

Florence Township Council Regular Session 6/18/25

Florence, New Jersey
June 18, 2025

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 Frappolli at 7:00 p.m. Council President Frappolli led the Salute to the Flag.

The Opening Statement was read by the Township Clerk: Notice was posted on the municipal bulletin board on January 3, 2025; published in the Burlington County Times on January 12, 2025, placed on the Township website and given to the Courier Post for information.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Upon roll call the following were found to be present:

Present: Frank Baldorossi, John Fratinardo, Nicholas Haas, Talaya Loftin, Joseph Frappolli

Also Present: Mayor Kristan I. Marter; Thomas A. Sahol, Township Administrator; Robert Wright, Esq., Township Solicitor; Nancy L. Erlston, Township Clerk; Jenise Silinsky, Deputy Township Clerk

Absent: None

OATH OF OFFICE

- Lieutenant Timothy Sadar

Mayor Marter administered the Oath of Office to Lieutenant Timothy Sadar, his wife and daughters held the Bible. Lieutenant Sadar thanked his parents, his wife and his daughters for their continued love and support. He also thanked Command Staff for their confidence in him and Mayor and Council for their support.

- Sergeant Christopher Powell

Mayor Marter administered the Oath of Office to Sergeant Christopher Powell, his wife and children held the Bible. Sergeant Powell thanked Mayor and Council for the opportunity to move forward in the department. He also thanked the department, his squad, Command Staff for giving him the opportunity to progress in his career and his family for their support.

RETIREMENT

- School Crossing Guard Louis Bottlinger

Chief Boldizar presented School Crossing Guard Louis Bottlinger with a plaque recognizing his 16 years of employment and expressed his gratitude and appreciation for his hard work. Sergeant Jason Shafer stated that Mr. Bottlinger loved to be in the public helping the kids and he had a tremendous impact on the lives of many families and everyone is thankful to have had him.

Chief Boldizar thanked Mayor and Council for allowing them to make these promotions in keeping up with the times. The two officers have been in these positions for about five months now and they have been doing a great job in that time.

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On behalf of Mayor and Council, Council President Frappolli recognized Mr. Bottlinger's dedication, commitment, care, support and love for our youngsters, their families and the people of Florence Township. He stated that our crossing guards do not always get the recognition they deserve but these positions are necessary and people like Mr. Bottlinger make a big impact on the children and their families.

Council President Frappolli also stated that, with regard to the promotions, it is not about deserving something it is what you earned and these officers coming up in the ranks and being in the field have earned these opportunities for these promotions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Closed Session of June 4, 2025
- Regular Session of June 4, 2025

Motion of Fratinardo, seconded by Baldorossi to approve the minutes. Voice vote – All ayes.

FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

- Township Clerk's Monthly Report for May 2025
- Court Administrator's Monthly Report for May 2025
- Tax Collector's Monthly Tax Report for May 2025
- Tax Collector's Monthly Water & Sewer Report for May 2025

Motion of Haas, seconded by Fratinardo to approve the financial correspondence. Voice vote – All ayes.

Motion of Loftin, seconded by Haas to approve the **Treasurer's Bill List**.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

• YEAS:	Baldorossi, Fratinardo Haas, Loftin, Frappolli
• NOES:	None
• ABSENT:	None

Unanimous vote – Motion carried

REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Police Chief's Monthly report for May 2025

Motion of Baldorossi, seconded by Loftin to approve the correspondence. Voice vote – All ayes.

APPLICATIONS

None at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Motion of Fratinardo, seconded by Haas to open the public comment portion of the meeting. Seeing no one wishing to be heard it was a Motion of Baldorossi, seconded by Fratinardo to close public comment. Voice vote – All ayes.

