

Florence Township Council Reorganization/Regular Session 1/05/22

Florence, New Jersey
January 5, 2022

The Council of the Township of Florence met at the **Florence Township Municipal Building**, Florence, New Jersey on the above date for the purpose of organizing for the ensuing year and for the transaction of other business which might properly come before it.

The meeting was called to order by the Township Clerk, Nancy L. Erlston, at 7:00 p.m. She then led the Salute to the Flag.

The Opening Statement was read by the Township Clerk: Notice was posted on the municipal bulletin board on December 29, 2021; published in the Burlington County Times on December 19, 2021, placed on the Township website and given to the Trenton Times for information on December 29, 2021.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Upon roll call the following were found to be present:

Frank K. Baldorossi, Jr.
Bruce D. Garganio
Nicholas P. Haas, Jr.
Kristan I. Marter
Paul C. Ostrander

Also present: Mayor Craig H. Wilkie; Stephen Fazekas, Township Administrator; Kelly Grant, Township Solicitor; Nancy L. Erlston, Township Clerk; Jenise Silinsky, Deputy Clerk

OATH OF OFFICE

Kristan I. Marter was sworn in by Senator Troy Singleton for her term as Ward 3 Council Representative and the Senator held the Bible for her.

Nicholas P. Haas, Jr. was sworn in by Township Clerk Erlston for his term as Ward 2 Council Representative. Council Representative Haas's wife and daughters held the Bible.

Frank K. Baldorossi, Jr. was sworn in by Senator Troy Singleton for his term as Ward 1 Council Representative. Council Representative Baldorossi's granddaughters held the Bible.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

The Township Clerk opened the nominations for President of Council.

It was on the MOTION of Ostrander to nominate Bruce Garganio as Council President.

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There being no further nominations, it was on the MOTION of Garganio, seconded by Haas to close the nominations.

Upon roll call for Garganio, the Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Haas, Marter, Ostrander, Garganio
NOES: None
ABSENT: None Unanimous approval.

Township Clerk Erlston asked Council President Garganio to take the chair and preside over the meeting.

VICE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Council President Garganio opened the nominations for Vice President of Council.

It was on the MOTION of Haas to nominate Paul Ostrander as Vice President of Council.

There being no further nominations, it was on the MOTION of Ostrander, seconded by Haas to close the nominations.

Upon roll call for Paul Ostrander, the Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Haas, Marter, Ostrander, Garganio
NOES: None
ABSENT: None Unanimous approval.

COUNCIL MEMBER APPOINTMENTS

Planning Board

It was a MOTION of Ostrander, seconded by Haas to appoint Bruce Garganio for a one-year term as Council Representative to the Planning Board expiring December 31, 2022.

Environmental Commission

It was a MOTION of Ostrander, seconded by Haas to appoint Kristan Marter for a one-year term as Council Representative to the Environmental Commission expiring December 31, 2022.

Recreation Committee

It was a MOTION of Ostrander, seconded by Haas to appoint Frank Baldorossi to a one-year term to the Recreation Committee expiring December 31, 2022.

Economic Development

It was a MOTION of Ostrander, seconded by Haas to appoint Nick Haas to a one-year term to Economic Development expiring December 31, 2022.

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Upon roll call the Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Haas, Marter, Ostrander, Garganio
NOES: None
ABSENT: None Unanimous approval.

Township Auditor

It was on the MOTION of Ostrander, seconded by Haas to appoint the firm of Holt, McNally and Associates as the Township Auditor.
(A formal resolution will be approved during the meeting.)

Zoning Board

It was on the MOTION of Ostrander, and seconded by Haas to appoint Brett Buddenbaum to the Zoning Board for a four-year term expiring December 31, 2025, Lou Sovak for a four-year term expiring December 31, 2025, Daniel Studzynski filling a vacancy in a four-year term expiring December 31, 2024 and Gina Sullivan to Alt. #1 expiring December 31, 2023.

Cross Acceptance Representatives, Burlington Co. Rt. 130 Corridor (1-year term)

Newell Kehr
Tara Sandusky
Barbara Fegley, Township Planner
Stephen Fazekas, Township Administrator

It was on the MOTION of Ostrander and seconded by Haas to appoint those listed above as Cross Acceptance Representatives, Burlington County Route 130 Corridor with terms running for one year expiring December 31, 2022.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Haas, Marter, Ostrander, Garganio
NOES: None
ABSENT: None Unanimous approval.

