

Florence Township Council Regular Session 6/3/2026

Florence, New Jersey
June 3, 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

- Regular Session of May 20, 2026
- Closed Session of May 20, 2026

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

FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

- Township Clerk’s Monthly Report for May 2026

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

Motion of Gabriele, seconded by Fratinardo 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 Township Housing Authority dated May 11, 2026 regarding reappointment of Mary Ann Napolitan
- B. Letter from Florence Township Housing Authority dated May 11, 2026 regarding reappointment of Ed Jimenez
- C. Memorandum from Police Chief Brian Boldizar regarding ABC License renewals for 2026/2027

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D. Township Clerk’s Office Activity Report for May 2026

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

APPLICATIONS

A. On-Premise 50/50 for Riverfront PTO on July 11, 2026 from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at 711 Broad Street, Florence

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Motion of Fratinardo, seconded by Sullivan to open the public comment portion of the meeting.

Blake Dimon, owner of the Liquor Barn, 1051 Florence-Columbus Road – stated that he and the other two off-premise license holders, the owners of Town Liquor and Florence Wine and Liquor, are requesting to open at 9 a.m. on Sundays. He explained that in the summer with the heat, many people are on the roads early and are coming to their stores before 12:00 p.m. He said that liquor stores in the surrounding areas are opened earlier on Sundays.

Administrator Sahol explained that it would be an ordinance revision. Council discussed the current ordinance and different times to consider. Council President Frappolli recommended holding the discussions until the next workshop meeting.

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-115

Approve Renewal ABC Plenary Retail Consumption License, VRS Holdings

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-116

Approve Renewal ABC Plenary Retail Distribution License, Liquor Barn

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-117

Approve Renewal ABC Plenary Retail Consumption License, JJC Restaurant Group

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-118

Approve Renewal ABC Club License, American Legion Post 194

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-119

Approve Renewal ABC Plenary Retail Distribution License, Punam Corporation

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-120

Approve Renewal ABC Plenary Retail Distribution License, Florence Wine & Liquor

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-121

Approve Renewal ABC Plenary Retail Distribution License, American Slovak Citizen Club

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-122

Approve Renewal ABC Plenary Retail Consumption License, Vito in Florence, LLC

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RESOLUTION NO. 2026-123

Approve Renewal ABC Plenary Retail Distribution License, Town Liquor

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-124

Approve Renewal ABC Plenary Retail Consumption License, Pipa Holdings, LLC

Motion of Fratinardo, seconded by Loftin to approve Resolution Nos. 2026-115 through 2026-124.

Upon roll call, the Council voted as follows:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-125

Authorize Escrow Agreement Florence Food Center, LLC

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-126

Authorize Escrow Agreement Victor Roberts Group, LLC

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-127

Amending Resolutions 2025-207 and 2026-88 which Authorized Municipal Support for LFB, LLC to Receive a Class 5 Cannabis Retailer License from the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission to Operate within the Township of Florence

Motion of Gabriele, seconded by Sullivan to approve Resolution Nos. 2026-125 through 2026-127.

Upon roll call, the Council voted as follows:

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

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-12

Providing for the Acquisition of Firearms, Sights and Required Accessories Associated with Police Department Operations and Appropriating \$40,000 to Fund Same (Introduction & 1st Reading) (2nd Reading and Adoption 6/17/26)

Administrator Sahol explained that the current firearms are from 2014 and we have to keep our firearms and police equipment modernized. The officers fire their firearms often for training purposes and there is a constant maintenance that needs to be performed to provide the best level of protection for the officers to do their jobs. Modernizing the firearms in the department will provide for a greater level of proficiency for the officers with the new sighting mechanisms, ease of operation, safety and consistency. They are also looking to change the caliber to what is readily available.

Chief Boldizar explained that they looked around at what other departments are doing around the state and what ammo is currently available and the 9mm is more readily available.

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Motion of Loftin, seconded by Fratinardo to approve Ordinance No. 2026-12.

