

Florence, New Jersey
June 18, 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 8:05 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

PRESENTATION: PROCLAMATION, JACK JOBES, FIREMAN OF THE YEAR

Mayor Berry presented a Proclamation to Jack Jobs in honor of being named Fireman of the Year. He read the Proclamation aloud. Mayor Berry thanked Mr. Jobs for all of the sacrifices he has made. Council President Baldorossi presented flower to Mrs. Jobs.

Mr. Jobs expressed his appreciation for this honor.

Council Vice President O'Hara has been a neighbor of Mr. Jobs for 35 years and stated that he is a great citizen, fireman, husband, father and grandpa. He appreciates Mr. Jobs as a friend and for all he does for the community. Council Vice President O'Hara congratulated Mr. Jobs.

MINUTES

Sandusky made a MOTION; seconded by O'Hara 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.

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APPLICATIONS

Nothing at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Paul, 46 Delaware Avenue, brought in an icemaker from his home that is four years old. He explained that his house was built in 1982 at the end of a water line. Over the years his family has had problems with rust including rusty clothing, replacing a shower stall, two (2) dishwashers, a hot water heater and a washing machine due to Florence Township's water. After a number of years the township installed a valve that enabled Mr. Paul to run some water out and from that point they did not have a lot of rust problems. Then unfortunately neighbors were using the valve for their lawns so the township discontinued it. Mr. Paul stated that there is so much residue in his water, his family cannot drink it. His icemaker has been ruined and he has had to replace every pipe in his house over the years. The Water and Sewer Department has been there twice, and they acknowledge there is a lot of corrosion.

Administrator Brook stated that a full analysis will be done. He does not believe it is a problem with the water main; he believes it is an old, small line running to Mr. Paul's home. After a full analysis is done, Administrator Brook will report back to the governing body.

Don Kaminski, 10 McCay Drive, thanked Administrator Brook and the governing body for having the 25 MPH Speed Limit signs on E. Third Street; they seem to be working.

Mr. Kaminski asked if there has been any word from the County on re-striping on Delaware Avenue by the Corner Deli? Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that he spoke to the County Engineer's office last week and there is no time set yet.

Council Member Ryan asked Mr. Kaminski if he has seen any improvement with the problem on Delaware Avenue since the signs have been installed? Mr. Kaminski does believe there has been improvement. He does see a few trucks parked in the "no parking zone" but not as many as before.

Steve Mognancki, 904 Walnut Street, thanked Mayor Berry, Township Council, Administrator Brook and Assistant Administrator Sahol for fixing up the benches by the Memorial and for the geraniums for Memorial Street.

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-125

**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 2008-126

**AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF 2008-2009 RENEWAL OF
PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSE
Punam Corp. (Florence Liquor Mart)**

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-127

**AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF 2008-2009 RENEWAL OF
PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE
CalleMar'Gina v. LLC**

RESOLUTION NO. 2008 -128

**APPROVE CURRENT ESTIMATE NO. 3-FINAL FOR WATER TREATMENT PLANT
AERATOR PAINTING
CONTRACTOR: VALLEY PAINTING, INC., 610 BUCK ROAD,
SOUTHAMPTON, PA, 18966**

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-130

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND ADOPTING THE BURLINGTON COUNTY
MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND - LOSS CONTROL PROGRAM**

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-131

**APPROVING PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND
AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY
KNOWN AS BLOCK 125, LOT 20 ON HORNBERGER AVENUE**

RESOLUTION 2008-132

**AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF 2008-2009 RENEWAL OF
PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSE
Florence Wine & Liquor Shop, Inc.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-133

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

**(Motor Vehicles which came into possession of the Florence Township Police Department
through abandonment or failure of the owners to claim)**

Joy Weiler, Township Clerk, advised the governing body that the Tax Clearance Certificates for Resolution Nos. 2008-127 and 132 were received today. The Resolutions can be acted on.

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Solicitor Kearns advised that Resolution No. 2008-129 (Stormwater Management Plan Amendment) will be HELD until the next meeting. The Public Hearing must be held before the Resolution is acted on.

