

Florence Township Council Regular Session 12/16/20

Florence, New Jersey
December 16, 2020

The Florence Township Council held a regular 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 electronically, in person attendance was not encouraged.

The meeting was called to order by Council President Sandusky at 7:00 p.m. Council President Sandusky led the Salute to the Flag.

The Opening Statement was read by the Township Clerk: This meeting is being held in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Adequate notice was published in the Burlington County Times on November 19, 2020; placed on the Township website, and given to the Trenton Times for information.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Upon roll call the following were found to be present:

Present: Bruce Garganio, Paul Ostrander, Jerry Sandusky

Also Present: Mayor Craig H. Wilkie, Stephen Fazekas, Township Administrator, Kelly Grant, Township Solicitor; Nancy L. Erlston, Township Clerk; Jenise Silinsky, Deputy Township Clerk

Absent: Frank Baldorossi, Dave Woolston

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Closed Session of December 2, 2020
- Closed Session of December 9, 2020

Motion of Ostrander, seconded by Garganio to approve the minutes as submitted. Voice vote – all ayes.

FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

- Court Administrator's Monthly Report for December 7, 2020
- Tax Collector's Water & Sewer Monthly Report for October 2020
- Tax Collector's Monthly Tax Report for November 2020

Motion of Garganio, seconded by Ostrander to approve the reports to receive and file. Voice vote – all ayes.

Motion of Ostrander, seconded by Garganio to approve the **Treasurer's Bill List**.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Garganio, Ostrander, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: Baldorossi, Woolston

Unanimous vote – Motion carried.

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REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE

None at this time.

APPLICATIONS

None at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Don Kamienski, 10 McCay Drive, asked about the warehouse that is being built between the Florence sewer plant and the Turnpike bridge. The rumor he heard is that it is going to be an Amazon warehouse and asked if there is any further information on this building.

Mayor Wilkie stated that he has not heard that. That building is in Burlington Township and we do not have any information as to an end user at this time.

Detective Sergeant Jim Ford thanked Mayor and Council for their cooperation and support during the negotiations of the FOP Lodge 210 Bargaining Agreement. Having been a part of many negotiations in the past, it was probably one of the most streamlined and efficient. He thanked them for the support, especially during these times of general lack of support of many in the public, and stated that it is nice to know that they have the support of the people they serve, protect and work for.

Councilman Sandusky thanked Detective Sergeant Ford for calling in and stated that it means a lot to Mayor and Council to hear this.

Seeing no one else wishing to be heard, a motion was made by Garganio, seconded by Ostrander to close the Public Comments portion. Voice Vote – all ayes.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-198

Approve Current Estimate No. 1 for Water Treatment Plant, Phase 2

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-199

Authorize Florence Twp. Police Department to Participate in the Defense Logistics Agency's 1033 Program

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-200

Approve Agreements between the Township of Florence and the Florence Township FOP Lodge #210

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-201

Authorize Lease Agreement for West Third Street Firehouse

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-202

Cancel Tax Overpayments less than \$10.00

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-203

Authorizing Refunds of Certain Tax Overpayments

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RESOLUTION NO. 2020-204
Renew ABC Pocket License, Dr. Lou's Place, LLC
RESOLUTION NO. 2020-205
Cancel Current Appropriation Balances

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-206
Transferring Certain 2020 Budget Appropriations

Motion of Ostrander, seconded by Garganio to approve Resolution Nos. 2020-198 through 2020-206.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Garganio, Ostrander, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: Baldorossi, Woolston

Unanimous vote – Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-10
Transfer Existing Financial Agreement from
DM Urban Renewal, LLC to FBF Urban Renewal, LLC
(2nd Read & Public Hearing)

Council President Sandusky opened the meeting up to the public at this time. Seeing no one wishing to be heard, motion was made by Garganio, seconded by Ostrander to close the public portion. Voice vote – all ayes.

Motion of Ostrander, seconded by Garganio to approve Ordinance No. 2020-10.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Garganio, Ostrander, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: Baldorossi, Woolston

Unanimous vote – Motion carried.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND OFFICERS

Members of Council wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Councilman Sandusky thanked Council and the administration for a job well done this year under the circumstances we are in, and also for all of the help that everyone has given him this past year.

REPORTS: ADMINISTRATION

Mayor

Mayor Wilkie explained that the Environmental Commission had suggested reusable bags for the delivery of the calendars next week and he held up a sample of what they look like. He thanked Melanie Mieczkowski and the Environmental Commission for the thoughts and input.

The next Council meeting will be held on January 6, 2021 at 7 p.m. and will be remote via Zoom.

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Administrator

Administrator Fazekas wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and his hopes for a better year in 2021.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

None at this time.

BOARD OF HEALTH

None at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS

None at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Seeing no one wishing to be heard, motion by Garganio, seconded by Ostrander to close the Public Comments. Voice vote – all ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion of Ostrander, seconded by Garganio to adjourn. Voice vote – all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L. Erlston, RMC
Township Clerk
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