Upon roll call, the Council voted as follows:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-13

**Providing for the Acquisition of Two Police Pursuit Rated SUV’s with Upfit and
Required Emergency Services Equipment for Police Department Operations
and Appropriating \$170,000 to Fund Same
(Introduction & 1st Reading) (2nd Reading and Adoption 6/17/26)**

Administrator Sahol explained that the police vehicles may only have 145,000-150,000 miles on them but they probably have half a million hours of runtime which is probably the equivalent of 350,000-400,000 miles on an engine and transmission. There are two vehicles that are currently coming offline, an engine blew up on one and the other the maintenance records are showing that it is not long for it’s life. The Ford Explorers are a lot more economical so they are moving away from the Chevy Tahoes. We will not be incurring any debt, it is not long-term, it will be coming from our Capital Budget and we are not going to pay any interest.

Motion of Loftin, seconded by Fratinardo to approve Ordinance No. 2026-13.

Upon roll call, the Council voted as follows:

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND OFFICERS

Council Representative Loftin mentioned that the Environmental Committee meeting for June was cancelled due to lack of business.

REPORTS: ADMINISTRATION

Mayor

Mayor Marter stated that there will be a virtual public meeting on Tuesday, June 9th at 6:00 p.m. regarding the Delaware River Bridge project to replace the Pennsylvania Turnpike Bridge.

Mayor Marter read a timeline of events leading up to the cancellation of the Falls Township Data Center Town Hall scheduled for Sunday, May 31st into the record:

“The Friday of Memorial Day weekend, I was on Facebook and I saw a post that said about the Pennsylvania DEP public comment for their air quality permit for this project. Tom and I immediately sent off letters each and I contacted the mayor of Bordentown City as well as Fieldsboro. The mayor of Bordentown City then reached out to our Assemblyman, Balvir Singh. I posted that notice to the Community Page so that residents also have that opportunity. I also posted it on the Bordentown page, I wasn’t on the Fieldsboro page at the time, I have since joined it.

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On Sunday morning, I received a text from Assemblyman Balvir Singh at about 8 in the morning asking us if we had any kind of a pavilion along the riverfront in order to have a town hall meeting for the three towns, Fieldsboro, Bordentown City as well as us. I called Tom and asked Tom, first off we needed to make sure there was electricity there, I didn't know whether we had electricity in that pavilion at Roebling Park. So I called Tom and Marty, Marty confirmed it, Marty confirmed that there was no activity going there that day. So with only being the two small towns, Bordentown City is literally only one square mile with 4,068 residents, and Fieldsboro is three-quarters of a square mile with 526 residents, we agreed because they all had access to the Riverline train and the two mayors were going to push that everybody come in on the Riverline train because of the situation with parking in Roebling. We also felt that with, obviously the entire towns weren't going to show up, we figured we would be able to handle security and parking and traffic with the officers that we had on duty, this was a Sunday. So we agreed. I called Assemblyman Singh back and I said that we can manage this group.

On Memorial Day, the holiday, I texted our liaison to the Governor, his name is Kemani Scott, to tell him what was going on across the river because we were not notified about this data center that was being built on the Fairless Hills site of the old US Steel Mill. I didn't get ahold of him because it was a holiday, I just texted him. I then saw Assemblyman Singh update his flier to include Burlington City, they have 9,743 residents. They also have access to the Riverline train so it wasn't as concerning because they could easier get here as well. I'm sorry, to include Burlington City and Senator Singleton to come. I then received a text from the Mayor of Burlington Township saying he had planned to attend our event but was just going to be in the background, he just wanted to be there to participate. Assemblyman Singh then updated his flier to include Burlington Township, that is 23,983 residents and an environmental activist. I contacted Assemblyman Singh, this was on Monday, I contacted him and asked him pretty much why because, especially Burlington Township wasn't going to really be affected by this facility across the river. He said, well you never know how many people are going to show up, maybe no one. And pretty much, let's reconvene on Wednesday and see what it looks like as far as us holding it here.