It was on the MOTION of Garganio, seconded by O'Hara that Resolutions 2008-125 through 2008-128 and 2008-130 through 2008-133 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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2008-09
(2nd Reading)**

**BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3(a) OF BOND ORDINANCE
#2007-09 AND PROVIDING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF
\$800,000 FOR VARIOUS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE
TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW
JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$760,000 BONDS OR
NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING PART OF THE
APPROPRIATION**

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by O'Hara to approve Ordinance No. 2008-09 on second reading for adoption.

Public Comment

Council Vice President O'Hara 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: Garganio, O'Hara, Ryan, Sandusky, Baldorossi

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2008-10
(2nd Reading)**

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF WATER MAINS AND RESIDENTIAL SERVICE LINES ON SECOND AVENUE, AS WELL AS THE REPLACEMENT OF FIRE HYDRANTS AND SANITARY SEWER MANHOLES IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$150,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$142,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING THE COST THEREOF

It was on the MOTION of Ryan, seconded by Garganio to approve Ordinance No. 2008-10 on second reading for adoption.

Public Comment

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

No public comment.

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Ryan to close the public hearing. All ayes – motion carried.

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.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2008-11
(1st Reading)**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION TO THE VOTERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE AT THE GENERAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 4, 2008, A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING AN ANNUAL LEVY AT THE RATE OF \$0.01 (ONE CENT) PER \$100.00 OF ASSESSED VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A "MUNICIPAL OPEN SPACE, AND FARMLAND PRESERVATION TRUST FUND" AS PERMITTED BY N.J.S.A. 40:12-15.7, FOR A PERIOD NOT EXCEEDING TWENTY YEARS.

It was on the MOTION of Garganio, seconded by Ryan to approve Ordinance No. 2008-11 on first reading and set adoption for July 16, 2008.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

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Upon roll call Council voted as follows

YEAS: Garganio, O'Hara, Ryan, Sandusky, Baldorossi

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

REPORTS

Committees, Boards and Officers

- Council Member Ryan thanked Mayor and Council for allowing the **Environmental Commission** to utilize the front display case. The display is up and he encouraged all residents to take a look. He also thanked Pierre LaCombe and the members of the Environmental Commission for their hard work on putting the display together.

Mayor

- Mayor Berry along with Council Vice President O'Hara and Council Member Ryan attended the 8th grade graduation Monday evening. He and Council Member Ryan attended the high school graduation. At the end of the high school graduation ceremony he presented a **Proclamation to Mrs. Maria Sadar, Vice Principal**, who is a very hard working, deserving administrator who has served at that school since 1972. Mrs. Sadar was very grateful.
- Mayor Berry stated that he was honored and privileged to be a part of the send off this past Saturday of the 3,000 **New Jersey National Guard Troops** that will be deployed to Iraq. He also had the opportunity to speak to New Jersey Governor Corzine.

Administrator

- Administrator Brook has a Closed Session item to discuss.
- Administrator Brook sent an email today regarding the meeting with potential interested parties for the **Duffy School**. The meeting went very well. The deadline for submission of **RFP's** is July 9th. He will keep the governing body informed and updated.

Assistant Administrator

- Nothing at this time.

Township Solicitor

- Nothing at this time.

Township Engineer

- Dan Guzzi, Township Engineer, provided a bid tabulation report for the **Road Program**. He did not do a letter of recommendation because he wanted to discuss what will be done with the alternates. Mr. Guzzi stated that over the last year the tonnage price of asphalt has gone up \$16 - \$17 per ton, which also brings the other costs up. Mr. Guzzi was anticipating that the numbers were going to come in high, but they came in better than his last estimate. The low base bid was from American Asphalt. There are 12 alternates to choose from, which include drainage improvements, some alleys and paving at Marter Park. Mr. Guzzi asked if Council would like to move forward this evening or hold off to the July meeting? They wanted to get Pine Street done before school starts, and if its not awarded until July it may be difficult. Administrator Brook stated that financially all 12 alternates cannot be done. He explained that once the bid is awarded, the contract can only be amended up to 20%. So it is better to choose the alternates to be done and award with the base bid rather than add

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alternates at a later date. That 20% add on to the contract includes contingencies that Council is not aware of.