COUNCIL MEMBERS CONFIRM MAYOR’S APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Wilkie recommended the following professional appointments to Township Council for their approval:

<u>Commission</u>	<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Recreation Committee	Tom Supey	12/31/2026
Recreation Committee	Donna Sadler	12/31/2026
Recreation Committee, Class 2, Mayor Rep.	Kim Dembowski	12/31/2022

It was the MOTION of Ostrander, seconded by Baldorossi to approve the Recreation appointments.

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Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Haas, Marter, Ostrander, Garganio
NOES: None
ABSENT: None Unanimous approval.

MAYOR PRESENTS 2022 APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Wilkie presented the following Mayoral appointments:

Planning Board, Class 4, Alt#2	Kecia Taylor	12/31/2022
Planning Board, Class 2	Emma Cartier	12/31/2022
Planning Board, Class 4, Alt #1	Tara Sandusky	12/31/2023
Planning Board, Class 4	Newell Kehr	12/31/2025
Environmental Commission, Planning Board Rep.	John Pagano	12/31/2022
Environmental Commission, Ward 3	Melanie Mieczkowski	12/31/2023
Environmental Commission, At-Large	Michelle Ryan Krzykalski	12/31/2024
Shade Tree Commission	Blake Dimon	12/31/2026
Shade Tree Commission	Susan Noval	12/31/2024
Municipal Alliance	Martin Eckert	12/31/2022
Americans with Disabilities	Nancy Erlston	12/31/2022
Americans with Disabilities	Stephen Fazekas	12/31/2022
Americans with Disabilities	James Hoey	12/31/2022
Americans with Disabilities	Randy Belknap	12/31/2022
Community Development Block Grant	Ted Lovenduski	12/31/2022
Delaware Estuary Program	Paul Ordog	12/31/2022

Mayor Wilkie mentioned that for the Environmental Commission there is an at-large and two alternate positions to fill at a later date. The Economic Development Committee meets at the beginning of February and the appointments for that Committee will be done prior to the meeting. Also a vacancy on the Shade Tree Commission will be filled in the next few weeks.

RESOLUTIONS

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-01
ANNUAL NOTICE AND SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 231, P.L. 1975**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-02
TEMPORARY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR 2022**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-03
DESIGNATING DEPOSITORIES**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-04
ACCOUNTS DEPOSITED AT NEW JERSEY CASH MANAGEMENT FUND**

**RESOLUTION 2022-05
ACCOUNTS DEPOSITED AT TRUIST BANK**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-06
ESTABLISHING A CHARGE FOR RETURNED CHECKS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-07
AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
WITH TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR
*(Malamut & Associates LLC)***

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-08
AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
WITH TOWNSHIP ENGINEER
*(Colliers Engineering)***

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-09
AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF BOND COUNSEL
*(Malamut & Associates LLC)***

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-10
AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP
WATER & SEWER ENGINEER
*(Richard A. Alaimo Association of Engineers)***

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-11
AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF PROSECUTOR
*(Andrew Smith, Esq.)***

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-12
AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC DEFENDER
*(James D. Fattorini, Esq.)***

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-13
APPOINTING TAX SEARCH OFFICER
*(Christine Swiderski)***

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-14
DESIGNATION OF MUNICIPAL ASSESSMENT SEARCH OFFICER
*(Nancy Erlston)***

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-15
APPOINT DEPUTY TOWNSHIP CLERK
*(Jenise Silinsky)***

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-16
AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR
*(Holt, McNally & Associates)***

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-17
APPOINTING ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER
(Nicole Bencivengo)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-18
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DESIGNATION OF ORGANIZATIONS
TO PROVIDE RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-19
APPOINTING RECYCLING COORDINATOR
(Martin Eckert)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-20
APPOINTING ROAD INSPECTOR
(Richard Pendle)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-21
APPOINTING TEMPORARY SUBSTITUTES FOR MUNICIPAL PROSECUTORS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-22
AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, HOLMAN, FRENIA,
ALLISON, P.C., TO MAKE MUNICIPAL DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS
AS PER THE CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-23
APPOINTING TOWNSHIP CLERK AS
PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER
(Nancy Erlston)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-24
APPOINT THE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR, STEPHEN FAZEKAS,
AS THE JOINT INSURANCE FUND COMMISSIONER**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-25
ADOPTING CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-26
ADOPTION OF A DRUG FREE WORKPLACE POLICY
IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE DRUG FREE WORKPLACE ACT**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-27
APPROVE MUNICIPAL STORMWATER
PROGRAM COORDINATOR
(Colliers Engineering)**

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-28

**A RESOLUTION FIXING INTEREST RATES AND PENALTIES
ON DELINQUENT TAXES AND MUNICIPAL CHARGES AND FIXING
ADDITIONAL SUMS TO BE PAID TO THE HOLDER OF A TAX
TITLE UPON REDEMPTION**