Tuesday I followed up with Kemani and told him what we found out about this data center in Falls Township and he said the Governor was having an announcement on Wednesday regarding the guardrails that they are looking to put in place for data centers in the state of New Jersey. I asked if he could invite us and we were included on the invitation list so we could get through security. So myself and the mayor from Bordentown City, Mayor Lagos, attended that press conference. While we were there I texted Kemani and I asked him if we will have an opportunity to speak with the Governor and he said probably not, she had another meeting afterwards. So, me being me, when it was over I rushed the podium and I had an opportunity to speak directly with the Governor. And I told her about Falls Township and what was going on and she wasn't aware of it which isn't unlikely because they're not obligated to tell us anything on the other side of the river, we are in a completely different state. I don't know whether the previous administration had any information, there is no way to really know but none of us were really alerted to this center.

She said she would reach out and contact Governor Shapiro. The Assemblyman then updated his flier again to include Bordentown Township, another 11,791 residents. And then I started to see the post going to Mansfield, the Town Hall being shared into Mansfield as well as into Chesterfield, and then over into Pennsylvania. Wednesday night I didn't hear back from Assemblyman Singh with regards to the size that this has gotten. And then we had an incident at the carnival. And I'll let the Chief talk about that when it gets to the Chief's portion of the agenda. So we had an incident at the carnival. Thursday morning the Chief called a meeting and myself, the Command Staff, our Administrator Tom Sahol, Marty as well as Council President Frappolli, we met in the morning with concern about safety and a possible repeat, considering what happened at the carnival as well as circulating videos of what happened at the carnival, we were concerned about a repeat the next night, the carnival was cancelled. We all determined that it probably was

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not a good idea to move forward and the carnival was cancelled. In that meeting we also discussed Assemblyman Singh's Town Hall which started out as three small towns being affected by the Falls Township data center to pretty much an anti-data center town hall or rally, it had grown so much larger. On a Sunday, requiring Florence Township to bring in many more police at overtime pay at a cost on the taxpayers of Florence. Not to mention the burden it would put on the Village of Roebing because of the amount of traffic it would create. And now that it was expanded to such a larger group of people, there would be a lot more people driving as opposed to coming in on the Riverline train which is what we had initially anticipated. So we made the decision that it really needed to be moved.

So I contacted Assemblyman Singh and he began looking for another location. I posted that the town hall wasn't happening in Roebing and a new location was being sought. So Assemblyman Singh couldn't find another town to take it on so it was cancelled. The response to my post, to us asking that the meeting be moved, someone said 'move it to the high school.' We have absolutely no jurisdiction in the high school, none. The only thing we really do for the high school as a township is we collect the taxes and give them to the high school. It wouldn't take away the issue that we had with having to bring on more police officers at a cost to Florence Township. So that really wasn't an option and we weren't planning this meeting, this would have been up to Assemblyman Singh to look for another location so that wasn't really an option. Then I saw someone say "well don't believe the Mayor, her family business is probably making money off of this." Well just so you know, my husband and I closed our solar energy company last year and I'm retired and he is now semi-retired and we never had licenses to do business in Pennsylvania. So that really wasn't true and that's the only other thing I can say.

Then, I was told by someone that they wish they never voted for me. And that's ok, that's not a problem, that's ok. But then when my husband and I were riding in Roebing Park, someone said I hope you die. And in all honesty, all because we asked to have a meeting moved out of our town with concerns for Roebing Village. So, I live here, and if I didn't care... first off, I wouldn't have posted the request for comment that the PA DEP was putting out there. I would have never have posted it because I didn't care. I wouldn't have gone to the Governor's press conference and rushed the podium, because I care about our town. I couldn't let the cost of the Assemblyman's rally fall on the backs of the taxpayers of Florence Township because I care about our town and I care about the money, the taxes, I mean that's always a big thing when we have to increase taxes and I couldn't put that on the community.

