

## Florence Township Council Regular Session 4/1/26

Florence, New Jersey  
April 1, 2026

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, published in the Burlington County Times, and placed on the Township website on January 11, 2026 and given to the Courier Post for information.

### ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Upon roll call the following were found to be present:

Present: John Fratinardo, Frederick Gabriele, Talaya Loftin, Gina Sullivan, 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

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Closed Session of March 18, 2026
- Executive Session of March 11, 2026

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

### FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

- Tax Collector's Water & Sewer Monthly Report for February 2026

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

Motion of Fratinardo, seconded by Sullivan to approve the **Treasurer's Bill List**.

Upon roll call, the Council voted as follows:

- YEAS: Fratinardo, Gabriele, Loftin, Sullivan, Frappolli
  - NOES: None
  - ABSENT: None
- Unanimous vote – Motion carried

### REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Letter from Florence Historical Society requesting permission to have their Open House on Sunday, April 19, 2026 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- B. Police Chief's Monthly Report for February 2026

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

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**APPLICATIONS**

None at this time.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Motion of Fratinardo, seconded by Loftin to open the public comment portion of the meeting. Voice vote – All ayes.

Don Cammus – 580 East Sixth Street, commended Public Works Superintendent Dave Wright for the posting on Facebook regarding how to handle and manage spring cleanup.

Council President Frappolli mentioned that with the spring and summer programs coming up they had spoken about putting more recycle bins and trash receptacles in the areas where our youth and people traffic in certain areas so that they can be more responsible citizens.

Seeing no one else wishing to be heard, it was a Motion of Loftin, seconded by Fratinardo to close public comment. Voice vote – All ayes.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-75  
Self-Review of Municipal Budget**

Motion of Sullivan, seconded by Loftin to approve Resolution No. 2026-75.

Upon roll call, the Council voted as follows:

- YEAS: Fratinardo, Gabriele, Loftin, Sullivan, Frappolli
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: None Unanimous vote – Motion carried

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-76  
Introduce 2026 Municipal Budget**

Motion of Loftin, seconded by Sullivan to approve Resolution No. 2026-76.

Upon roll call, the Council voted as follows:

- YEAS: Fratinardo, Gabriele, Loftin, Sullivan, Frappolli
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: None Unanimous vote – Motion carried

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-77  
Award Administrative Services Contract, Tax Office to J.H. Services, Inc.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-78  
Approve Lease Agreement with U.S. Coast Guard for Navigational Marker Lights**

Motion of Loftin, seconded by Sullivan to approve Resolution Nos. 2026-77 and 2026-78.

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Upon roll call, the Council voted as follows:

- YEAS: Fratinaro, Gabriele, Loftin, Sullivan, Frappolli
  - NOES: None
  - ABSENT: None
- Unanimous vote – Motion carried

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-79**

**Fixing the Compensation of Certain Officials and employees of the Township**

Motion of Loftin, seconded by Sullivan to approve Resolution No. 2026-79.

Upon roll call, the Council voted as follows:

- YEAS: Fratinaro, Loftin, Sullivan, Frappolli
  - NOES: None
  - RECUSE: Gabriele
  - ABSENT: None
- Majority vote – Motion carried

**ORDINANCES**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-07**

**Amending Chapter 132 Trees  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Reading & Public Hearing)**

Motion of Fratinaro, seconded by Gabriele to open the Public Hearing. Voice vote – All ayes. Seeing no one wishing to be heard, it was a Motion of Loftin, seconded by Fratinaro to close the Public Hearing. Voice vote – All ayes.

Motion of Fratinaro, seconded by Gabriele to approve Ordinance No. 2026-07.

Upon roll call, the Council voted as follows:

- YEAS: Fratinaro, Gabriele, Loftin, Sullivan, Frappolli
  - NOES: None
  - ABSENT: None
- Unanimous vote – Motion carried

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-08**

**Capital Ordinance – Riverbank Drive Erosion Control  
(Introduction & 1<sup>st</sup> Reading) (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Public Hearing 4/15/2026)**

Motion of Gabriele, seconded by Sullivan to approve Ordinance No. 2026-08.

