

## **Florence Township Council Regular Session 8/5/20**

Florence, New Jersey  
August 5, 2020

The Florence Township Council held a regular meeting on the above date in the Municipal Complex, 711 Broad Street, Florence, New Jersey. The public was welcome to attend in person or to participate virtually.

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; Jenise Silinsky, Deputy Clerk

Absent: None

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Closed Session of July 8, 2020
- Regular Session of June 17, 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 June 2020
- Tax Collector's Tax Monthly Report and Water & Sewer Monthly Report for June 2020
- CFO's Cash Reports for June 2020
- CFO's Budget Reports for June 2020
- Court Administrator's Monthly Report for July 2020
- Township Clerk's Monthly Report for July 2020

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

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Motion of Ostrander, seconded by Woolston, 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**

None at this time.

**APPLICATIONS**

None at this time.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

Don Kamienski, 10 McCay Drive, asked for the current status of the redesign effort of Florence Columbus Road to include a timetable and whether or not the design can be added to the township website.

Mayor Wilkie explained that it was supposed to be approved by the County Planning Board on July 28 as part of a transportation program. He has not heard from the County as to whether or not it was approved to make it part of the Master Plan. He is assuming it is a public document because it is coming from the County but he has not yet seen the document other than the document that we have. He will have to check with the County to see if posting it is permissible.

Mr. Kamienski also asked if the plastic fencing on Route 130 at the corner of Delaware Avenue is part of the project. Mayor Wilkie said that it is part of the State’s repaving project of Route 130 from Willingboro up to Craft’s Creek.

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

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-134**

**Renew ABC License, Francis W. Robbins Post 194 American Legion**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-135**

**Renew Membership Burlington County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-136**

**Amend Resolution 2019-147 approving bus stops on Route 130**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-137**

**Renew ABC License, Jay & Pinali, LLC t/a Town Liquor**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-138**

**Renew ABC License, Vito in Florence, LLC**

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-139**

**Auth. Shared Services Agmt. with Burlco. for Central Communication Dispatcher Services**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-140**

**Award Contract 2020 Community Development Block Grant**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-141**

**Renew ABC License, The Bungalow Corporation t/a Bung's Tavern**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-142**

**Authorize Filing a Municipal Alliance Grant**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-143**

**Amend 2020 Non-Union Salary Resolution**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-144**

**Appoint Municipal Treasurer**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-145**

**Appoint Qualified Purchasing Agent**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-146**

**Renew ABC License, Punam Corporation t/a Grays Liquors**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-147**

**Renew ABC License, American Slovak Citizens Club Inc.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-148**

**Approve Current Estimate No. 4 & Final Change Order for Florence Columbus Road Water Tower**

Motion of Garganio, seconded by Woolston to approve Resolution Nos. 2020-134 through 2020-148.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Garganio, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous vote – Motion carried.

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**ORDINANCES**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2020-05**

**Amending Ch. 134 to Establish Parking Restrictions on portions of East and West Fifth Street  
(Intro & 1<sup>st</sup> Read)(2<sup>nd</sup> Read & Adopt 9/2/2020)**

Motion of Ostrander, seconded by Garganio to approve Ordinance No. 2020-05.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Garganio, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: None Unanimous vote – Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2020-06**

**Amending Ch. 134 to Establish a Stop Intersection at Fourth Street & Woodlawn Ave.  
(Intro & 1<sup>st</sup> Read)(2<sup>nd</sup> Read & Adopt 9/2/2020)**

Motion of Baldorossi, seconded by Woolston to approve Ordinance No. 2020-06.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Garganio, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: None Unanimous vote – Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2020-07**

**Amend Non-Union Salary Ordinance  
(Intro & 1<sup>st</sup> Read)(2<sup>nd</sup> Read & Adopt 9/2/2020)**

Motion of Ostrander, seconded by Baldorossi to approve Ordinance No. 2020-07.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Garganio, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: None Unanimous vote – Motion carried.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND OFFICERS**

Council President Sandusky commended the Public Works Department for doing a great job with clean up after the last the storm that came through.