So now let's talk about where we are. I'm working closely with Bordentown City's mayor who has already OPRA'd, she had her attorney already OPRA everything related to this project from Falls Township, Bucks County as well as the State of Pennsylvania. They have already extended her request because you have to meet that request within five days, they have already extended it for 30 days. So we won't have that information right away. Everything that comes in we're sharing. She has already agreed to us sharing all of the data that we get. Senator Singleton has been in touch with PA State Representative Jim Prokopiak to get a public meeting set up in Falls Township to include the major players of this project, Amazon, PECO, their water authority, everyone that is pertinent and has the answers that we need in order to know what's going on with this project. It looks like it is going to be held in July but we don't have an exact date yet because it really depends upon all of those entities being able to be available.

The project: This past weekend I spent a whole lot of time going through three years of agendas and minutes from Falls Township of their Planning Board, their Zoning Board, and they are set up a little bit differently they have a Board of Supervisors instead of a Council like we do. I found that on March 25th of 2025 this project changed from an Amazon warehouse to an Amazon data center all in one meeting. There was no, I saw nothing additional related to that and it was voted on, two members voted for it, two abstained and it was passed. According to a post from a resident who started a petition, the residents were not made aware of this change. The residents of Falls Township were not made aware of this change. So here's where we

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are, the building is already built. According to an article I read it was fast tracked by the Governor of Pennsylvania. They have already been testing the backup generators, so the generators are on. So we're not stopping it. Unfortunately, we didn't know about it and we're not stopping it. But we will push for transparency and measures to be put in place to protect our community because we all live here. I live right on the river, on the other side of the road on the river. And we all have concerns and Roebing is two miles away from this site. Fieldsboro is a half a mile away from this site, and Bordentown City is a mile and three-quarters away from the site. So we all have concerns and we're all working together to make sure we have the information and protect our community.

Florence Township: In Florence Township, we already have a non-permitted use for data centers in our zoning laws. It is already in place. A warehouse can't just change into a data center. Writing a new anti-data center ordinance, like you've seen Burlington Township wrote one, is redundant because we already have it in place. However though, I spoke to our Land Use Attorney who said that we can add more language to our current ordinance to make it more specific so that there's no loopholes. So we're looking in to what we need to add to that ordinance. And that's kind of where we are right now. We're gathering information. I'm sorry that we weren't able to have the initial meeting that we wanted to have with just the three towns. It turned into something much larger than our police force could handle without it costing our taxpayers a lot of money. Other towns weren't sending their police forces. Tom and I even talked about that, if Bordentown Township was having a large gathering and they called us to send our police there at our expense, we would say no. Why would our taxpayers pay for our police to go to another town? And so that's kind of what happened. And, I'm sorry that it didn't come about because I know there were a whole lot of people that really wanted to have their voice heard. And I'm really really kind of disappointed that right now I'm sitting and there are four people sitting in our Council room. Well, there were more online but some of them have disappeared. And I'm just kind of disappointed that we did everything that we could to try to make this happen and the community took it down a rabbit hole that pretty much, well, you can blame it on me. It was a decision that was made by a team of people that are responsible for this town and we just want to make sure everybody stays safe.

The other thing that I thought about after the fact is that we were talking about putting six mayors, a Senator and an Assemblyman in a pavilion in the middle, in the park, with access to the Heritage Trail. All it would take is somebody with some point to make to ride in on the Heritage Trail, create chaos and then be gone and all of us looking at each other like what just happened? Or then it would be, after what happened at the carnival, why did they ever have this thing? So, I'm sorry we didn't have it. I was actually looking forward to it until it got to be so large that it wasn't manageable for our town."

Council President Frappolli thanked the Mayor and explained that he thought it was important that she clear the air. As the Mayor of the community, even though they all share in the decision making and relying on our police for our protection, decisions are challenging to make from time to time. You can blame everyone but they are going to make decisions in the best interest of the people of Florence Township. It is unfortunate that both of those incidents came into one another and we were made aware that this rally, or this meeting, was growing day by day larger and larger and it was going to be a much bigger thing to deal with.