Upon roll call, the Council voted as follows:

- YEAS: Gabriele, Loftin, Sullivan, Frappolli
  - NOES: None
  - RECUSE: Fratinaro
  - ABSENT: None
- Majority vote – Motion carried

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**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-09**

**Bond Ordinance Providing for the Acquisition of Real Property Affordable Housing, Appropriating \$4,000,000 and Authorizing the Issuance of \$3,800,000 in General Improvement Bonds or Notes (Introduction & 1<sup>st</sup> Reading) (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Public Hearing 4/15/2026)**

Motion of Loftin, seconded by Sullivan to approve Ordinance No. 2026-09.

Upon roll call, the Council voted as follows:

- YEAS: Fratinaro, Gabriele, Loftin, Sullivan, Frappolli
  - NOES: None
  - ABSENT: None
- Unanimous vote – Motion carried

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND OFFICERS**

None at this time.

**REPORTS: ADMINISTRATION**

**Mayor**

Mayor Marter mentioned that trash and recycling cans were added at both of the concession stands by the baseball fields to try to provide more opportunities for residents to be able to properly dispose of their trash. She also mentioned that on Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Congressman Herb Conaway will be hosting a Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. in our Courtroom.

The Mayor reminded everyone that the whirlybird will be closing on April 6<sup>th</sup> and will be closed for about six weeks or so in order for the County to widen and resurface it to allow trucks to be able to navigate it safely. Incoming traffic will still be able to travel that way, but it will be closed for outgoing traffic and they will be alternating sides as they work. Council Representative Sullivan asked the Mayor if we had any say in the timing of the road closure. Mayor Marter explained that the timing was brought to their attention but unfortunately we are at their mercy.

Mayor Marter also explained that the Rite Aid intersection is underway. She sent letters of support to Senator Booker, Senator Kim and Congressman Conaway’s offices in order to be able to make sure everyone is on board, and is also waiting to hear back as to when they are going to have any sort of groundbreaking on the new bypass.

Mayor Marter stated that a post was put up on Facebook explaining that we are looking for six members for the Economic Development Committee with specific backgrounds and asking them to complete the form online if they have a background that is related to what we are looking for.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Council President Frappolli stated that they are trying to make a real effort around our concession stands with recycling and trash receptacles. He also stated that the Woodlawn Avenue baseball field is being utilized and he extended his gratitude to Dave Wright and the Public Works Department for getting that functioning.

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**BOARD OF HEALTH**

None at this time.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Council Representative Loftin stated that she saw a post on Facebook called Chicken with Bella regarding raising backyard chickens and she wanted to share that with Council and the public. It will take place on April 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at 88 Atlantic Avenue in Columbus and it could be good for residents to attend to learn everything they need to know about raising chickens. The Administrator agreed to share the post to social media.

Council President Frappolli mentioned that the Florence Township High School Alumni Association has been meeting once a month for the past few years and right now they are working to try and raise money for the scholarships for the seniors. They are also working with the Florence High School in creating a Florence High School Hall of Fame. All are welcome.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

Council reopened the Public Comment at 7:34 p.m. for a member of the public wanting to make a comment for the record on a Motion of Fratinardo, seconded by Gabriele. Voice vote – All ayes.

Charlena Thompson – Route 130, Florence, explained that she was able to walk right into the high school one evening when she noticed a lot of people going in. She was concerned because she was not approached or asked what she was doing there and she was able to get inside without any issues or security. Council explained that she needs to attend the School Board meeting and voice her concerns.

Motion of Loftin, seconded by Fratinardo to close the Public Comment and go into Closed Session at 7:45 p.m. Voice vote – All ayes.

**ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION**

Resolution 2026-80 Resolution Authorizing the Mayor, Township Council and Support Staff to meet in Closed Session and Authorizing the Exclusion of the Public from that Portion of the Meeting Dealing with Specific Issues Requiring Non-Public Discussions:

- Discussion of Litigation related to Affordable Housing, possible acquisition of real property, and matters of attorney client privilege.

Motion of Fratinardo, seconded by Gabriele to adjourn to Closed Session where no action will be taken.

Upon roll call, the Council voted as follows:

- YEAS: Fratinardo, Gabriele, Loftin, Sullivan, Frappolli
  - NOES: None
  - ABSENT: None
- Unanimous vote – Motion carried

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion of Gabriele, seconded by Fratinaro to return to the Regular meeting at 8:08 p.m. Voice vote – All ayes. Motion of Fratinaro seconded by Gabriele to adjourn. Voice vote – All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L. Erlston, RMC  
Township Clerk  
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