

Florence Township Council Regular Session 6/1/22

Florence, New Jersey
June 1, 2022

The Florence Township Council held a regular meeting on the above date in the Municipal Complex, 711 Broad Street, Florence, New Jersey. Members of the public were invited to attend the meeting in person or electronically via Zoom.

The meeting was called to order by Council President Garganio at 7:00 p.m. Council President Garganio 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 7, 2022; published in the Burlington County Times on January 19, 2022, placed on the Township website and given to the Trenton Times for information on January 19, 2022.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Upon roll call the following were found to be present:

Present: Frank Baldorossi, Nicholas Haas, Kristan Marter, Paul Ostrander, Bruce Garganio

Also Present: Mayor Craig H. Wilkie; Stephen Fazekas, Township Administrator; Robert N. Wright, Jr., Township Solicitor (via Zoom); Nancy L. Erlston, Township Clerk; Jenise Silinsky, Deputy Township Clerk

Absent: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Executive Session of May 11, 2022
- Closed Session of May 18, 2022
- Regular Session of May 18, 2022

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

FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Motion of Haas, seconded by Marter to approve the following correspondence.

- Municipal Treasurer’s Cash Reports and Budget Reports for April 2022

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

- YEAS: Baldorossi, Haas, Marter, Ostrander, Garganio
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: None Unanimous vote – Motion carried

Motion of Ostrander, seconded by Baldorossi to approve the **Treasurer’s Bill List**.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

- YEAS: Baldorossi, Haas, Marter, Ostrander, Garganio
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: None Unanimous vote – Motion carried

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REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE

None at this time.

APPLICATIONS

None at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

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

RESOLUTIONS

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-113
Renew ABC License – Florence Wine & Liquor**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-114
Renew ABC License – MAB Pad Center, Inc., t/a Liquor Barn**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-115
Renew ABC License – American Legion Post 194**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-116
Renew ABC License – Jay & Pinali LLC t/a Town Liquor**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-117
Renew ABC License – Glory Days Tavern**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-118
Authorize Carol Taylor as Records Manager for Fire District**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-119
Authorizing the Auction of Abandoned Vehicles by Police Department**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-120
Approve Water & Sewer Payment Plan Block 2, Lot 12**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-121
Approve Water & Sewer Payment Plan Block 123, Lot 53**

It was the Motion of Ostrander, seconded by Marter to approve Resolution Nos. 2022-113 through 2022-121.

Administrator Fazekas explained that Resolution #2022-118 is recognizing the Fire District as a separate corporate entity so they can perform their own records management, retention and destruction through the State.

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Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

- YEAS: Baldorossi, Haas, Marter, Ostrander, Garganio
 - NOES: None
 - ABSENT : None
- Unanimous vote – Motion carried

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-08

**Authorizing the Sale of Block 143.01, Lot 1.02 to the Florence Township School District
(Intro. & 1st Read) (2nd Read, Public Hearing & Adopt 6/15/22)**

It was a Motion of Haas, seconded by Marter to approve Ordinance No. 2022-08.

Mayor Wilkie explained that this is commonly known as the Holy Assumption carnival grounds which we purchased back in 2013. The goal was that if at any point the school needed expanding, the land would be available. The school has secured funding for an expansion and this ordinance authorizes the transfer of the land.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

- YEAS: Baldorossi, Haas, Marter, Ostrander, Garganio
 - NOES: None
 - ABSENT: None
- Unanimous vote – Motion carried

REPORTS OF COMMITEES, BOARDS AND OFFICERS

None at this time.

REPORTS: ADMINISTRATION

Mayor

Mayor Wilkie stated that the dedication of Michael’s Grove was nicely attended. He thanked the Shade Tree Commission, the Scouts and everyone who partnered to make it happen. People were encouraged to bring their trees, plants and flowers and some people did that, in honor of Michael Geary.

Mayor Wilkie mentioned that Memorial Day Services were held this past weekend, by American Legion Post 194 in Florence on Sunday and American Legion Post 39 in Roebing on Monday. He thanked the Boy Scouts who participated in the ceremony on Monday. He stated that prior to the ceremonies, both Legions made sure that American Flags were put out in the cemeteries in their respective areas and Post 194 partnered with the Girl Scouts and Amazon to plant the geraniums. Amazon has a veteran’s group and they purchased the flowers and helped plant them.

Mayor Wilkie also mentioned that Patriotic Day will be on July 9 and Jerry Sandusky will be our Grand Marshal this year. He then read excerpts from Minutes of March 25, 1898 and December 7, 1900.

Administrator

Administrator Fazekas stated that he checked with the CDC regarding the public drinking fountains and those will be flushed and back in service within the next week or two.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Township Website

Administrator Fazekas stated that there are still some issues with the website. The web designer was unable to attend the meeting and we will be bringing it back to Council for discussion at a later meeting to work through some of the issues.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Representative Marter stated that some residents had reached out to her regarding truck traffic on Florence-Bustleton Road (Cedar Lane) that goes past the high school asking for larger signage. They are seeing a considerable increase in trucks and they are concerned.

The other issue is a resident from West Front Street by DC Fabricators reached out because in an hours' time one evening he had 8 Amazon trucks pass his home around that corner at a high rate of speed. She is asking what can be done about it and mentioned maybe a flashing speed sign around the bend to let them know what their speed is.

Administrator Fazekas asked for the contact information of the resident so he can reach out and then reach out to Amazon with the specifics. Mayor Wilkie mentioned that Amazon stated that if they identify a driver that is in an area they are not supposed to be in, then the driver will be fired. They are not supposed to be doing that. Council President Garganio asked Administrator Fazekas to get back to Council after speaking to Amazon about this.

BOARD OF HEALTH

None at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS

None at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

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

ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION

- Resolution No. 2022-112 Resolution Authorizing the Mayor, Township Council and Support Staff to meet on Closed Session and Authorizing the Exclusion of the Public from that Portion of the Meeting Dealing with Specific Issues Requiring Non-Public Discussions – Attorney-Client Privilege – PB#2021-07

Motion of Ostrander, seconded by Haas to adjourn to Closed Session at 7:19 p.m. where no action will be taken. Voice vote – all ayes.

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ADJOURNMENT

Council returned to the Regular meeting at 7:34 p.m. No action was taken. Motion of Ostrander seconded by Baldorossi to adjourn. Voice vote – all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L. Erlston, RMC
Township Clerk
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