

Florence, New Jersey
November 12, 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 10:05 PM. President Hofflinger led the Salute to the Flag.

The following statement was read: "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
Elizabeth Ryan, Council Member Elect

Also present:

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

MINUTES

None at this time.

FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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

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

REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE

None at this time.

APPLICATIONS

A. Florence Township Yacht Club: Flea Market – November 22, 2003

It was on the MOTION of Fratinardo, seconded by Garganio to approve the above application.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

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

Unanimous approval.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bill Bott, 64 Riverbank Drive, feels that there has been too much discussion regarding handicapped parking spaces and they should only be given to extreme cases. Council Member Garganio stated that it is difficult to distinguish between extreme cases.

Mr. Bott feels that the Township should end its contract with the grantwriter since he has not obtained a grant and there are two capable people on staff to apply for grants.

Mr. Bott stated that there is an unacceptable smell coming from the landfill in Tullytown.

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-198

**APPROVE REQUEST FOR REDUCTION OF LETTER OF CREDIT
READY PAC PHASE 1A
LETTER OF CREDIT #136196030001
CONDITIONED UPON PAYMENT OF ALL ESCROW FUNDS DUE**

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-199

**AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF CURRENT ESTIMATE NO. 9 (FINAL)
AND CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 FOR 2001 ROAD PROGRAM TO
AMERICAN ASPHALT COMPANY
116 MAIN STREET, W. COLLINGSWOOD, NJ 08059**

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-200

**AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF CURRENT ESTIMATE NO. 3 (FINAL)
AND CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR MAIN STREET
RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT TO
MECO INC., P.O. BOX 536, CLARKSBURG, NJ 08510**

RESOLUTION 2003-201

AUTHORIZING REFUNDS OF CERTAIN OVERPAYMENTS

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-202

TRANSFERRING CERTAIN 2003 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-203

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE TOWNSHIP'S GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2003 AND WATER AND SEWER UTILITY BONDS, SERIES 2003 AUTHORIZED BY THE BOND ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED TO FINANCE VARIOUS GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS IN THE TOWNSHIP; AND PROVIDING FOR THE FORM, MATURITY DATE AND SALE TO THE BURLINGTON COUNTY BRIDGE COMMISSION AND PROVIDING OTHER DETAILS WITH RESPECT TO SAID BONDS.

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-204

**AWARD CONTRACT FOR SECOND AVENUE
WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT
TO SPENCER V. MAUSSNER, INC.
PO BOX 408
MARLTON, NJ 08053**

It was on the MOTION of Fratinardo, seconded by Sandusky that Resolutions 2003-198 through 2003-204 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. 2003-30
(1st Reading)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE CHAPTER 87 OF THE FLORENCE TOWNSHIP CODE TO PROVIDE FOR THE DESIGNATION OF THE BURLINGTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AS AN ENFORCEMENT OFFICER IN ADDITION TO THE CONSTRUCTION CODE OFFICIAL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE

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It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Fratinardo to approve Ordinance No. 2003-30 on first reading and set adoption for December 3, 2003.

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

- Nothing at this time.

Mayor Muchowski

- Nothing at this time.

Administrator

- Administrator Brook met with Commerce Bank regarding the outstanding debt service. They feel that now is a good time to **refinance the existing debt service**. If the market continues to go down, the Township could save up to \$200,000 net. He explained that approval before the Local Finance Board takes a year. A Resolution will be approved at the December 3rd meeting.

Assistant Administrator

- Assistant Administrator Sahol met with Dave Watts of **Waste Management** to discuss the **odors** from the **landfill in Tullytown**. He stated Mr. Watts explained that the odors that the Township has been experiencing recently are due to excavating on the east side of the landfill. The landfill's surveyor had made some errors and now Waste Management has to reduce a substantial amount of the landfill base and recover. Mayor Muchowski asked if the odor suppression system is in place? Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that the odor suppression system is in place over the area that they are excavating the material but the odors are overwhelming. Waste Management has entered into a contract with a GPS surveying company that guarantees the grade within 6" to 12". Mayor Muchowski asked that Waste Management be asked to meet and discuss the odor problems.

Township Solicitor

- Nothing at this time.

Township Engineer

- Nothing at this time.

Council Member Garganio asked Mr. Guzzi to check ownership of the **pine trees** on **Oak Court**; the trees are taking over the yards.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council President Hofflinger stated that Loretta Varga, Roebling Garden Club, contacted him yesterday stating that they were given permission to put up a statue of Charles Roebling in the circle at Main Street. Mayor Muchowski recalls the conversation but does not recall giving permission. Council President Hofflinger stated that Ms. Varga is looking for a letter of approval. Council Members would like to see plans before issuing a letter.

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing at his time.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Nothing at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS

Nothing at this time.

10:25 PM MOTION by Fratinardo, seconded by Baldorossi to adjourn to Closed Session. Roll call vote - all ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

10:25 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD A. BROOK
Deputy Township Clerk

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