

Florence, New Jersey
December 20, 2006

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 Council President Fratinardo at 8:00 PM. President Fratinardo led the Salute to the Flag.

The following statement was read by the Township Clerk: "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 8, 2006; 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 (Late)
Elizabeth Ryan
Jerry Sandusky

Also present:

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

RETIREMENT: HONORING – TYRONE BOND

In honor of Patrolman Tyrone Bond's retirement from the Florence Township Police Department, Mayor Muchowski presented him with a clock/plaque.

Council President Fratinardo presented Jane Bond, Patrolman Bond's wife with flowers and thanked her for being the support behind Patrolman Bond.

Mayor Muchowski praised and thanked Patrolman Bond for his years of dedicated service to the Florence Township Police Department.

Chief Gordon Dawson stated that he had worked with Patrolman Bond for many years. He shared memories of Patrolman Bond as a compassionate and generous Police Officer and DARE Officer. Chief Dawson stated what a pleasure it was to work with Patrolman Bond and wished him well in his retirement.

Patrolman Bond thanked everyone. He enjoyed working for Florence Township, with Mayor and Council and his fellow police officers. He expressed his appreciation.

Council President Fratinardo announced that there will be a 10-minute RECESS and that there were refreshments in the front conference room.

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8:10PM: RECESS

8:20PM: MEETING RESUMED

MINUTES

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

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FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

It was on the MOTION of Ryan; seconded by Baldorossi to receive and file the Court Administrator's report for November and the Bond Anticipation Notes Sale Report. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

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

REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing at this time.

APPLICATIONS

- A. Raffles: Night at the Races, Florence Township Civic Association, February 24, 2006, 6:00PM – 2:00AM, Florence Township Firehouse

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Ryan to approve the above applications:

On the Question

Council Member Sandusky asked if the application was in order? Joy Weiler, Township Clerk, stated that the application was in order.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Ryan, Sandusky, Fratinardo

NOES: None

ABSENT: Garganio

Motion carries.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Nothing at this time.

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-98

**APPROVE PAYMENT OF CURRENT ESTIMATE NO. 20 FOR
RMS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, 1985 DUTCH MILL ROAD,
FRANKLINVILLE, NJ 08322
NEW PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY**

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-212

AUTHORIZING REFUNDS OF CERTAIN TAX OVERPAYMENTS

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-213

**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. 2006-214

A RESOLUTION CANCELING TAX OVERPAYMENTS LESS THAN \$10.00

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-215

**APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH
COMMERCE NATIONAL
RISK CONTROL
FOR ALCOHOL AND DRUG TESTING SERVICES**

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-216

**APPROVE CURRENT ESTIMATE NO. 5 FOR
2006 PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
COMMAND CO.
135 HARTFORD ROAD, MEDFORD, NJ 08055**

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-217

**APPROVE PAYMENT OF CURRENT ESTIMATE NO. 21 (FINAL)
AND CHANGE ORDER NO. 4 FOR
RMS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, 1985 DUTCH MILL ROAD,
FRANKLINVILLE, NJ 08322
NEW PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY**

Note: Conditioned upon posting a two (2) year Maintenance Bond and having all warranties in place.

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-218

TRANSFERRING CERTAIN 2006 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-219

**AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF VEHICLES
and ONE UTILITY TRUCK
STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE**

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-220

RESOLUTION AMENDING 2006 CAPITAL BUDGET

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-221

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE AND THE NEW
JERSEY MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING
EMPLOYEES DRIVERS LICENSE ABSTRACTS**

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Ryan that Resolution 2006-98 and Resolutions 2006-212 through 2006-221 be approved.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Ryan, Sandusky, Fratinardo

NOES: None

ABSENT: Garganio

Unanimous approval.

ORDINANCES

**ORDINANCE NO. 2006-29
(2nd Reading)**

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$500,000 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW WATER WELL IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$475,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Ryan to approve Ordinance No. 2006-29 on second reading for adoption.

Public Comment

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

No public comment.

It was on the MOTION of Ryan, 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, Ryan, Sandusky, Fratinardo

NOES: None

ABSENT: Garganio

Unanimous approval.

NOTE: Council Member Garganio present at this time.

REPORTS

Committees, Boards and Officers

- Council Members wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mayor Muchowski

- Mayor Muchowski stated that the final Planning Board Meeting of the year was wrapped up this past week. He reported that a TRC Meeting was held with the owner of **Pete's Pizza**. The owner provided a site plan, which proposes a driveway apron into a stone driveway area. The entire property will be regraded and a lawn area will be created in and around the area. The interior area is enough for nine (9) parking spaces and turning radius. A handicapped parking space is needed, which must be paved. He talked about adding a couple of shade trees, extending the sidewalk on the frontage of Hornberger Avenue and a split rail fence. The applicant seemed receptive

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to all that was discussed. He advised the applicant that once he is before the Planning Board he could approach Council regarding renewing his Transient Merchant license. The opening would be closed off during off hours to protect the improvements. Council Member Garganio suggested requiring that the applicant have power brought to the site with a permanent fixture opposed to using power from the truck. Mayor Muchowski stated that it was discussed but not sure if the applicant wants the expense. Mayor Muchowski stated that there have never been any noise complaints there regarding the generators. He stated that it was a productive meeting. Council Member Garganio asked if there was a stipulation that he could not operate there five (5) days a week? Mr. Guzzi reported that the applicant stated that he would be operating one (1) day a week.

- Mayor Muchowski reported that Thomas Napolitan and Philip Stockhaus have decided not to be reappointed to the **Planning Board**.
- Mayor Muchowski stated that **preliminary approval** was given to **Boston Property**, which is the office building on Railroad Avenue.
- Mayor Muchowski wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Administrator

- Administrator Brook reported that **Griffin Pipe** submitted a **Treatment Works Application** (TWA) to Council. Dan Guzzi, Township Engineer, went out and inspected and will give an overview and confirm that they do need to come back to the Planning Board for formal approval before Council would consider a TWA.

Mr. Guzzi explained that Griffin Pipe entered into an administrative consent order with the State to address some Stormwater Management violations. They have completed the first phase, which includes approximately a half-mile worth of concrete swale, pipe and manholes. The second phase is a 3 million gallon stormwater basin and more pipe work. Griffin Pipe is at the point where they are well over the threshold for requiring a site plan application. They need approval from the Planning Board as well as Soil Conservation District approval. Discussion followed regarding requiring a buffer when they come in for approval.

Administrator Brook will notify Griffin Pipe and the State that Planning Board approval is needed and Council will not consider the TWA before they are before the board.

Council Member Ryan asked what businesses were going in The Shoppes at Mallard Creek? Mayor Muchowski does not know but will call the developer.

Assistant Administrator

- Assistant Administrator Sahol wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Township Solicitor

- Solicitor Kearns wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Township Engineer

- Mr. Guzzi wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion followed regarding the **foul odors** from **Garelick Farms**, which has been going on for many years. Systems they have tried in the past have failed. They are in the process of switching over to a new system and the sludge will be removed but not until the Tuesday after Christmas in case there are any problems that could not be fixed over the holiday. Discussion followed regarding the township's options, if this new system does not work, to alleviate the odors. Council Member Garganio requested that Assistant Administrator Sahol design a page for the web site and channel 19 that lists all the phone numbers and the process for reporting smells.

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Nothing at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS

Nothing at this time.

9:00 PM MOTION by Sandusky, seconded by Ryan to adjourn to Closed Session. Action may follow Closed Session. Roll call vote - all ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

9:00 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER
Township Clerk

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Note: No action taken following Closed Session.