

Florence Township Council Regular Session 7/8/20

Florence, New Jersey
July 8, 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

BURLINGTON COUNTY JIF OVERVIEW AND BENEFITS

Administrator Fazekas explained that there is a 3-year renewal of the JIF. He introduced Paul Forlenza of the Burlington County Joint Insurance Fund who addressed Mayor and Council regarding the renewal. The current membership is up at the end of this year and a resolution will need to be adopted to renew for another 3-year period. He gave an extensive presentation over the phone regarding the renewal and the different programs they provide.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Regular Session of May 6, 2020
- Regular Session of May 20, 2020
- Regular Session of June 3, 2020

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

FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

- Affidavit of Third Quarter Tax Bill Mailed from Tax Collector
- Court Administrator's Monthly Report for June 2020

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

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Motion of Ostrander, seconded by Sandusky, 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. Request for a Block Party on the 400 block of Shaver Drive on July 11, 2020.

Motion of Baldorossi, seconded by Ostrander to approve correspondence. Voice vote – all ayes.

APPLICATIONS

- A. On-Premise 50/50 Raffle for the FTMHS Marching Band Boosters, 1050 Cedar Lane, Florence, held from 7-9:00 p.m. on September 11, September 20, October 9, October 30, 2020.
- B. Off-Premise 50/50 Raffle for the FTMHS Marching Band Boosters, drawing located at 711 Broad Street, Florence, at 7:00 p.m. on December 4, 2020.

Motion of Garganio, seconded by Baldorossi to approve the applications. Voice vote – all ayes.

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 Garganio, seconded by Woolston to close Public Comments. Voice vote – all ayes.

RESOLUTIONS

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-123
Chapter 159, Clean Communities**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-124
Refund Recreation Summer Camp Fees**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-125
Grant Request to Release Performance Cash Bond, Academy Woods Apts.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-126
Renew ABC License, Florence Wine & Liquors**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-127
Award Contract Sodium Hypochlorite Solution to Miracle Chemical**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-128
Award Contract Radio Frequency Read Water Meters**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-129
Adopt Rental Rehabilitation Program Manual**

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-130
Authorize Placement of Liens for Property Maintenance Violations**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-131
Award Contract STP Sludge Dewatering Screw Upgrade**

Motion of Ostrander, seconded by Woolston to approve Resolution Nos. 2020-123 through 2020-131.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Garganio, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky

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 the Township offices are still closed to the public at this time though we have a full staff starting this past Monday. The staff had been working part time, on a rotating schedule. The building will remain closed to the public for safety purposes; however, the phones are being answered and residents are able to make payments through the drop box during working hours. This will continue for a while to protect everyone. Thus far, we have not had any complaints or issues.

Mayor Wilkie spoke about the Burlington County Highway Master Plan that was received this week. It is proposed to be approved on July 28th at 3:00 p.m. This document includes traffic improvements at the intersection of Route 130 and Florence Columbus Road. The first phase includes a bypass road near St. Stephens cemetery there. It also includes the improvements at Cedar Lane which Weiss will be providing and hopefully the county will do the other side. It also has proposed improvements at Hornberger Avenue based on the traffic projections. There are also proposed improvements of Old York Road at Florence Columbus Road. This is a public document being proposed to the Planning Board and is available to the public to view.

Administrator

Administrator Fazekas explained that there will be more days and hours added to the recycle center schedule. He also talked about the Shoppes at Florence, which was approved back in 2005 and was called Big Apple Plaza. There is no change to the design, it is awaiting DOT approval and it will be started as soon as they get the approvals.

He explained that Henckels and McCoy are doing work for PSE&G and are flying low-flying helicopters to string new lines on the new poles for the project.

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On July 14, the Township will be hosting a drive-thru COVID-19 testing site from 9:00 A.M. until 11:00 A.M. in the parking lot behind the old Florence squad building on Summer Street. There will be a shredding event on Saturday, July 25 from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. in the rear lot of the municipal building for all of Florence Township residents.

The CFO position was advertised in the Burlington County Times, the League of Municipalities and the Financial Officer's Association. Several resumes were received and the interviews will be conducted starting next week.

Regarding the JIF renewal presentation, his recommendation to Council is that Florence Township goes forward with the 3-year renewal. He went through all of the paperwork provided and he thinks it is an excellent program. If Council gives the go-ahead, he will have the resolution on the August 5th meeting for passage.

Council President Sandusky asked for approval for the recommendation for the 3-year renewal program for the JIF. Motion of Ostrander, seconded by Garganio to approve the recommendation.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Garganio, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous vote – Motion carried.

Assistant Administrator

Assistant Administrator Sahol explained that the Road Program will begin Monday, July 13th. It looks like the phasing will be primarily on Station Road. Mark outs and layouts have already begun there and then it will progress. Once an actual hard schedule is available and we know how we hope to progress, he will get that out to the Governing Body and posted on our social media sites so residents are aware.

The developer of the Griffin Pipe project is reconstructing sections of West Third and West Fourth Streets from Woodlawn back and then the alley which was really nothing more than a dirt alley. It will be improved substantially to the point where it will be asphalt parking for the residents in the vicinity and a nice drive aisle which they have never enjoyed in the past and we will benefit from the improvements for trash collection services. That project looks like it will go for 10 work days and it will be completed in another week and a half.

They did a great job with the removal of the railroad tracks on Fifth Street and the restoration began. The restoration is not something that he would recommend accepting at this point. He will be meeting with one of Jim Biegen's inspectors and they will be looking to do some additional grading and some clean up before accepting and recommending the final seeding and tack for the site.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Council President Sandusky pointed out that the veteran's memorial quilt that had been framed and hung on the court room wall. He thanked Public Works for hanging it.

BOARD OF HEALTH

None at this time.

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MISCELLANEOUS

None at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

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

Motion of Ostrander, seconded by Garganio to adjourn to Closed Session at 7:43 p.m.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Garganio, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous vote – Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Council returned to the Regular meeting at 8:01 p.m. No action was taken. Motion of Ostrander, seconded by Sandusky to adjourn. Voice vote – all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L. Erlston, RMC

Township Clerk

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