Council Representative Loftin stated that she requested for baseline testing for air, water and sound. Working with whoever we can work with if we can get a partnership from Rutgers, from the NJDEP whoever so that we can get some baseline so that when this thing comes on we have some numbers to compare it to. She said that the Administrator mentioned that he had already reached out to certain people and we are waiting to hear back from Rutgers to see if we can get some type of partnership with their students, if this can become a project for them or whatever we can do just to get some real numbers so that if the data center is approved and it's running and the generators are on and there is humming and they don't have a recycled system, we have some numbers where we can say this is what has changed and we

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can present the numbers and maybe have a case to stand and do something proactive instead of always being reactive.

Council President Frappolli stated that this is relatively new and there is a lot of talk about what is going on and there is a lot of information that is still not clear. He is glad that we have some guardrails in place because we have open area and we have people that own this area and he is sure they would very much like to develop those areas and we discussed a little about a moratorium.

Council Representative Gabriele stated that he was unaware that there was an ordinance in place. He would like to see some kind of ban so we can regulate it. He asked to receive the ordinances and information in their next packet so they can see what is in place so they can add to it as necessary.

Mayor Marter stated that when Solicitor Frank was in last he stated that if it is not specifically what is stated in the zone, everything else is excluded. So if it's general manufacturing, only those things that are general manufacturing are allowed to be there. Everything else is excluded. So, that is where we have our guardrail but that is where he is stating that we can tighten that language up even more by adding to it and making it far more specific.

Solicitor Wright explained that his firm has been researching this issue and he asked Council to give them two weeks to compile the information, what protections are already within the Township Code and then he can consult with Land Use Attorney Dave Frank to see what his recommendations are and if they are different than what they have already researched for other towns.

Police Chief Brian Boldizar

Chief Boldizar stated that the Thursday prior to the carnival he was at a County Chiefs of Police meeting where they brought up the melee that happened in Maple Shade. They talked about the Cinnaminson carnival that was coming up next, they weren't aware of our carnival. There were three Township officers there and four Sheriff's Officers, one being a drone operator. The drone operator spotted a large group fighting so the officers responded to the area where two physical altercations were going on. They broke them up and it ended with a 16 year-old female charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest, a 14 year-old charged with improper behavior/disorderly conduct, a 15 year-old female charged with disorderly conduct, a 14 year-old female charged with disorderly conduct, obstruction and failure to disperse. This particular female was yelling in the officers face, screaming at the officer. Two 17 year-old females, a 15 year-old, an 18 year-old and a 20 year-old all locked up for disorderly conduct. All of the juveniles were reviewed with the County Juvenile Prosecutor prior to them being charged, we wanted to get ahead of it for a situation like this. All of the juveniles were released to the parents and a lot of the parents were actually complaining to the officer about how the officers handled the situation. The adults were released on a summons. One officer got hurt while she was making the arrest and she is still out and going to physical therapy for an injured thumb. We did everything that we could.

The Chief explained that all of the other carnivals are fundraisers in the county. Maple Shade was a fundraiser for their football program and Cinnaminson has 20 officers scheduled to work their upcoming event. These are fundraisers and not sponsored events by the township. They had to come together and make the decision about whether to move forward with it because of the safety for the township. These were all local kids and they were posting online. Our fear was that we were going to end up like Maple Shade where they had hundreds of kids at their carnival, running around and knocking kids over without a care.

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Council President Frappolli stated that he heard that there were reports of incidents on the streets of Roebling as well. The Chief explained that after they dispersed from the carnival they were all over the Village. They had 16 jurisdictions come in to help to disperse all of the kids because they were causing havoc all over the Village, it was not just the kids that were arrested. He confirmed that 50-100 kids dispersed into the Village. The Chief said that there is an issue with juveniles all over the state. And the County SROs are meeting with the County Commissioners to go over the issues that are occurring at the schools.