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-29

**AUTHORIZING THE TAX ASSESSOR OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE TO FILE APPEALS, OMITTED AND
ADDED ASSESSMENT APPEALS, AND ROLL BACK COMPLAINTS WITH
THE BURLINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION**

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-30

**AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF CONFLICT PUBLIC DEFENDER
*(Robert Perry, Esq.)***

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-31

**AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF A COAH PLANNER
FOR COUNCIL ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING
*(Clarke, Caton, Hintz, P.C.)***

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-32

**AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
WITH CONFLICT/SPECIAL PROJECTS ENGINEER**

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-33

**APPOINT CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGENT AND
INDEPENDENT REGISTERED MUNICIPAL ADVISOR
*(Phoenix Advisors, LLC)***

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-34

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF A
MUNICIPAL PLANNER
*(Environmental Resolutions, Inc.)***

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-35

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS WITH CERTAIN APPROVED
STATE CONTRACT VENDORS FOR CONTRACTING UNITS
PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a**

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-36

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXCHANGE OF
CONSTRUCTION CODE SERVICES**

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-37

**APPOINTING DEPUTY ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER
*(George Gareis and Jamie Sosa)***

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-38
APPOINT HEALTH INSURANCE BROKER
(Epic Insurance Brokers and Consultants)

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-39
APPOINTING FINANCE OFFICER
(Michelle Chiemiego)

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-40
APPOINTING SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL
(Michael P. Madden, Esq.)

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-41
AWARD OF SPECIAL PROJECTS PLANNER
(Mark A. Remsa, PP)

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-42
APPOINTING DEPUTY COORDINATOR
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
(Stephen Fazekas)

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-43
APPOINTING MUNICIPAL JUDGE
(Corey A. Ahart, Esq.)

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-44
AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP ARCHITECT
(Joseph F. McKernan)

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-45
APPOINT RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT
(Epic Insurance Brokers, Stephen Walsh)

It was on the MOTION of Ostrander, seconded by Haas to approve Resolution Nos. 2022-01 through 2022-45.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Haas, Marter, Ostrander, Garganio

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

None at this time.

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MINUTES

None at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE

None at this time.

APPLICATIONS

None at this time.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Council Representative Baldorossi thanked Senator Troy Singleton for swearing him in. He also thanked his granddaughters, Alyssa and Brianna, and his son Danny who were in attendance, his children and grandchildren, Jason and Dana, Drew and Stephanie, Jason, Jr., Caden, Angelina, Dominick, Mallory, Laya and Madison. He thanked all of the residents in Ward 1 who put their trust in him again and he congratulated both Kristan and Nick, and stated that he looks forward to working with them and to keep Florence moving forward.

Newly elected Council Representative Kristan Marter stated that she is humbled and overwhelmed and thrilled to be on Council. She thanked all of the people of the town who supported her through the whole process. She thanked her husband for putting up with her for the last five years as she chased trucks around town. She stated that it is an honor to be able to represent the people of the town in order to be able to try to bring us some peace and quiet and to bring our town back together. She thanked Senator Singleton, first for some of the bills that he is trying to put through in order to be able to help with some of the issues that we have, but also for taking the time to come out and walk with her and speak to some of the people in the neighborhoods that have been affected as well as those in attendance. She is privileged that he came to support her.

Newly elected Council Representative Nick Haas thanked his wife and daughters for their support over the past few months. He thanked his parents and his father-in-law who were in attendance. He stated that he is humbled and looks forward to working with Council. He congratulated Councilman Baldorossi and Councilwoman Marter on their victories and he looks forward to working with the Township and the residents.

Council Representative Ostrander thanked Council Representatives Baldorossi, Haas and Marter and congratulated them. He is looking forward to working with new members who have a fresh perspective on ideas. Over the last ten years that he has served on Council we have pushed to move the township forward the best we could but there is always room for improvement and any good suggestions are welcomed.

Council President Garganio welcomed the new members on Council. There is a lot of work to be done and he stated that he is looking forward to a very productive year. He said that we have our fights during election cycles but when it comes down to help govern the town we work together and try to do the right thing. We all live here and we try to do what is best for our residents to make our town what it is and what it has the potential to become. He also thanked Senator Singleton, stating he is “a friend of

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Florence Township and a friend of mine.” He appreciated him coming out and if there is ever an issue that needs to be addressed, we know that we can go to our Senator and he is helping us with a lot of our issues.