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RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-130
Approve Renewal ABC License The Parker House Bar, LLC

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-131
Authorizing the Placement of Municipal Liens on Certain Properties for
Failing to Address Property Maintenance Violations

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-132
Renew ABC License, American Slovak Citizens Club Inc.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-133
Authorize Recreation Director to Apply for a Recreation Grant from
Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-134
Renew ABC License, VRS Holdings, LLC

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-135
Authorize Township Engineer to Prepare Design Modifications and Solicit Bids
for the Building Located at 650 Summer Street

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-136
Approve Request for Release of Performance Bond FY 2024 NJDOT Trust Fund
Resurfacing of Broad Street

Motion of Haas, seconded by Loftin to approve Resolution Nos. 2025-130 through 2025-136.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

• YEAS:	Baldorossi, Fratinardo, Haas, Loftin, Frappolli
• NOES:	None
• ABSENT:	None

Unanimous vote – Motion carried

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-19
Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Plan, Block 160.01, Lots 1.01, 1.03 and 1.04,
2006 U.S. Route 130
(Intro. & 1st Reading) (2nd Reading & Public Hearing on July 2, 2025)

Motion of Loftin, seconded by Fratinardo to approve Ordinance No. 2025-19.

Council Representative Haas asked how this will work with the current Pilots. Administrator Sahol explained that the current Pilot will be extinguished once the building is razed. A new Pilot will have to kick in the minute there is a CO on the new structure. There is a 12-18 month bridge payment of sorts in between our agreement with the developer but the Pilot monies will be increased to over what present value is because the approved value is going to be much more.

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Council President Frappolli asked if they decided to do away with the entire site and it were no longer there, then the municipality would get no revenues from it whatsoever other than land? The Administrator confirmed this is the case. The Administrator also explained that they own two substantial parcels to the rear of this property, one being on the same side of Bustleton Road as they are on. They are indicating that there is a willingness for a lengthy multi-year restriction on the property during which time nothing can occur and anything other than agriculture uses proposed will need a use variance. The other parcel is a very sizable property between Columbus Road and Bustleton Road and they are willing to work with us on a preservation method in which we would work with Burlington County. This is a good farming opportunity.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

- YEAS: Baldorossi, Fratinardo, Haas, Loftin, Frappolli
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: None

Unanimous vote – Motion carried

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND OFFICERS

Council Representative Fratinardo mentioned that there will be a Blue Mass for the police departments in the area at 11:30am on Thursday, June 19th at St. Mary's Church in Bordentown.

REPORTS: ADMINISTRATION

Mayor

Mayor Marter reminded everyone that the Patriotic Day parade is July 12th, June 19th is Juneteenth and that the Township offices are closed in observance of Juneteenth on Friday, June 20th.

Administrator

Council Representative Haas asked the Administrator about the survey stakes at the whirlybird. Administrator Sahol stated that he had a conversation with the Government Affairs Officer at the Turnpike earlier in the week and he thinks they are out there surveying in advance of proposing some corrections to the whirlybird issue that was recently brought to their attention. Administrator Sahol said the Turnpike is supposed to be reaching out in short order to get the parties together to discuss their findings.

Council Representative Loftin asked for an update on the carnival equipment that was left behind on Nyikita field. Administrator Sahol stated that the trucks were moved out of there earlier in the day and that it definitely won't happen again where they leave anything behind like they did this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council Representative Frappolli asked for an update on the issues at the playground. The Administrator stated that he hasn't heard much lately.

Council Representative Frappolli also mentioned that Marty is moving ahead with the grants proposal for the field house and looking at other parks moving forward. He also asked about the trees along the path past the church on West Fifth Street, he was under the impression that the trees were going to be planted all the way down to the park area. Administrator Sahol stated that he was under the impression that the trees were only going to go down a small portion across from RD Wood and then stopping like they have and that he will look further into that.

Council Representative Frappolli asked how people can donate trees to be planted in the township. The Administrator said they just have to reach out to make the donation and the Shade Tree Commission could make a recommendation of the type of tree and then do the installation.

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NEW BUSINESS

None at this time.

BOARD OF HEALTH

None at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS

None at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Motion of Fratinardo, seconded by Loftin to open the meeting up to the public at this time. Seeing no one wishing to be heard, it was a motion of Haas, seconded by Fratinardo to close the public comment portion of the meeting. Voice Vote – All Ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion of Fratinardo seconded by Haas to adjourn. Voice vote – All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L. Erlston, RMC

Township Clerk

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