

Florence Township Council Regular Session 7/8/2026

Florence, New Jersey
July 8, 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 6:30 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, Fred Gabriele, Talaya Loftin, Gina Sullivan, Joseph Frappolli

Also Present: Mayor Kristan I. Marter; Thomas A. Sahol, Township Administrator; Thomas J. Hastie, Jr., Esq., Township Solicitor; Nancy L. Erlston, Township Clerk; Jenise Silinsky, Deputy Township Clerk

Absent: None

BURLCO JIF OVERVIEW AND BENEFITS – PAUL FORLENZA

Christopher Powell of Hardenburgh Insurance Group explained that they serve as Risk Management Consultant for the Township. They interact daily with the Administrator, Clerk and Auditors regarding any potential exposures, claims that may occur, safety concerns, etc.

Paul Miola of the Burlington County Joint Insurance Fund explained that the JIF has been around for 35 years and gave an overview of the renewal. He explained and compared other Joint Insurance Funds and explained the benefits of the JIF.

Administrator Sahol explained that there will be a resolution at the first August meeting for Council approval authorizing the renewal of the Burlco JIF and authorizing the Mayor and other staff to execute the documents necessary to be sent to the JIF.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None at this time.

FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

- Township Clerk's Monthly Report for June 2026
- Tax Collector's Monthly Tax Report for June 2026

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

Motion of Gabriele, seconded by Loftin to approve the **Treasurer's Bill List**.

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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

REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE

- Tax Monthly Summary for June 2026
- Clerk's Office Activity Report for June 2026

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

APPLICATIONS

- Transient Merchant License Application for River Dawgs, LLC

Council President Frappolli explained that Council will approve the license but explained that no private institution can set up a business on a public or Township owned site. If this motion were to be approved and Council were to authorize, there would be the stipulation that it would not be permitted on municipal properties, absent those occasions where they would be an invited guest to things like the carnival or Patriotic Day celebration, etc. They are only permitted on commercial property.

Administrator Sahol explained that the application would be approved and an explanation will be sent with the authorization to what they can and cannot do.

Motion of Fratinaro, seconded by Gabriele to receive and file the application with the stipulations discussed.

Upon roll call, the Council voted as follows:

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

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 Loftin, seconded by Fratinaro to close public comment. Voice vote – All ayes.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-148 Authorize Filing of Municipal Alliance Grant

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-149 Award Contract for FY 2025 Safe Streets to Transit; Sidewalk Improvements to NJ Transit 409 Bus Stop and to the Roebling Light Rail Station

Motion of Fratinaro, seconded by Sullivan to approve Resolution Nos. 2026-148 and 2026-149.

Upon roll call, the Council voted as follows:

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

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ORDINANCES

None at this time.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND OFFICERS

None at this time.

REPORTS: ADMINISTRATION

Mayor

Mayor Marter reminded everyone of the meeting Tuesday, July 14th at 6:00 p.m. at the Pennsbury High School in Falls Township, Pennsylvania regarding the data center that they are building at the old Fairless Hills steel site. She explained that Amazon, the Pennsylvania DEP, and all of the stakeholders that are involved in the project will be speaking and then there will be time for public comment. She recommended sending comments beforehand in case they run out of time.

Council Representative Loftin added that the presentation from Amazon and the DEP is scheduled for 4:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. with open public comment starting at 6:00 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Sidewalk Waiver Request

Council President Frappolli explained that this is regarding a waiver requested by Brother Rene for installation of a sidewalk on the eastside of Summer Street so as not to completely eradicate mature trees on his property. Brother Rene indicated plans to install a sidewalk and an ADA ramp at the Front Street portion of his property as that area does make sense in the continuation of usable infrastructure. At the time of last week's meeting, Council was in agreement with the waiver and this is now a motion to permit the waiver for the installation of a sidewalk on Summer Street and in favor of installing a sidewalk on the Front Street portion of the property.

Motion of Loftin, seconded by Fratinardo to approve the request.

Upon roll call, the Council voted as follows:

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

NEW BUSINESS

None at this time.

BOARD OF HEALTH

None at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS

None at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

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Michelle Boracci, 14 Tall Timber Lane – stated that some potholes were repaired on the street and residents are upset where the repairs stopped. She said they repaired potholes last year on Tall Timber Lane and they were asked to remove their vehicles from the street and they came in and did a very small portion and stopped right before her house. The potholes outside of her driveway are extremely large. She stated that it is not only her house but is the rest of the houses around the development. They were told that the Township is putting services through there but it has been a whole year now.

She also stated that they are getting a lot of mixed messages in the neighborhood about branch pickup and noticed that branches are not getting pickup up as frequently as they once did.

Administrator Sahol stated that, in regards to the utility infrastructure that is going to be installed in the Tall Pines development, it has been planned for a year. It had to go through engineering and design, which was then sent to the NJ Department of Environmental Protection to get that design approved and authorized which took greater than six months. That approval finally came in late fall and now that we are to the point where we have approval, the Township is preparing to bid the materials. Once the materials are bid, they'll be acquired. The internal staff will be making this installation which is going to be a massive savings that is going to allow the municipality to make this infrastructure and improvement without having to do a special assessment against the homes that are of the homes that will benefit from the utility infrastructure. Once that is done then the road will be repaired where the trench was installed and the town will start to digest the concept of possibly milling and paving the balance of the development depending on the cost and indebtedness that the Township would have to take on. That project is ongoing and if there is any particular holes that need to be addressed, we would be happy to know exactly where they are.

With regard to the process that we follow on picking up branches and mixed materials, the Township had to change the process slightly, with the reduction of staff. The Township is reactionary at the request of the resident, they are not as proactive as they once were as far as just driving around aimlessly and trying to find branches. The town keeps a list which is the first priority for pick up and then they will go back and try to get the rest of the branches. When you contact the town and share your address and what you have out there we get you on the list and the staff will then pick up the list. You can leave a voicemail if it's after hours, email the information email on the website or call during regular office hours.

Council Representative Loftin asked if there is a date available to give the residents of Tall Pines that they can expect to have their roads completed. The Administrator stated that it will come down to Council having to digest the costs and whether or not you will be able to bond for it. It will be in excess of \$1 Million to pave that development and there is not enough money in the Capital Improvement Fund to pay for a project of that size. He said temporary repairs will be made.

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.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion of Loftin seconded by Sullivan to adjourn. Voice vote – All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L. Erlston, RMC
Township Clerk
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