Council Representative Sullivan stated that Gloucester Township had a similar issue, they had an ordinance to ban Orbeez in their town and they have added unruly minors and parents can be fined up to \$2,000 and get up to 90 days in jail. She said she thinks accountability needs to happen. Chief Boldizar stated that they moved all of the juveniles to the County Prosecutor and most of these disorderly conducts are going to go as stationhouse adjustments. They used to be able to do just one stationhouse adjustment and that was all you got, but now they are allowing multiple stationhouse adjustments so there are no ramifications and they are starting to learn that so they know they can mouth off to the police and there is not a whole lot that we can do.

Council President Frappolli asked, after talking to other colleagues throughout the County and the State, what the Chief feels needs to be done to try and fix this. The Chief explained that the laws need to be updated or changed back to how they were. It was never as bad as it is now, there were repercussions for their actions.

Captain Czepiel stated that it was unfortunate that we had to cancel the event. They all had a discussion about it and it was in the best interest of the town and everyone involved.

Council Representative Loftin stated that we can keep having these discussions but if we don't get to the core of the issue then we are just going to keep having discussions. She asked if there can be a town hall with the administrators from the school, Command Staff and Council so that we can be a united front and talk about the issues. There is always talk on Facebook but when it's time to really talk about issues and how to rectify them. She asked if we can go out to the public and maybe have something at the Community Center. She said we can only do so much, the school can only do so much, we need the community's buy-in because they are all of our kids and all of our responsibility whether we want to admit that or not, so we have to find a solution. She said the talk is that these parents don't care but she does not see the truth in that because, to raise a family, you have to have two jobs. These parents are working so hard just to provide basic needs and they need help. If hurt people hurt people and these kids are acting out, they need support as well. She asked what we can do as a community to support the children.

Chief Boldizar said that it is bigger than us, it is statewide. He appreciated Council Representative Loftin's sentiments but he thinks what needs to happen is that the legislature has to change these laws.

Council Representative Sullivan stated that maybe we could try and get our legislators here and Legislative District 7 to focus on this issue, have a town hall and have a whole approach of multiple things to include enforcement and create an ordinance so that we can enforce the best that we can at a town level.

Solicitor Wright explained that a judge issuing a fine can take into consideration for whatever cost or worth of the damages that were done would be indicative of the severity of the crime. Most municipal offenses range from a \$100-2,000 fine. A judge would take everything into consideration and probably issue closer to a \$2,000 fine instead of a \$100 fine. If there are specific damages caused by a crime then the municipality or the victim can seek restitution. Oftentimes this happens during an arrest, a police officer gets into a car accident because of the offender and the insurance company for the township could then seek restitution

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and subrogation against them to recoup some of the worker's comp and damages to the vehicle because of the nature of what occurred.

Council President Frappolli asked the Administrator who is paying the ride company for the carnival. Administrator Sahol explained that we don't pay the carnival company. We net a certain small percentage of the proceeds to help offset some of our expenses but we don't pay the company.

Mayor Marter stated that the carnival didn't cost us anything but there were a lot of vendors who purchased food and things in order to be able to make money at this event. Luckily Marty stepped up and they were able to bring the food trucks to the municipal complex during the baseball games to try and support the vendors and Subculture volunteered to have the bacon bread done there.

Administrator

Administrator Sahol mentioned that resident Doris Dunkelberger had made a request for a streetlight. He met with her to discuss it and worked together with Public Service representatives and asked the police officers to weigh in and that is going to be handled.

He stated that Burlington County is going to be doing some paving on Old York Road between Burlington Township High School and Fountain of Life Church.