**REPORTS: ADMINISTRATION**

**Mayor**

Mayor Wilkie also spoke about the storm and how Administrator Fazekas had Public Works staying late in anticipation of it. Public Service had a number of outages, which could be seen on the website and on tv.

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Last weekend township resident Mrs. Almassy celebrated her 105<sup>th</sup> birthday and she is now the oldest living citizen in Florence Township. She is a WWII Veteran and, thanks to Mr. Sandusky who coordinated with the family, a car parade was held which included the police, fire and EMS. The Commander of Post 39, who is also a World War II Veteran and is 95 years old, honored her. Council President Sandusky and Councilman Baldorossi were both able to make it as well. She was very appreciative. Five years ago when she turned 100 years old, because of her love of dollar stores, the dollar store was kind enough to let her cut the ribbon.

Mayor Wilkie discussed the recreation program and COVID-19. There have been requests to open the fields for organized activities. There were some concerns at a recent softball tournament in another town, and with what is going on today, he said he does not see the township doing any opening of these organized activities. There are too many unknown risks involved so at this point and time that is the direction he advises. He thanked Council for their support.

Florence Township's CFO, Sandra Blacker will be retiring the end of October after 30 years of service and we wish her well. We have hired a Municipal Treasurer to replace her.

Mayor Wilkie announced with much sadness and appreciation that Assistant Administrator Tom Sahol will be leaving Florence Township at the end of August after almost 33 years. He started out as a police dispatcher, was a fire official and then spent many years as the Assistant Administrator. We wish him well as he moves on to become a Township Administrator.

### **Administrator**

Administrator Fazekas stated that there have been some truck issues on the IPT site, especially with dump trucks going in and out of there. He had a discussion with the owner, Mr. Murray and there were residents of the town who stopped down at the trailer site and, in speaking to them about it, he believes that the issue is under control at this time.

There have been several meetings with representatives from Amazon including their attorney regarding the trucks that were parked on Cedar Lane. There was a Webex meeting including the Mayor, the professionals, the Assistant Administrator and the acting Chief of Police to discuss the need for something to be done. Since then, there have been a few more meetings and they have made progress, not only on the trucks parked on Cedar Lane but they were also using the Salson site on Route 130 to store trailers that were in violation of our zoning laws. About 95% of that area is now cleared out and the corrections have been made but they have also been cited for zoning and fire code violations there. We continue to have an open dialogue with the management of Amazon and their attorney and we hope that we can keep making progress with that.

Florence Township advertised for an electric sub-code official position. Resumes were due by 4:00 p.m. on July 31<sup>st</sup>. We have 6 candidates and that will be interviewed next Tuesday. Administrator Fazekas stated the he would report back to Council regarding this at the next Council meeting on August 12.

### **Assistant Administrator**

Assistant Administrator Tom Sahol thanked the Mayor and Council for their comments and well wishes. He explained that the Road Program is well underway. It may not look like a lot has been done so far but the work on Station Road is significant. The improvements for both pedestrians as well as the containing of the curb lines and the preparation for the paving is going to be a tremendous benefit to

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that area. They had one minor glitch in the three weeks that they have been working on the Road Program.

The Community Development Block Grant project will be underway and the parks program falls right in line with our road program. There are going to be a load of great things happening in this community within the next two months with a lot of improvements.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A. Florence Township Housing Authority – Kimberly Mattson 5-Year Term Expired 7/31/2020

Motion by Garganio, seconded by Woolston to approve Kimberly Mattson’s 5-year term on the Florence Township Housing Authority.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Garganio, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous vote – Motion carried.

**BOARD OF HEALTH**

None at this time.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

None at this time.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

Kristan Marter, 220 East Front Street, thanked Administrator Fazekas for helping to get the trucks under control.

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

Motion of Woolston, seconded by Ostrander to adjourn to Closed Session at 7:25 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Council returned to the Regular meeting. No action was taken. Motion of Ostrander, seconded by Sandusky to adjourn. Voice vote – all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L. Erlston, RMC  
Township Clerk  
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