

Florence, New Jersey
April 2, 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 President Baldorossi at 8:00 PM. President Baldorossi 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
Bruce Garganio
Dennis O'Hara
Sean Ryan
Jerry Sandusky

Also present:

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

MINUTES

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

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FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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

REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing at this time.

APPLICATIONS

- A. Social Affair: Roebing American Legion, April 26, 2008, 6:00PM – 12:00AM
- B. Raffle: Night at the Races, Florence Township Civic Association, Inc., 6:00PM – 2:00AM, Roebing VFW

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

On the Question

Council Member Sandusky requested that the applications be voted upon separately.

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Upon roll call for Application A., Council voted as follows:

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

Unanimous approval.

Upon roll call for Application B., Council voted as follows:

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

Motion carries.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Don Kaminski, 10 McCay Drive, stated that adjacent to the Corner Deli on Delaware Avenue there are two (2) 'No Parking or Standing' signs, yet vehicles are parking there. He asked if a concerned citizen were to take a picture showing the parked vehicles, the license plate number and the signs and turned the pictures over to the Police Department, can a summons be issued? Solicitor Kearns stated that a police officer cannot issue a summons; the person taking the picture can sign a complaint because the person taking the picture would have to be able to identify the driver of the vehicle. The traffic violation would be on the operator of the vehicle. Administrator Brook will speak with the Chief of Police regarding enforcement.

Council Vice President O'Hara questioned cameras like you see in other cities at traffic lights? Solicitor Kearns stated that it is not legal in New Jersey, except for a test program that has just been authorized by the legislature.

Jane Hankerson, 7 Lee Lane, stated that the tax bill, the water and sewer bill and the irrigation bill are mailed out at the same time. She asked if the irrigation bill could be sent at a separate time? Administrator Brook has been looking into having the billing for sprinklers go out two (2) or four (4) times a year opposed to once a year so it would be broken up for the residents. They are looking to implement this change in January 2009.

Fred Wainwright, 1091 Florence-Columbus Road, stated that the rally in support of the New Jersey Department of Agriculture on State Street in Trenton went well yesterday. He thanked Mayor and Council for the Resolution showing their support.

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-69

RESOLUTION TO WITHHOLD FUTURE INSTALLMENTS FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FROM THE 2008 TAX SALE

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-70

**RESOLUTION TO OMIT PROPERTIES FROM THE 2008 TAX SALE
THAT WERE APPROVED FOR PAYMENT PLANS**

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-71

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE GOVERNOR'S
PROPOSED STATE BUDGET FOR THE 2008-2009 FISCAL YEAR**

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-72

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING S-770 AND A-1645 MANDATING
THE APPOINTMENT OF A QUALIFIED
PURCHASING AGENT AND THE ATTENDANT
REORGANIZATION OF FLORENCE TOWNSHIP
PURCHASING FUNCTIONS**

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-73

**AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE SUBGRANT
AGREEMENT FOR THE 2008 MUNICIPAL
ALLIANCE GRANT AWARD**

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-74

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP
OF FLORENCE AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE
ENVIRONMENTAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND'S
SUSTAINABLE ENERGY PROJECT**

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-75

**DENY REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF MAINTENANCE BOND
NJ DISTRICT COUNCIL ASSEMBLIES OF GOD
BLOCK 170, LOTS 10.03 & 10.04
(Performance Bond #B195231)**

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-76

**AWARD CONTRACT FOR SLI-K200 OR
EQUIVALENT LIQUID CORROSION INHIBITOR**

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-77

**AWARD CONTRACT FOR SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE
SOLUTION - BULK
TO MIRACLE CHEMICAL COMPANY**

Council President Baldorossi asked Administrator Brook to give an overview of Resolution 2007-76 and 2007-77. Administrator Brook explained that the township purchases a certain number of chemicals for both the sewer operation and the water operation, more so for sewer. Since they tend to go over in bulk purchases for the year, the bid limit of \$21,500, Assistant Administrator Sahol puts together a bid in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, with David Lebak, Water and Sewer Superintendent. Bids are received and awarded for a two-year period.

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Ryan that Resolutions 2008-69 through 2008-77 be approved.

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.

ORDINANCES

None at this time.

REPORTS

Committees, Boards and Officers

- Council Vice President O'Hara reported that the Economic Development Committee met last night and he and Mayor Berry were in attendance. Regina Dunphy was elected Chairperson, Kirk LeBlanc as Vice Chairperson and Judith Semptimphelter as Secretary. Mark Remsa, Director of Burlington County Department of Economic Development and Regional Planning came and gave a very nice talk. It was a good meeting and there seems to be a lot of great ideas due to the enhanced number of members and the diversity of the members. The members seem anxious to start but in a coordinated movement, not a haphazard movement. The committee wants to concentrate on certain projects and tackle them step-by-step. Council Vice President O'Hara enjoyed the meeting and looks forward to positive results coming out of the committee. Mayor Berry feels that the Economic Development Committee is up for the challenge before them. He is confident that it will be a good working group.

