

Florence, New Jersey
March 19, 2008

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 Vice President O'Hara at 8:00 PM. Vice President O'Hara 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 6, 2008; 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:

Frank Baldorossi, President (Late)
Bruce Garganio
Dennis O'Hara
Sean Ryan
Jerry Sandusky

Also present:

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

NOTE: Mayor Berry and Council President Baldorossi in another meeting at this time.

MINUTES

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

Regular Session	January 16, 2008
Closed Session	March 5, 2008

FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

It was on the MOTION of Ryan; seconded by Sandusky to receive and file the Court Administrator's report for February. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

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

REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing at this time.

NOTE: 8:06PM - Mayor Berry and Council President Baldorossi present at this time.

Council Vice President O'Hara turned the meeting over to Council President Baldorossi.

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APPLICATIONS

- A. Florence Township Volunteer Fire Co. #1: Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Wilkie Park, March 22, 2008, 10:00AM
- B. Set Free Yard Sale Day: Saturday, May 17, 2008 (May 24, 2008 as rain date)

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by O'Hara to approve the above applications.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Garganio, O'Hara, Ryan, Sandusky, Baldorossi
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Fred Wainwright, 1091 Florence-Columbus Road, thanked the governing body for the Resolution in support of the New Jersey Department of Agriculture.

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-57

**AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC SALE OF TOWNSHIP
OWNED PROPERTY**

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-58

AUTHORIZING REFUNDS OF CERTAIN TAX OVERPAYMENTS

RESOLUTION NO. 2008 - 59

**WATER AND SEWER PAYMENT PLAN FOR BLOCK 86, LOT 5
310 CEDAR STREET**

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-60

**SUPPORTING THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
(NJDA)**

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RESOLUTION NO. 2008-61

**APPROVE REDUCTION OF PERFORMANCE BOND
K. HOVNANIAN FOR ESTATES AT CROSSROADS
(CROSSROADS EAST)
#1010873**

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-62

**APPROVE REDUCTION OF PERFORMANCE BOND
K. HOVNANIAN FOR MANORS AT CROSSROADS
(Phase 1)
#1010875**

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-63

**APPROVE REDUCTION OF PERFORMANCE BONDS
K. HOVNANIAN FOR MANOR AT CROSSROADS
(Botlinger Site)
Sanitary Sewer and Water Distribution**

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-64

**AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF VEHICLES
STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE**

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-65

**AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF TRUCKS
STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE**

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-66

**AUTHORIZE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT OR JOINT
PURCHASING AGREEMENT WITH THE MOUNT HOLLY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY IN ORDER TO CONDUCT
ADDITIONAL MERCURY SAMPLING AND TESTING AS REQUIRED
BY NJ DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Ryan that Resolutions 2008-57 through 2008-66 be approved.

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On the Question

Council Member Sandusky stated that the vehicles being purchased are from different locations. He asked if the same make vehicles could be purchased at one location? Administrator Brook explained that the vehicles can only be purchased where the State permits the township to purchase them from. Council Vice President O'Hara asked if the State provides multiple locations to get bids from? Administrator Brook stated that the State does the bidding process and authorizes the contract and items that can be purchased under State Contract.

Council Vice President O'Hara appreciated the effort David Lebak, Water and Sewer Superintendent, is putting forth in the shared services for mercury sampling (Resolution No. 2008-66).

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Garganio, O'Hara, Ryan, Sandusky, Baldorossi
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

ORDINANCES

None at this time.

REPORTS

Committees, Boards and Officers

- Nothing at this time.

Mayor Berry

- Mayor Berry stated that the **School Board** will be holding a **Public Hearing on their Budget** this Monday, March 24, 2008. It looks like the increase in taxes will be somewhere between .10¢ and .11¢ per \$100 assessed value. He encouraged anybody available from Council to go and listen to the overview and PowerPoint presentation. The meeting will be held at 7:00PM at the new high school. Council Vice President O'Hara asked if it was a problem if more than three (3) members attended the meeting? Solicitor Kearns stated that the Council Members would be attending the meeting just like any other member of the public. He explained that the law says a meeting is when you are there to conduct business and they would not be conducting business at the School Board meeting.

Administrator

- Administrator Brook provided a memo in the packets regarding **Draft Resolutions** concerning the **State Budget**. He believes they are a good idea.
- Administrator Brook stated that Mary Beth Lonergan, COAH Planner, provided an extensive **report** concerning **COAH** that will be signed by Florence Township and sent to COAH. A copy will be provided in next week's packet. The report is very thorough and very well done.
- Administrator Brook reported that Dan Guzzi, Township Engineer, accepted **bids** on the **renovation of the Roebing Firehouse** and will be reviewing them next week.

Assistant Administrator

- Nothing at this time.

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Township Solicitor

- Nothing at this time.

Township Engineer

- Nothing at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council Member Ryan asked if a letter was sent to the State expressing the township's discontent with the **asset monetization**? Administrator Brook will provide a draft letter for Council to review for the first meeting in April.

Mayor Berry, along with Administrator Brook and Council Member Garganio met with the Chief of Police regarding vehicles **parking on the shoulder of Cedar Lane** to attend functions, specifically softball games, at the new high school. He suggested an Ordinance be created to make that a "No Stopping, No Standing Zone". Council Member Garganio noted that the Chief Fazekas has safety concerns with vehicles parking there. An Ordinance will be prepared for April 2, 2008 meeting and forwarded to the County.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Sandusky would like to look into the possibility of getting a **K-9** for the police department. Administrator Brook will ask Chief Fazekas to investigate and report back to the governing body.

Council Member Ryan explained that on **Route 130 South, at the intersection of Tilton Lane** right before the Roebing Bank, there is a **split in the fog line**. He believes it is deceiving and people confuse it for a right hand turn lane off of Route 130 onto Delaware Avenue. It is an enforceable moving violation to cross over that line. He asked if there was a way to define the area more clearly? Mayor Berry suggested striping from the fog line to the curb to show it is not a lane. Mr. Guzzi stated that is NJDOT's jurisdiction. Assistant Administrator Sahol will contact NJDOT. Council President Baldorossi requested that Assistant Administrator Sahol also question **Route 130 South at the intersection of Hornberger Avenue**.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Nothing at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS

Nothing at this time.

8:24 PM MOTION by Sandusky, seconded by O'Hara to adjourn meeting. Roll call vote - all ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

8:24 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER
Township Clerk

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