

**Florence Township Council Regular Session 5/20/2026**

Florence, New Jersey  
May 20, 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 (via Zoom), 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: Talaya Loftin

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Closed Session of May 6, 2026 and May 13, 2026
- Regular Session of May 6, 2026 and May 13, 2026

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

**FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE**

- Tax Collector’s Monthly Tax Report for April 2026
- Tax Collector’s Monthly Water & Sewer Report for April 2026

Motion of Fratinardo, seconded by Sullivan 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, Sullivan, Frappolli
  - NOES: None
  - ABSENT: Loftin
- Unanimous vote – Motion carried

**REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. Superintendent of Public works Departmental Report for March/April 2026
- B. Tax Office Monthly Summary for April 2026

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

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**APPLICATIONS**

None at this time.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Motion of Gabriele, seconded by Sullivan to open the public comment portion of the meeting. Seeing no one wishing to be heard, it was a Motion of Sullivan, seconded by Fratinardo to close public comment. Voice vote – All ayes.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-105  
Authorizing Municipal Liens of Certain Properties for Failing to  
Address Property Maintenance Violations**

**RESOLUTION NO. 202-106  
Approve Payment Certificate #2 and State Aid Change Order #1 for 2024 NJDOT Local Freight  
Impact Improvement Fund Improvements to Railroad Ave.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-107  
Approve Payment #1 for Field House Renovations**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-108  
Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the Budget,  
Chapter 159, Walgreens Settlement Fund**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-109  
Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the Budget,  
Chapter 159, FY2026 Clean Communities Grant**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-110  
Authorize Refund of Certain Tax Overpayments**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-111  
Rescinding Resolution 2025-219 to Cancel 2025 and 2026 Real Estate Taxes on  
Block 163.03, Lot 2.03 C0100 – 100 Birch Hollow Drive**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-112  
Award Contract to Rio Supply Inc. for Radio Frequency Read Water Meters**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-113  
Award Contract to Miracle Chemical Company for 15% Sodium Hypochlorite**

Motion of Gabriele, seconded by Sullivan to approve Resolution Nos. 2026-105 through 2026-113.

Upon roll call, the Council voted as follows:

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

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**ORDINANCES**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-11  
Amending Chapter 134 of the Florence Township Code to Provide Restrictions  
for Certain Streets or Parts of Streets Where Commercial Motor Vehicles  
Over Four Tons Gross Vehicle Weight are Restricted  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Public Hearing)**

Motion of Fratinardo, seconded by Gabriele to open the Public Hearing. Seeing no one wishing to be heard, a Motion of Fratinardo, seconded by Sullivan to close the Public Hearing.

Motion of Fratinardo, seconded by Sullivan to approve Ordinance No. 2026-11.

Upon roll call, the Council voted as follows:

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

**REPORTS OF COMMITEES, BOARDS AND OFFICERS**

None that this time.

**REPORTS: ADMINISTRATION**

**Mayor**

Mayor Marter reminded everyone that Memorial Day is Monday, May 25, 2026 and the Township offices will be closed.

**Administrator**

Administrator Sahol mentioned that the Township’s membership in the Joint Insurance Fund is up for renewal. He explained that there are 26 municipalities that are part of the Joint Insurance Fund of Burlington County, and Florence Township is actually one of the founding members, being a part of that since 1991. The Joint Insurance Fund is an incredibly valuable opportunity for the Township to be self-insured and the benefit is not seeing the premium increases that other people and other funds throughout the state as well as in the private sector see. Council agreed to have the JIF come in for a presentation during one of the executive session meetings in the upcoming months.

Administrator Sahol looked into installing cameras in the parks and explained that there are cameras out there that can be moved periodically like the trailers that we have for message boards, speed signs, etc. Some communities have purchased these cameras and sometimes they are used at construction sites to monitor the site to dissuade activity but also to capture video. He has been speaking to the Chief and they both think this has some merit, especially in the case of disruptive crowds at some of our challenging football games or the carnival, where we might need to monitor what is going on or to dissuade any disruptive behavior.

Council Representative Sullivan asked if this is something that could possibly be moved on a particular street where there are issues with people speeding like where there is a flashing speed sign, to help get that under control knowing that there is monitoring device there. Administrator Sahol said that putting the two devices together could be effective.

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The Administrator also mentioned that he is still in the process of investigating e-bikes and what to do next. He spoke about an ordinance that Evesham Township put forward that applies to natural areas, not paved trails and/or sidewalks as an example of what other towns are doing. Solicitor Wright explained that the concern in Evesham was e-bikes on the trail network, one being the dirt trails through the Pine Barrens. One issue is interfering and endangering hikers that are also on those trails but the other issue is that they are destroying the trails themselves. There is greater wear and tear from the e-bikes than there is from non-motorized bikes. This ordinance pertains to all levels of e-bikes not just the larger, faster ones but all classes. It also still allows them on paved pathways.

Administrator Sahol stated that it may not work in all areas because if you restrict e-bikes on any path in Florence, whether it be finished or unfinished, you are defeating the intent of the Heritage Trail, which is intended to be a regional approach for cycling. He explained that the ordinance could be tailored to focus in on certain areas/parks and adding that only pedal cycles will be permitted in the parks with a concession versus anything that is motorized. It needs to be tested as there could be some unanticipated consequences. Council President Frappolli stated that he thinks it is important to see what other communities are doing because everyone is dealing with the same issues and, as time goes on, it can be modified or changed.

Administrator Sahol explained that every two years or so he and the Chief try to make sure to maintain the patrol fleet. There are two vehicles the Chief identified for replacement for this year, which means two purchases. The engine blew on one of the vehicles just this week which is about \$15,000 for a vehicle that is eight years old, which is not the best expense. They will be coming to Council with a recommendation to move forward with the purchase authorization for the two police pursuit patrol rated SUVs for the police department. Because Fords offer a lot less of a maintenance issue than Chevys we are replacing the two Chevys with Fords.

One of the other topics of conversation was the budget and he and the Chief have been discussing some retirements and departures. We are in the process of hiring 4-5 new officers and they found some viable candidates during oral boards held this week. He also mentioned that they are looking to replace the 12-year old firearms. With the training that is required and the number of thousands of rounds that go through these firearms, it impacts the operational efficiency of the firearms and causes maintenance issues. They are also looking to go away from one caliber to a lot less expensive caliber to maintain and purchase for. The new firearms also have a new optic site that allows for better control and head positioning. So they are looking to modernize the firearms that are outfitted in the department and Council can expect to see that presented in a memo soon.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None at this time.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None at this time.

### **BOARD OF HEALTH**

None at this time.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Council Representative Sullivan read a letter from Theresa Farmer and Girl Scout Troop 21513 thanking Council for supporting and sponsoring the Girl Scout Cookie Chaser 5K.

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Motion of Fratinaro, seconded by Sullivan to open the public comment portion of the meeting. Seeing no one wishing to be heard, it was a Motion of Fratinaro, seconded by Sullivan to close public comment. Voice vote – All ayes.

**ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION**

Resolution 2026-114 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:

- Litigation NFI

Motion of Sullivan, seconded by Fratinaro to adjourn to Closed Session at 7:24 p.m. after which no action will be taken.

Upon roll call, the Council voted as follows:

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion of Sullivan, seconded by Fratinaro to return to the Regular meeting at 8:17 p.m. Voice vote – All ayes. Motion of Gabriele seconded by Fratinaro to adjourn. Voice vote – All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L. Erlston, RMC  
Township Clerk  
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