Mayor Wilkie congratulated and welcomed the new members. He thanked Senator Singleton for coming out. Through his advocacy, the funding came through on a number of items that we were able to make projects. He thanked everyone for coming out.

Mayor Wilkie shared a slideshow presentation highlighting some of the events of 2021 and some goals for 2022:

The Shade Tree Commission decided this past year to expand and reinvest in the beautification of our community and chose to make the municipal building a focal point, as well as the Veteran’s Monument. He wanted to recognize them for their efforts.

Florence Township is celebrating our 150th Anniversary this year. March 7th is the 150th year since Florence Township was incorporated. Unfortunately, with Covid this is not going to be the celebration we had hoped to have.

Mayor Wilkie stated that the new website is up and running thanks to Marty Eckert who took the lead on this project. Our goal is always to make information available to our residents and getting information out there. Marty did a great job making this happen.

There were 18 new trees planted at the FAAD park on Hamilton Avenue and over 20 new trees planted in the Roebling Park along the river. A big thank you to the volunteers and our scouting organizations with their help with those things.

Mayor Wilkie spoke about the events and activities that have returned this year since Covid hit like the Easter Egg drive thru at the Firehouse, recreational sports, the Adopt-A-Cop program with an end of the year celebration with the students.

Lou and Carol Borbi were Grand Marshals at the Patriotic Celebration. After three years in a row, with rain the first year, the cancellation of the parade due to Covid the second year, we were finally able to recognize them. Lou and Carol put together the book of Roebling, a lifetime dream of Lou’s that Carol agreed to be a part of, and we were able to celebrate that along with Patriotic Day.

Through the Police Department and Emergency Services, a number of children were able to participate in the Youth Academy. Things were a little different but there were a number of activities that they could be a part of.

The Bike Rodeo was held on a hot day in July and there was a good turnout. National Night Out was a little different this year but we were able to have a number of people out there with great activities. We extended that day as our hometown Olympian, Curtis Thompson was competing and we congratulate Curtis on his great accomplishments. We have made a permanent honor for him as you come into Florence Township with signs and we are so proud of him and all of his accomplishments and hard work going forward.

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Mayor Wilkie talked about the scarecrow contest and our tree lighting ceremonies, with the addition again of our tree lighting in Roebbling at the circle on Fifth and Main.

Sidewalks were added to the side of the municipal building as well as along Broad Street and throughout the community. From the Oak Mill Development there is a path that connects to Veteran's Park and we are trying to do this in more and more places to make our town more accessible for the community.

Along Potts Mill Road is a three phase Transportation Trust Fund project. Phase 1 had been done a few years ago and phases 2 and 3 are being completed now. The paving comes through Transportation Trust Fund and sidewalks have been added to connect the community out there. We were also able to install bridges over the two creeks and access to water was added for the residents out there that did not already have access. After the road settles in the Spring of 2022 the project will be paved.

The Water Plant has been updated over the years and a massive update was just completed a few weeks ago.

The Heritage Trail is a beautiful site and gives people access where the mill area is. We continue to try and do more of those types of projects and appreciate the legislative support in order to get the funding in place to make these things happen. There is a dog park with added amenities as part of a scout project. Through a girl scout project signs are being put up with markers along the park.

Mayor Wilkie talked about projects for 2022 to include bringing in an architect to update the municipal building to accommodate some changes to abide by new laws and the expanding police force. The Master Plan, which we have been working on for the last couple of years will be introduced this spring and we will move forward on that. The Tall Pines Estates project has been held off because of Covid, expanding completion of water and sewer into that area and then paving. Regarding zip code consolidation, we have both Burlington and Bordentown addresses and it has been discussed for a few years that we would all like to be Florence Township.

A new fueling facility upgrade which will include moving the pump closer to Public Works, will make the Rec Center available to us. Funding we received from the state from two Transportation Trust Fund projects are the Wilbur Henry Drive paving project and the Ninth Street Road Program. Project Freedom, our Affordable Housing obligation, includes putting in 72 units at Hornberger Avenue and Route 130. The Weiss Development, at Route 130 and Cedar Lane, will include 220 units and of that 15% will be affordable.

There are also a number of park improvements planned and we have been getting comments from the public through a survey that is going to be posted on the website. Council will be looking at those projects as part of the budget process.

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We received a notice from the EPA that the federal government has put \$1 Billion towards the infrastructure to get rid of the superfund backlog. Over the past few years, they have been putting some plans together and now that the federal government has moved forward with this, that money has been earmarked there. There is still a lot at the steel plant to be decided on and that is one of the reasons that the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission has agreed to do a study on the reuse of the former Roebling Steel Plant. At the Planning Board level for the last couple of years, and especially now with the addition of the Heritage Trail, we have been talking about the waterfront district and about the amenities along the river. This will be a formal process and the federal agency will be involved in working with the public to develop those plans.

