

## **Florence Township Council Executive Session 10/12/22**

Florence, New Jersey  
October 12, 2022

The Florence Township Council held an Executive Session 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, Jr., Nicholas Haas, Kristan Marter (via Zoom), Paul Ostrander, Bruce Garganio

Also Present: Mayor Craig H. Wilkie; Thomas J. Hastie, Jr., Esq., Township Solicitor; Robert Mullin, Township Engineer; Nancy L. Erlston, Township Clerk; Jenise Silinsky, Deputy Township Clerk

Absent: Stephen Fazekas, Township Administrator

### **FIFTEEN (15) MINUTES OF PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

Jeanne Ondusko, 10 Olive Street, stated that she had attended a meeting back in May to talk about problems she had with stray cats in her neighborhood. Administrator Fazekas had the Animal Control Officer set traps to try and catch the cats but they had only caught one cat in June. She returned to the meeting last week and spoke off the record with Administrator Fazekas about having the ACO come back to trap the cats and, after they were unsuccessful, she asked if her son could trap the cats and transport them to the Burlington County Animal Shelter. She stated that Administrator Fazekas agreed and told her to have the bill sent to the Township. Her son was able to trap the two cats that had been creating most of the damage in a matter of hours on the first day. She gave Council a copy of a form that was supplied to her by the ACO stating that it is illegal for individuals to trap animals and asked if we are going to have people sign that form. She also stated that there was extensive damage to a motorcycle stored in her shed because of the stray cats and that she is going to have to file a claim for those damages.

Council President Garganio told Ms. Ondusko that they will have the Township Solicitor look the form over and evaluate.

She thanked Mayor and Council for all of the help that they provided and especially Administrator Fazekas for allowing her son to take care of the cat issue.

Seeing no one else wishing to be heard, a Motion was made by Ostrander, seconded by Haas to close the public comment portion. Voice vote – all ayes.

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### BUSINESS

#### A. Review of Township Projects

Township Engineer Robert Mullin touched on some highlights of the report. He explained that the Township's official map was updated to show the streets which have been improved for 2021-2022. Preliminary estimates for the 2023 Road Program are currently being worked on and should be completed in a few weeks, brought in for review and approval and they hope to have a design for that early next year. The 2022 NJDOT Municipal Aid Program's Ninth Street improvements were due to start this week but with impending bad weather the concrete work will likely get started next week. They are finishing up the 2022 Road Program with the same contractor, Earle Asphalt. There are a lot of grants that they are finishing up right now and a couple have problems and are noncompliant and that concrete work is a little more detailed than most curb work so that process is being addressed. Much of the all of the concrete work is complete or being completed and they will come back out and mill and pave. They will be requesting a 3-week extension on the completion date and that will be discussed with Administrator Fazekas to make sure that everything is done in time and it does not affect the work on Ninth Street.

On Potts Mill Road Phases II & III there were some issues with core samples that were taken and they will take care of working those out with the NJDOT and the contractor. They are working on concept plans and cost estimates for the fishing pier. Mr. Mullins told Council that he had reviewed some of the concepts, visited the site and is looking forward to having the opportunity to work on that project. The Local 2022 Sidewalk Improvements project is starting tomorrow, weather permitting, and will be out full force next week.

Mayor Wilkie mentioned that fuel tank bids are due by the end of the month and are being handled by ERI. He stated that Marty Eckert recently replaced the lights at the old public works garage. Regarding the improvements to the Police Department, the architect met with Command Staff and evaluated the old squad building to make sure it is viable to be the temporary location while the construction is going on in the Police Department.

#### B. Burlington County Farmland Preservation Program – 2022 Acquisition Targeting List

Mayor Wilkie explained that this is something we get ever year and he noted that Mr. Carty has his application in to the Burlington County. We had approved something on the state side and evidently he withdrew from the state and is now moving through with the county.

### ACTION

None at this time.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Don Kamienski, 10 McCay Drive, asked for an update on the Columbus Road project and if there are any start and end dates. Mayor Wilkie explained that the Federal Government gave the money to the State but the money did not end up going there. This is on what they call the Traffic Improvement Plan (TIP) but it hasn't been funded yet. The design shown last year was for one phase. The next phase is the design and funding to put it in place.

Seeing no one wishing to comment, a Motion was made by Ostrander, seconded by Haas to close the public comment portion. Voice Vote – All Ayes.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion of Ostrander seconded by Haas to adjourn. Voice vote – all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L. Erlston, RMC  
Township Clerk  
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