

## Florence Township Council Regular Session 5/6/20

Florence, New Jersey  
May 6, 2020

The Florence Township Council held a regular meeting via teleconference 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 7:00 PM. Council President Sandusky led the Salute to the Flag.

The Opening Statement was read by the Township Clerk: This meeting is being held in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Adequate notice was published in the Burlington County Times on April 3, 2020; placed on the Township website, and given to the Trenton Times for information.

### ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Upon roll call the following were found to be present:

Present: Frank Baldorossi, Bruce Garganio, Paul Ostrander, Dave Woolston, Jerry Sandusky

Also Present: Mayor Craig H. Wilkie, Stephen Fazekas, Township Administrator, Thomas A. Sahol, Assistant Administrator, Kelly Grant, Township Solicitor; Nancy L. Erlston, Township Clerk

Absent: None

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Regular Session of March 4, 2020
- Executive Session of March 11, 2020
- Regular Session of April 15, 2020

Motion of Ostrander, seconded by Garganio to approve the minutes as submitted. Voice vote – all ayes.

### FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

- Township Clerk's Monthly Report for March 2020

Motion of Baldorossi, seconded by Woolston to approve the reports to receive and file. Voice vote – all ayes.

Motion of Ostrander, seconded by Garganio, to approve the **Treasurer's Bill List**.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Garganio, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous vote – Motion carried.

### REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Letter of Resignation from Zoning Board Member B. Michael Zekas for a 4-year term expiring 12/31/2022.

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Clerk Nancy Erlston read the following letter of resignation, dated April 27, 2020 into the record:

“It is with great sadness that I announce my resignation from the Florence Township Zoning Board of Adjustment effective 26 April 2020. As you may know, Michele and I are relocating to Lexington, North Carolina and expect to begin our residence there on 28 April. We have enjoyed calling Florence Township home for the past 42 years and for me, one of the highlights for many of those years has been serving as a member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment. It has been both an honor and a pleasure to work with great folks from the community like yourselves, our board professionals that are second to none, our outstanding board clerk, our friend and esteemed Mayor, Craig Wilkie and the members of the Governing Body that have always been supportive of the board and our members. I regret not being able to see you before our departure but I know we will be back to visit. I will arrange one of those visits for a time when we have a meeting and look forward to seeing you then. I’d like to thank all of you for your support, your friendship and your contributions to the community and our residents. My best to all of you and your families. Stay well and I look forward to seeing you all soon. Mike Zekas”

Motion of Ostrander, seconded by Woolston to approve the resignation of Zoning Board Member B. Michael Zekas. Voice vote – all ayes.

**APPLICATIONS**

None at this time.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Council President Sandusky opened the meeting to the public at this time.

Seeing no one wishing to be heard, a motion was made by Woolston, seconded by Garganio to close Public Comments. Voice vote – all ayes.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-86  
Tax Payment Plan, Block 120, Lot 4.01 (Held from April 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-98  
Ch. 150, Send a Kid to a Camp**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-99  
Authorizing the Tax Collector to Process 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr. “Estimated” Tax Bill, Due 8/1/2020**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-100  
Authorize Refund Permit Fee FAAD Building**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-101  
Extend Grace Period for 2<sup>nd</sup> Period Tax Bill Payments**

Motion of Garganio, seconded by Baldorossi to approve Resolution No. 2020-86 and Resolution Nos. 2020-98 through 2020-101.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Garganio, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky

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NOES:           None  
ABSENT:       None

Unanimous vote – Motion carried.

**ORDINANCES**

None at this time.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND OFFICERS**

None at this time.

**REPORTS: ADMINISTRATION**

**Mayor**

Mayor Wilkie explained that Resolution No. 2020-98 Send a Kid to Camp was money that was raised from the 2020 calendar and Mike Eaton was able to give that to Richard Brook before he left. He thanked Council for the grace period for the public so they could pay their taxes until the end of the month without penalty. Estimated taxes are going to be necessary, the Governor’s office is going to be running a temporary budget from July 1 to September 30 and have a 9-month budget from October through the end of the year. He said that Marty Eckert shared with him that we did have a local business reach out to him needing assistance. He was able to provide resources from the state of New Jersey and Burlington County Office of Economic Development.

He heard from Post 39, that they are planning Memorial Day services on the 25<sup>th</sup>. The Emergency Management Committee continues to meet weekly and Administrator Fazekas has been meeting with Phil Drangula on that. Nationally, National Night Out has been moved from August but it is not determined when that will take place. The carnival is cancelled along with most of the activities from May until June. Schools are now closed until the end of the school year and it is undecided at this time whether or not they will be closed through the summer.

He told everyone to continue to stay safe and calm and from what he can gather, everyone is doing well.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Council Member Ostrander moved to appoint Dennis Puccio to replace Mike Zekas on the Zoning Board and for Nick Haas to move into Dennis Puccio’s position as 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate on the board. The motion was seconded by Garganio.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

YEAS:           Baldorossi, Garganio, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES:           None

ABSENT:       None

Unanimous vote – Motion carried.

Council Member Garganio commended the administration for arranging the video conference for public meetings.

**BOARD OF HEALTH**

None at this time.

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**MISCELLANEOUS**

None at this time.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Council President Sandusky opened the meeting to the public at this time.

Linda Sanson, 2079 Bustleton Road, thanked Mayor and Council for allowing extended time for grace period for the taxes. And she voiced her appreciate for all that has been done to keep everyone safe.

Kristin Marter, 220 East Front Street, thanked everyone for the hard work to get the virtual meeting for the community.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion of Ostrander, seconded by Woolston to adjourn. Voice vote – all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L. Erlston, RMC  
Township Clerk  
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