

Florence Township Council Regular Session 7/6/22

Florence, New Jersey
July 6, 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 Vice President Ostrander at 7:00 p.m. Council Vice President Ostrander 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

Also Present: Stephen Fazekas, Township Administrator; Robert N. Wright, Jr., Township Solicitor; Nancy L. Erlston, Township Clerk; Jenise Silinsky, Deputy Township Clerk

Absent: Bruce Garganio, Mayor Craig Wilkie

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Regular Session of June 15, 2022

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

FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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

- Municipal Treasurer’s Cash Reports & Budget Reports for May 2022

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

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

Motion of Haas, seconded by Marter to approve the **Treasurer’s Bill List**.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

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

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REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE

None at this time.

APPLICATIONS

- A. Social Affair Permit for the Florence Township Football Association, Annual Bocce Ball Tournament, at American Legion Post 194, 601 Broad Street, Florence, on August 6, 2022 (rain date August 7) from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- B. Off-Premise Merchandise Raffle for Florence Township Memorial H.S. Parent Organization, to benefit the FTMHS Pit Club, drawing to be held at American Legion Post 194, 601 Broad Street, Florence on September 18, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.
- C. On-Premise 50/50 Raffle for the FTMHS Marching Band Booster Club, Sept. 2; 16, Oct. 7; 14; 15; 28; Nov. 4; 5 drawings to be held during the games at 1050 Cedar Lane, Florence.
- D. Off-Premise 50/50 Raffle for the FTMHS Marching Band Booster Club, drawing to be held at the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting at 7:00 p.m. on December 2, 2022 at 711 Broad Street, Florence.

Motion of Baldorossi, seconded by Marter to approve the applications. Voice vote – All ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Council Vice President Ostrander opened the meeting to the public at this time.

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-139

Authorizing Lien for Failing to Address Property Maintenance Violations, Block 156.07, Lot 5

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-140

Authorize Refund House-Rental Inspection Fee, Block 1.02, Lot 2

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-141

Rescind Resolution 2022-30 and Appoint Robert Perry, Esq. as Public Defender

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-142

Appoint Networks Plus as Computer Support Services

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-143

Approve Water & Sewer Payment Plan, Block 165.10, Lot 37

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-144

Approve Water & Sewer Payment Plan, Block 156.07, Lot 13

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-145

Supporting an Appropriations and Levy Cap Exemption for a 3-year period for Increases in Liability, Worker's Compensation, Cyber Liability and Property Insurance

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-146

Authorizing Refunds of Certain Tax Overpayments

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RESOLUTION NO. 2022-147
Renew ABC License, VRS Holdings LLC

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-148
Award Contract for Radio Frequency Read Water Meters to Rio Supply Inc.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-149
Award Contract for 15% Sodium Hypochlorite Solution and Miracle Chemical Co.

It was the Motion of Haas, seconded by Marter to approve Resolution Nos. 2022-139 through 2022-149.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

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

ORDINANCES

None at this time.

REPORTS OF COMMITEES, BOARDS AND OFFICERS

Council Representative Marter asked for an update on the bike path set for Fifth Street. Administrator Fazekas explained that there is a Precon meeting scheduled for Thursday, July 7th at 11:00 a.m. for the entire project and the hope is to get that started sometime next week.

REPORTS: ADMINISTRATION

Administrator

Administrator Fazekas stated that residents from Birch Hollow have been calling about tractor trailers parking along the shoulder of Florence-Columbus Road. He did not find anything in the ordinances about no parking there. He has been in contact with the County and they told him that if Council approves an ordinance, they will approve a resolution of no parking and it will be posted. He is asking for permission from Council to proceed and Council agreed.

Division of Law

Solicitor Bob Wright stated that when virtual meetings were first allowed there were no regulations regarding interruptions or disturbances. The Local Government Services put regulations in place which required a system be set up where a monitor could eject someone from the meeting if they are being disruptive or detrimental.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Township Website

Administrator Fazekas explained that the email notification system is up and working on the township website and that people do not have to include their addresses if they do not wish. All that is necessary is their name and email address. The website will continue to be on the agenda as some of the other issues are being worked through Council will be kept up-to-date on the progress.

NEW BUSINESS

None at this time.

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BOARD OF HEALTH

None at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS

None at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Council Vice President Ostrander opened the meeting to the public at this time.

Bryan Hewitt, 1080 Grove Street, stated that there is really no way to stop the Zoom meetings from being hacked. People can join meetings and spam highly offensive things and, unfortunately it is a public meeting so you have to let people into it and there is no way to know that they are going to do that.

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

Motion of Haas, seconded by Marter to adjourn to Closed Session at 7:13 p.m. where no action will be taken. Voice vote – all ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

Council returned to the Regular meeting at 7:58 p.m. No action was taken. Motion of Marter seconded by Baldorossi to adjourn. Voice vote – all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L. Erlston, RMC
Township Clerk
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