There was a memorandum from the Chief about a resident request asking the Police Department to do something. The person was critical of the department to not provide a service which is questionable at best as to whether or not they should provide it and he spells out in there he would rather the Governing Body make a decision one way or another. He suggested that neither the Governing Body, nor he has any jurisdiction over the way in which the Police Department operates and the decisions that they make is in the best interest of operating their investigations. At this point, unless Council felt strongly or wanted to discuss this in more detail, he thinks the person will be getting a letter indicating that the Governing Body will remain where it resides in the Legislative side of the Government and the police will continue the operations side. Council agreed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council Representative Sullivan stated that there were four people in attendance and there were so many posts on Facebook and she finds that 99% is misinformation, and the person sharing the information is not even at Council meetings. Misinformation is sharing misinformation. If the public wants the information about what is actually going on, she urged them to please come to the Council meetings.

Mayor Marter added that sending nasty messages through Messenger to Council Members, Mayors and/or Administrators is not appropriate. She does not even open them. Messenger is for family and friends and if you want to get information to her or any members of Council, you can send an email or call the office and someone will return the call.

Council Representative Loftin asked when Roebing Park will get additional parking so the waterfront can be utilized. She asked if there is a plan to make that space accessible where it can be used for a summer concert series or other types of events? Administrator Sahol explained that with a 40-acre expansion there could be a lot more potential down there versus the original traditional Roebing/Riverside Avenue park. Council had never wanted to take away from the historic value of that park and start paving it over and adding parking in spaces where it was always naturally just as it is. They were hard-pressed in the past just putting in the nose-in parking that is there because they knew they were going into the grass areas and taking away from what Roebing himself laid out for the enjoyment of the community. Once we get the benefit of the Roebing Steel Mill site with no fences and wide-open expanse, it will be a great opportunity

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for us to take a look at First Avenue's extension and doing something down by Stonehenge where that area levels off. The contract is supposed to be let this year for the final grubbing and cover of the steel mill so, at the EPA's pace, he would say we are probably looking at a year to two years of work.

NEW BUSINESS

None at this time.

BOARD OF HEALTH

None at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS

None at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Motion of Fratinardo, seconded by Gabriele to open the public comment portion of the meeting.

Doris Dunkelberger, 127 4th Avenue – stated that she does not have social media and on May 21st and 22nd they had an issue with someone stealing catalytic converters and that is what started her request for a new streetlight on her street. She stated that she didn't know about a lot of the things that are going on in town because she is not on social media. She said it is going to be hard to overcome the issues with the kids because they are going online and deliberately gathering in large groups and communicating that they are going to go to these places and they go and do things deliberately. She also stated that she was glad she came to the meeting and to hear about the data centers.

Chief Boldizar stated that their new camera system caught the tag on the car that was used in the theft, but the problem is that they take these tags off of other vehicles and those tags were stolen.

Council Representative Loftin asked her how she would want to be notified about community events since she is not on social media. Ms. Dunkelberger said she has email but deliberately does not engage in social media. Mayor Marter explained that she could get email updates from the Township website if she signed up for e-bulletins.

Administrator Sahol explained that he and the Chief were on a video conference recently with GoGov which is an app company that will give us the ability to develop a Township app and it will send push notifications on a smartphone. It can send text messages, emails, etc. and it all goes out at the same time depending on how you subscribe. There are many communities that use it now. He just got the pricing and is looking to make this happen for the second half of the year. He wants it to be perfect on the rollout.

Council Representative Sullivan explained a little about the app. She also explained that there is no cost for the push notifications if someone has the app on their phone. The Administrator stated that we are looking to buy a block of messages and it will be about a \$9,000 investment but he thinks it is going to pay dividends as far as what the community gets. It will also cut down on a lot of misinformation.

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

ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION

Resolution 2026-128 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:

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- Personnel

Motion of Fratinardo, seconded by Gabriele to adjourn to Closed Session at 8:36 p.m. after which 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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion of Loftin, seconded by Sullivan to return to the Regular meeting at 8:42 p.m. Voice vote – All ayes.
Motion of Loftin seconded by Sullivan to adjourn. Voice vote – All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L. Erlston, RMC
Township Clerk
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