They are also looking at a bypass to get trucks off of Delaware Avenue and Front Street so they are creating a study on how that can work. And, where Senator Singleton has been really important and leading the way for us with the US 130 Florence-Columbus Road, the Congressman was originally designating the money then Congress said you can't designate a site. That money has been given to the State of New Jersey and we are counting on the State to put the money in and take care of this major project we have in getting Florence-Columbus and Route 130 improvements done. We are also in the process of the endorsement of Route 130 which goes back 25 years from Florence to Palmyra.

A lot of roads were completed in 2021 and we have a massive road program planned in 2022. Council will be looking at this in more detail at the next Council meeting so they can make some decisions.

Mayor Wilkie said that the township had received a grant in the amount of \$70,000 that will be used to renovate the old public works building and he again recognized Marty Eckert for his efforts there. Out of the State of New Jersey, the most any municipality received was \$100,000 and in our case we are getting \$70,000 so that is a great accomplishment for Marty Eckert.

Council meetings are at 7:00pm and they are being offered virtually.

Mayor Wilkie recognized on a personal note, the passing of Mayor Sharon Worrell. She was the first female ever elected to Mayor or Council in Florence Township. She served for 8 years and she passed right before the holidays. There are many things that she envisioned for our town and put into place, like our free yard sale day, which we continue to this day. He extended his sympathies to her family including her daughter, Municipal Clerk Nancy Erlston.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Council President Garganio opened the meeting to the public for comment.

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Senator Troy Singleton, congratulated all those that are serving the community. He stated that “running for office is easy, governing is really hard. And governing in a small town is even harder. Because everyone knows you and everyone expects a lot of you. But the confidence that the people of this community have shown in you should embolden you to know that you are more than qualified to handle this enormous task and responsibility that is before you. One of the things and one of the reasons why I love coming to this town is because of the simple fact that partisanship usually always ends at that door. Elections are about partisanship but governing is truly about partnership and I have never once walked into this building where I felt there was partisan conversation. It has always been about partnership, about how to make Florence better. You, especially the two newer folks here, you are joining a group of people who believe in that deeply, who are committed to that. And I encourage you to lean on the wisdom of those who have served before you to also give you some guidance as you sort of find your way as Council members. To my friends in this community, your obligation is to hold them accountable. It is your deep commitment to this community to hold them accountable to you. There is a saying that we have in our office that we don’t have constituents, we have bosses. In the seventh district I have 226,000 of them. They have a little less here in Florence but all are still equally important. But it only works if this room, this Zoom, is often filled with folks who want to be a part of that conversation. Our democracy is participatory and it needs your help to really make it strive and work its best. I have no doubt this community is in great hands. My dear friend Bruce Garganio, who I have know for well over fifteen years, long before either of us had titles, he has been my friend a long time. And Frank has been my friend, the first time I actually started walking streets, Frank took me around his community and wrapped his arm around me so he means a lot to me as well. But each and every one of you continue to show up, continue to be a part of this process, you will find it worthy and you will only make these individuals better to represent you. To the Mayor, my friend, and Council members, thank you, I have to take my leave or else I’ll get yelled at at home. But I sincerely appreciate this opportunity as always to be with you. God Bless each and every one of you and I look forward to see you soon. Thank you.”

Rachel Leister, 113 Seventh Avenue, asked if there were any updates on the crosswalk at Delaware and Hornberger Avenues. Ms. Leister also asked if brighter street lights can be installed in Roebing. And, as a representative of Flash Forward Community, she invited members of Council to join them. She stated that they have an amazing group of young people who are really trying to make a difference in town and they don’t know where to start.

Mayor Wilkie explained that the crosswalk is a county project and had to be ordered and it is a supply chain situation. He also explained that the street lights are Public Service and he does not know what their schedule is and this is the first time anyone has raised a question about the lighting.

Bryan Hewitt, 1080 Grove Street, congratulated the new members on Council and mentioned that it was a clean fought campaign compared to other towns and he believes that is a great thing about Florence Township. He stated that governing is a thankless job

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and the new members were elected because they want change, but change takes time and he is glad that they are both here and he likes what they promised.

Seeing no one else wishing to be heard, it was the MOTION of Ostrander, seconded by Marter to close the public comments. Voice vote - all ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Ostrander, seconded by Haas to adjourn at 7:49 p.m. Voice vote - all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L. Erlston, RMC
Township Clerk
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