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

The Opening Statement was read by the Township Clerk: Notice was sent to the Register News for information; posted on the municipal bulletin board; placed on the web-site on January 3, 2013; and advertised in the Burlington Co. Times on January 6, 2013.

Upon roll call the following were found to be present:

Frank Baldorossi  
Ted Lovenduski  
Paul Ostrander  
David Woolston  
Jerry Sandusky

Also present:
Mayor Craig H. Wilkie; Richard A. Brook, Township Administrator; Thomas A. Sahol, Assistant Township Administrator; Kelly Grant, Esq., Township Solicitor; Joy M. Weiler, Township Clerk

**Pediatric Stroke Awareness Presentation**

Administrator Brook said he received a phone call from resident Jennifer Bongiorno. He met with Ms. Bongiorno and her husband, Joe, and they explained the medical condition of their daughter, Alexa. She is two years old and suffered a pediatric stroke. He said in speaking to the Bongiorno’s, their strength and determination was apparent. It was touching to see what they have as a family and he admired their desire to raise awareness of the syndrome and how it happens. Also, the uncompromising love of a parent for a child was very apparent. They asked the Mayor and Council to help them raise awareness and possibly help create a network for families suffering with this illness. Mayor and Council were very willing and invited them to the meeting to educate Mayor and Council on the condition.

Ms. Bongiorno thanked everyone for inviting her family and Lois Robbins from CHOP to raise awareness of Pediatric Stroke Syndrome. She explained that people hear the word stroke and think of the elderly, not children. She would like to spread awareness to provide funding for research. There is no clear picture as to the cause of pediatric stroke and it is unclear how to prevent it.
She said there is a parent support group through CHOP but it is hard for working parents like her and her husband to take advantage of. She hopes the potential awareness will put families in the area in touch with each other.

Ms. Bongiorno discussed some of the problems the family is facing and how different every day can be for Alexa. She noted that Occupational and Physical Therapy has been helping. She said the family is blessed because as far as the condition, Alexa is doing very well. There are children who have problems that are even more serious.

Mr. Bongiorno said the family has been to the emergency room many times because of Alexa falling. He said symptoms were noticed at about six months old. Alexa was taken to CHOP for an evaluation and she was then diagnosed with the condition.

Ms. Robbins, a therapist for CHOP who works with Alexa, discussed the condition and some of the therapies available. She explained it is like a brain bleed or clot and reviewed the wide range on damage that could occur from the stroke. A quick response is necessary. Luckily if it is diagnosed early in children, therapy can improve quality of life. She provided fliers to provide more information to the public.

Mayor Wilkie noted that CHOP also has a site in Mount Holly at Virtua Memorial Hospital.

At this time Mayor Wilkie read into record a proclamation naming May 2014 Pediatric Stroke Awareness Month.

He said there was a nice article in the Burlington County Times the previous Sunday. Boyd’s Pharmacy, a fourth generation local business, made a generous donation to the family to help with medical expenses.

Council President Sandusky, Mayor and Members of Council gave little Alexa an assortment of dolls. She was very excited. Mayor Wilkie and his family also presented gifts to the family.

Council President Sandusky noted that Clark and Carol Anne Boyd are a true asset to the community. He thanked them for their generosity and for all they do for the community.

At this time there was a short recess.

MINUTES

Lovenduski made a MOTION; seconded by Woolston to approve the following minutes. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.
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- Township Council Regular Session – November 6, 2013
- Township Council Closed Session – November 13, 2013
- Township Council Executive Session – November 13, 2013
- Township Council Special Session – November 25, 2013

FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

It was on the MOTION of Woolston; seconded by Lovenduski, to receive and file the Chief of Police’s Report for November. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

It was on the MOTION of Ostrander; seconded by Lovenduski to approve the Treasurer’s Bill List.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:
YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky
NOES: None
ABSENT: None Motion carried. Unanimous approval.

REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE None at this time.

APPLICATIONS

A. Bingo - Church of Sts. Francis & Clare
   McGrath Hall, Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27; Feb. 3,10,17, 24; Mar. 3,10,17,24; April 7, 14, 21, 28; May 5, 12, 19, 26; Jun 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, (2014) from 7:15 pm – 10:15 pm

B. On-Premise Raffle – Riverfront School PTO, March 1, 2014
   Riverfront School, 500 Front Street, 5:00pm – 11:00pm

C. On-Premise 50/50 – Riverfront School PTO, March 1, 2014
   Riverfront School, 500 Front Street, 5:00pm – 11:00pm

It was the MOTION of Baldorossi, seconded by Woolston to approve applications A through C. All ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Lauricella, 3 Applegate Lane, said there was a very nice article about The Roebling Museum in Sunday’s Philadelphia Inquirer. He also provided information to the Mayor and Council about the possibility of having a hospital in the community.
RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-220

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. 2013-221

Deny Request for Release of Performance Bond for The Estates at Oak Mill Phase I & II Water Distribution & Sanitary Sewer Improvements

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-222

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. 2013-223

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. 2013-224

Resolution Supporting the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2013 Year End Statewide Crackdown

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-225

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
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It was the MOTION of Baldorossi, seconded by Woolston to approve Resolution No. 2013-220 through 2013-225.

Mayor Wilkie read Resolution No. 2013-224 into the record.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:
YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
Motion carried. Unanimous approval.

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-21

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PUBLIC PARKING LOT AT VETERAN'S PARK IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP, APPROPRIATING $160,000 THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF $152,000 IN GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE THE SAME
(2nd Reading) (Public Hearing and Adoption)

MOTION was made by Ostrander, seconded by Lovenduski to open the meeting to the public regarding Ordinance No. 2013-21.