Mayor Berry

- Nothing at this time.

Administrator

- Administrator Brook reported that the gentleman developing the site on the corner of Hornberger Avenue and Tenth Avenue, who received his sub division site plan approval

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from the Planning Board, was required to file his deeds within 190 days, but he failed to do so. That creates difficulty for the VFW because they are selling the property. If Mayor and Council hear about it, the reason the deed is not signed is because the Planning Board Chairperson and Secretary are not legally allowed to sign the deed. The applicant has to come back before the Planning Board in April to get re-approved.

Assistant Administrator

- Assistant Administrator Sahol reported that the landscaper began work this week at Greenbriar replacing the trees. Some members of the Shade Tree Committee are familiar with the landscaper and are comfortable with them.

Township Solicitor

- Nothing at this time.

Township Engineer

- Dan Guzzi, Township Engineer, stated that the new representative at Lennar is really trying to get something done at Greenbriar and resolve the outstanding issues. Mr. Guzzi has not received a schedule yet but will contact the representative and request one for next week's Worksession.
- Mr. Guzzi stated that he will be reviewing the numbers for the Community Center at next week's Worksession.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council Member Garganio questioned the status of the **Well House**? Administrator Brook stated that DEP took samples yesterday or the day before. The results should be known next week. He is also waiting for a report from the contractor, which is holding up payment for the completion of the job.

Council Member Garganio asked if the motor has been shipped yet? Administrator Brook stated that to his knowledge the motor has not arrived yet. Mayor Berry requested Administrator Brook to follow up tomorrow and get a status of where the motor is.

Council Member Garganio asked, if at some point, should they cancel the order for that motor and go to another supplier that has a motor readily available? Administrator Brook believes that the Township is well within its rights to initiate and move forward with litigated damages and cut them out of the contract. Council Member Garganio would like the Township to move forward in that direction.

Council Member Garganio questioned the **Bordentown Truck Stop signs** on Florence-Columbus Road. The signs are confusing and points traffic trailers to the failing intersection of Florence-Columbus Road and Route 130, opposed to getting off Interstate 295 South and getting back on Interstate 295 North through the clover leaf system. Council Member Garganio stated that the signs do not explain the cloverleaf system. Administrator Brook will send a letter to the County.

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Nothing at this time.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Council Member Sandusky stated that the **Water Tower on Cedar Lane** looks bad and asked if it could be power washed? Administrator Brook explained that it is in the budget this year to have it power washed and an inhibitor applied, which should be done this summer.

Council Member Sandusky expressed his pleasure that there were so many people in attendance at the Council Meeting this evening.

Council Member Sandusky stated that in January a **Patriotic Celebration Committee** was put together to help organize and put together some more activities for the day. The committee has come a long way since January. There are a lot of activities planned for the day. The proceeds from the 5k run/walk will go to a young lady in the community with breast cancer. Suggestions were made to mark the route with pink bows and hand out pink flowers to the ladies that participated at the end of the 5k. The parade is coming along nicely. There will be 20 – 25 antique cars in the parade and the cars will on display after the parade for 2 – 3 hours. There will be activities in the park following the parade along with food vendors. There will be music in the park around 6:30PM followed by fireworks. Council Member Sandusky stated that everything is coming together nicely. He asked that the public in attendance this evening spread the word to their neighbors. **The Patriotic Celebration Day will be Saturday, July 12, 2008.**

Council Member Sandusky stated that the festivities will actually kick off Friday evening, July 11th, with a softball game between the Florence Township Fire Company and the Florence Township employees. After the softball game a family movie will be shown in the park.

Council President Baldorossi noted that there will be movie nights and concerts in the park throughout the summer.

Mayor Berry thanked Council Member Sandusky for working with the Patriotic Celebration Committee and making it a special day. The committee is doing an outstanding job.

Don Kaminski, 10 McCay Drive, asked when the **floating docks** would be installed? Administrator Brook stated that they are being worked on and should be in anytime. He will get back to Mr. Kaminski with a potential date. Council President Baldorossi asked that a spot a pot be there when the docks are in. Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that the spot a pot is on order.

8:42 PM MOTION by O'Hara, seconded by Ryan to adjourn the Public Meeting and return to Closed Session. Roll call vote - all ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

8:42 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER
Township Clerk

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