. Solicitor Kearns explained that the State adopted a hotel/motel occupancy tax, which extends the ability for a municipal hotel/motel occupancy tax. Once the Ordinance is adopted, the Township will receive 1% until July 1, 2004, after that date the Township will receive 3%.

Bill Bott, 64 Riverbank Drive, thanked and commended the administration and the employees for a nice job in repairing Fourth Avenue at the corner of Hornberger.

Ms. Cranmer questioned the rezoning on Railroad Avenue? Mayor Muchowski stated that the zoning is being changed from RA to SM on the Ready Pac property.

Mr. DiLullo questioned the garages on Hornberger Avenue that were torn down. Council President Hofflinger explained that they were the garages that were burned down earlier this year.

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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.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-139

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, PURSUANT TO N.J.S. 40A:4-87 CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-140

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, PURSUANT TO N.J.S. 40A:4-87 CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948

It was on the MOTION of Garganio, seconded by Sandusky that Resolutions 2003-139 and 2003-140 be adopted.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Fratinardo, Garganio, Sandusky, Hofflinger

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

ORDINANCES

**ORDINANCE NO. 2003-14
(2nd Reading)**

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

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NOTE: HELD from 7/16/03 due to a lack of the full majority of Council. Public hearing was held on 7/16/03.

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Hofflinger to approve Ordinance No. 2003-14 on second reading for adoption.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Fratinardo, Garganio, Sandusky, Hofflinger

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

**ORDINANCE 2003-15
(2nd 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 Fratinardo to approve Ordinance No. 2003-15 on second reading for adoption.

Public Comment

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

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.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Fratinardo, Garganio, Sandusky, Hofflinger

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2003-16
(1st Reading)**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 91 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE, AND THE ZONING MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE TO DESIGNATE THE ENTIRETY OF A PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 147.01, LOT 3.01 , AS BEING WITHIN THE SM SPECIAL MANUFACTURING ZONE

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It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Baldorossi to approve Ordinance No. 2003-16 on first reading and set adoption for September 3, 2003, after the Planning Board has the opportunity to review and recommend.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Fratinardo, Garganio, Sandusky, Hofflinger

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

REPORTS

Committees, Boards and Officers

- Council Member Fratinardo stated it is a pleasure and an honor to serve on Council with Council Member Garganio.
- Council Member Sandusky wished Council Member Fratinardo a Happy 31st Wedding Anniversary, which is this evening.
- Council Member Sandusky stated that it looks much better in the area where the garages on Hornberger Avenue were torn down.

Mayor Muchowski

- Nothing at this time.

Administrator

- The developer of Sutton Heights contacted the Township Clerk regarding the street name in the development. It was previously approved as “Regars Court;” the new policy is to name a street after a fallen veteran who still has family in the area. The developer wanted to know if “Regars Court” would still be the name? Council Members agreed that the next name on the list with relatives in the area who would appreciate the memorial in their loved one’s name would be used (Stephen Hegyi). The Township Clerk will call the developer and start the necessary paperwork.

Assistant Administrator

- Nothing at this time.

Township Solicitor

- Nothing at this time.

Township Engineer

- Dan Guzzi, Township Engineer, stated that the bid due date for the new public works building has been extended to August 12th. Will have bids for discussion at next week's Worksession.

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- Mr. Guzzi will have a report on Buc's property for next week's meeting.

Council President Hofflinger questioned the status of repairs on Main Street? Mr. Guzzi stated that repairs will be complete before school starts.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Council President Hofflinger questioned the memo in the packet regarding truck routes? Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that a memo will be included in next week's packet describing the process that must be followed to seek approval for a truck route.

Discussion followed regarding the various grant opportunities that have recently become available. More detail will be supplied to Mayor and Council.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Nothing at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS

Nothing at this time.

8:32 PM MOTION by Sandusky, seconded by Fratinardo to adjourn meeting. Roll call vote - all ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

8:32 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER
Township Clerk

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