Council Member Garganio would like to wait until the first meeting in July. He has questions on what the overall impact will be budget wise. Council Member Ryan agrees.

Mr. Guzzi stated that if they award in July, his goal will be to get Pine Street done before school starts; he believes there will be time to do it. Some of the other roads may not be completed before school starts.

Council will discuss and award bid at first meeting in July.

- Mr. Guzzi stated that pre-construction meetings were held for the **Library** and the **Community Center**. The asbestos abatement at the Community Center has been completed within budget.
- Mr. Guzzi met with Robert Burns from Lennar regarding **Greenbriar**. He and Solicitor Kearns expressed the displeasure of the governing body. Mr. Burns stated that they are committed to getting the job done. Mr. Guzzi asked for an updated schedule for this evening's meeting, which he received by email today. Mr. Burns committed to starting the basin work as soon as Monday, and it should take approximately 3 – 4 weeks. There is a pre-construction meeting set up for this Friday. All work should be completed by the end of the summer.

Council Member Garganio asked if they will continue to plant trees through the summer? Assistant Administrator Sahol will make the recommendation in the next couple days for them to stop and continue planting in the fall. He is meeting with them on Friday to discuss the status of the trees and create a final list. Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that not all of the trees are available at the nursery.

Council President Baldorossi questioned the status of the swales? Mr. Guzzi stated that they have been working on the swales. He reviewed the problems with the swales that are being worked on.

- Council Member Sandusky stated that there is an area on **Riverview Drive** where a tree was knocked down by a storm a couple of years ago. Now it looks like the area is being washed away. It looks like it is washing away more and more and he thinks the road may go. Mr. Guzzi has been keeping an eye on it over the years and it does continue to erode. The only way to address it is to stabilize it. Mr. Guzzi will report back in July with an estimate.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council Member Garganio asked if anyone has had a chance to look at the **Trump property** concerning the storage of vehicles, which he brought up last month? Administrator Brook stated that he pulled the file with the plans and the Resolution. He read through the Resolution in detail and is a little confusing the way the Resolution reads. He will go to the site with the Code Official, Tom Layou, and Assistant Administrator Sahol and report back in July.

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NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Garganio stated that the entrance to **Whitesell** in Burlington Township has a Burlington Township flag flying. He asked if Whitesell can fly a **Florence Township flag** at the Florence entrance? Administrator Brook will take care of the flag.

Council Member Sandusky stated that the **Duffy School** is need of outside maintenance. Administrator Brook will have the Public Works Department put it on their list; he noted that the summer help will be starting next week.

Council Vice President O'Hara stated that in the packet was a copy of a letter from Mayor Berry to the New Jersey Economic Development Authority regarding **Brandow Chevrolet**. There have been some rumors that the facility may open as a used car dealership. Administrator Brook stated that the letter was actually written before Brandow Chevrolet closed. The letter was written at the request of Brandow in hopes of avoiding the closing.

Council Vice President O'Hara asked if the rumor becomes reality and they open as just a used car dealership, does that impact their approvals? Solicitor Kearns does not believe so, but will look into that issue.

Council Member Sandusky stated that if it does become a used car lot, he would like an eye kept on it so it does not become a junkyard.

Council Member Garganio suggested looking into having local residents that are students of Penco Tech perform the **routine maintenance on the township vehicles**. It would save the township money and help local students learning a trade. Council Member Ryan expressed concern regarding insurance. Administrator Brook will look into thoroughly and report back.

Council Vice President O'Hara noted where the **League of Municipalities** has a **Hall of Fame** for people with 20 years of service; he asked if Florence Township has anyone in the Hall of Fame. **Council Member Sandusky** is in the Hall of Fame and has been for a few years.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Nothing at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS

Nothing at this time.

9:05 PM MOTION by Sandusky, seconded by O'Hara to adjourn to Closed Session. Roll call vote - all ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

9:05 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER
Township Clerk

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