Kathleen Paul, 46 Delaware Avenue, asked where the parking lot was being built? The Mayor explained it is near the new field hockey field behind the Municipal Building. He said it is necessary because there is a long walk now from the currently available parking and many times people are carrying a large amount of sports equipment.

It was the MOTION of Ostrander, seconded by Baldorossi to close the public hearing.

It was the MOTION of Baldorossi, seconded by Lovenduski to adopt Ordinance No. 2013-21.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:
YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
Motion carried. Unanimous approval.
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ORDINANCE NO. 2013-23
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE
ESTABLISHING A FORMER ALLEY AS A STREET
AND GIVING NAME TO THE STREET,
SETTING A DIRECTION OF TRAVEL,
ESTABLISHING PARKING RESTRICTIONS AND CREATING
A STOP INTERSECTION
(1st Reading) (Public Hearing & Adoption 12/18/13)

Assistant Administrator Sahol explained that as part of the redevelopment of Duffy School into a senior affordable housing complex the building will be designated and the alley behind it will become a thoroughfare at some point that will be used to access parking and the associated pieces that are part of the building. The street will be called Marcella L. Duffy Way as a tribute to all Ms. Duffy did for the education system and the community.

MOTION was made by Lovenduski, seconded by Woolston, to approve Ordinance No. 2013-23 and set the public hearing and adoption for December 18, 2013.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:
YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
Motion carried. Unanimous approval.

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-24
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE,
in the county of Burlington, New Jersey
TO ENTER INTO A FINANCIAL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP AND DM URBAN RENEWAL, LLC
FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY WITHIN THE
ROUTE 130 REDEVELOPMENT AREA
(1st Reading) (Public Hearing & Adoption 12/18/13)

It was the MOTION of Baldorossi, seconded by Lovenduski to approve Ordinance No. 2013-24 and set the public hearing and adoption for December 18, 2013.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:
YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
Motion carried. Unanimous approval.
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REPORTS
Committees, Boards and Officers
Council President Sandusky thanked the Burlington County Times reporter, Jeanne O’Sullivan, for her coverage of Florence Township. The coverage is appreciated.

Mayor
Mayor Wilkie announced Christmas has arrived! The banners are up around the town. The Municipal Building looks “top notch.” He thanked the township employees for making the annual event possible. The Annual Tree Lighting was scheduled for the next Friday and he expected there to be a large crowd.

He said the upcoming weekend will be a Christmas weekend spanning four days. Saturday the Roebling Museum, in combination with the Roebling Garden Club, will be hosting Christmas in Roebling from 11:00am to 5:00pm. On Sunday at 5:00pm at the Main Street Community Center the FOP and groups from the schools will be having an Open House and showing the movie Polar Express. Monday at 6:00pm at the High School is the annual Books vs. Badges basketball game. The fundraiser provides donations for the local food banks.

Mayor Wilkie explained that the financial agreement (Ordinance No. 2013-24) is with Destination Maternity. It is a large clothing company that will be locating in the Whitesell property. It will be a 100,000 to 500,000 sq. ft. building with a large number of employees coming from Philadelphia. There has been nice coverage on the project. The final reading will be in two weeks and in January the project should get Planning Board approval. This is the fourth major business to come to the community in the last two years.

He said he saw the article that Mr. Lauricella mentioned and agreed it was well done.

Mayor Wilkie said there was a major fire at Christmas Tree Shops on Saturday. The Chief called and let him know it was bad, but the fire department was able to contain it. There was about 10,000 square feet of damage in the 500,000 square foot building. The fire department did a great job and deserve a lot of praise. One of the first things the responders did was grab the chemical extinguishers to use until the foam was ready. No water was used because of the electrical components of the solar panels. The fire department appreciated the aid from all facets of the Township. Everyone came together to make sure it worked out.

Administrator:
Administrator Brook explained that Rohm and Hass would like to build an incinerator across the river in Bristol, Pennsylvania. He provided some information. Many towns along the river are getting together to object to the project. He said Florence will support its residents and oppose the projects. He will provide more information as it becomes available and hopes to attend the hearing to express the town’s concerns.
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He thanked Mr. and Mrs. Boyd for their generosity. He thanked the Burlington County Times reporter for her coverage.

**Assistant Municipal Administrator**
Florence Special Police Officer Robert Vesci sought an advanced training to deal with safety devices for children with disabilities. Officer Vesci is available for any family member that may have a specialized safety device to make sure they have a comfort level with the way it is installed. He is also training other officers to be able to do the same.

**Division of Law:** Nothing at this time.
**Division of Engineering:** Nothing at this time.
**Division of W & S Utilities:** Nothing at this time.
**Unfinished Business:** Nothing at this time.
**New Business:** Nothing at this time.
**Board of Health:** Nothing at this time.
**Miscellaneous:**
Council Vice President Woolston said on behalf of the Mayor, Council and the staff he wished Administrator Brook a Happy Birthday and thanked him for everything he has done for the Township of Florence.

Council President Sandusky echoed the sentiments and thanked him for all he does for Florence.

**Public Comments: Open to the Public**
Seeing no one wishing to be heard, it was the MOTION of Woolston, seconded by Lovenduski to close the public comment. All ayes.

8:52 PM MOTION by Ostrander; seconded by Woolston to adjourn. Roll call vote - all ayes. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**
8:52 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER, RMC/MMC
Township Clerk

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