

Florence, New Jersey
January 7, 2009

The Council of the Township of Florence met in the Municipal Complex, 711 Broad Street, Florence, New Jersey on the above date for the purpose of organizing for the ensuing year and for the transaction of other business which might properly come before it.

The meeting was called to order by Joy M. Weiler, Township Clerk, at 7:00 PM. Clerk Weiler, along with members of the Florence Township Police Department, led the Salute to the Flag. Police Officer Michelle Hollins sang the National Anthem.

Clerk Weiler read the following statement: "Notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice was published in the Burlington County Times on January 6, 2008 and January 4, 2009 and given to the Register News for information. Notice was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board."

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Upon roll call the following were found to be present:

Frank Baldorossi
Bruce Garganio
Dennis A. O'Hara
Sean Patrick Ryan
Jerry Sandusky

Also present: Mayor William E. Berry; Richard Brook, Township Administrator; Thomas Sahol, Assistant Municipal Administrator; Joy Weiler, Township Clerk

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

The Township Clerk opened the nominations for President of Council.

It was on the MOTION of Ryan, seconded by Garganio to nominate **Frank Baldorossi** as Council President.

There being no further nominations, it was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Garganio to close the nominations. All ayes – motion carries.

Upon roll call for **Frank Baldorossi**, the Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Garganio, O'Hara, Ryan, Sandusky
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

Clerk Weiler asked Council President Baldorossi to take the chair and preside over the meeting.

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VICE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Council President Baldorossi opened the nominations for Vice President of Council.

It was on the MOTION of Ryan, seconded by Sandusky to nominate **Dennis A. O'Hara** as Vice President of Council.

There being no further nominations, it was on the MOTION of Garganio, seconded by Sandusky to close the nominations. All ayes – motion carries.

Upon roll call for **Dennis A. O'Hara**, the Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Garganio, O'Hara, Ryan, Sandusky, Baldorossi

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

OATH OF OFFICE: CHIEF OF POLICE – STEPHEN C. FAZEKAS

Mayor Berry administered the Oath of Office to Stephen C. Fazekas, Florence Township Chief of Police, while his wife, Lorraine, and family held the Bible.

On behalf of the Township of Florence, Mayor Berry stated that he is very pleased to have Stephen C. Fazekas as the Chief of Police. He has been doing the job for just over a year now but it just became official through New Jersey Civil Service. He has built a wonderful working relationship with Chief Fazekas over the past year. Mayor Berry stated that the former Mayor and everyone involved with selecting Mr. Fazekas as Chief of Police did an excellent job. Mayor Berry commended former Chief of Police, Gordon Dawson and former Captain, Joseph Gadbois for preparing Mr. Fazekas for this job. He looks forward to many years of working together. Mayor Berry is so proud of the entire Florence Township Police Department and is truly blessed to be the Mayor of this community.

Administrator Brook discussed the ultimate respect that police officers deserve. He stated that Chief Fazekas embodies the reason police officers are admired. He stated that Chief Fazekas has been serving Florence Township as a police officer since 1987 and has worked his way up through the ranks and has earned the right to be Chief of Police; he will be an exemplary Chief of Police who has a fierce loyalty to the community and the police officers he leads. He believes in the community and children and understands the importance of community interaction. Administrator Brook believes that Florence Township is fortunate to have Mr. Fazekas as their Chief of Police.

Chief Fazekas thanked his wife and daughters, mother, father, sisters, aunt and uncle. He thanked Mayor and Council for putting him in this position. He loves Florence Township; he was born and raised here. He has been part of the Fire Company and served as the Fire Chief. He thanked Administrator Brook for the past year; he has been a big help in the past transitional year. He also thanked former Chief Dawson and former Captain Joseph Gadbois for all of the years and all of the experience they have instilled in him over the years. They left big footsteps to follow. Chief Fazekas recognized his fellow retired police officers and the police officers in the department now. He feels he has the best department

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Chief Fazekas thanked the Police Chiefs from around the County and friends in attendance this evening; it means a lot to him that they would take the time to attend.

Chief Fazekas stated that there would be a reception at the firehouse following the meeting, and invited everyone to attend.

Stephanie Fazekas, Chief Fazekas’s daughter, compared her father to Andy Reid, head coach of the Philadelphia Eagles NFL football team, and feels he does a wonderful job.

7:20PM: RECESS

7:38PM: MEETING RESUMED

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

It was on the MOTION of Garganio, seconded by O’Hara to approve the following appointments.

Planning Board	Sean Ryan
Recreation	Bruce Garganio
Environmental Commission	Sean Ryan
FAAD	Frank Baldorossi
Economic Development Committee	Dennis O’Hara
Committee on Landfill Matters	Jerry Sandusky

Upon roll call the Council voted as follows:

- YEAS: Garganio, O’Hara, Ryan, Sandusky, Baldorossi
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

COUNCIL MEMBERS MAKE 2009 APPOINTMENTS

<u>Commission</u>	<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Zoning Board of Adjustment	Ray Montgomery	12/31/2012
Zoning Board of Adjustment	Keith Crowell (Unexpired Term)	12/31/2010
Zoning Board of Adjustment	Brett Buddenbaum, Alt. #2	12/31/2010
Cross Acceptance	Thomas McCue	12/31/2009
Cross Acceptance	Gerald Santoleri	12/31/2009
Cross Acceptance	Joseph M. Petrongolo, P.P., Township Planner	12/31/2009
Cross Acceptance	Thomas A. Sahol	12/31/2009
Cross Acceptance	Richard A. Brook	12/31/2009
Citizens Advisory Committee on Landfill Matters	Clinton Boyd	12/31/2010

Clerk Weiler noted that a Resolution will be voted on this evening appointing the Assessment Commissioners: Arthur Wise, Richard Mullen and Adriano Marinelli

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It was on the MOTION of O’Hara, seconded by Sandusky to approve the above Council Appointments.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Garganio, O’Hara, Ryan, Sandusky, Baldorossi
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

MAYOR PRESENTS 2009 APPOINTMENTS

Clerk Weiler presented the following Mayoral appointments:

<u>Commission</u>	<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Municipal Alliance Membership, Mayor Representative	Thomas A. Sahol	12/31/2009
American with Disabilities Comm.	Joy M. Weiler	12/31/2009
American with Disabilities Comm.	Richard A. Brook	12/31/2009
American with Disabilities Comm.	Thomas Layou	12/31/2009
American with Disabilities Comm.	Randy Belknap	12/31/2009
American with Disabilities Comm.	Joseph McHugh	12/31/2009
CDBG Representative	Thomas A. Sahol	12/31/2009
Delaware Estuary Program	Paul Ordog	12/31/2009
Historic Preservation Commission	Colleen Carney, Class A	12/31/2012
Historic Preservation Commission	Gary Bykowsky, Class C, Alt. #2	12/31/2010
Shade Tree Commission	Christopher Chanti	12/31/2013
Shade Tree Commission	Richard Belcher	12/31/2013
Planning Board	Timothy Lutz, Class 4	12/31/2012
Planning Board	James Molimock, Class 4, Alt. #2	12/31/2010
Planning Board	Wayne Morris, Class 2	12/31/2010
Environmental Commission	William Bott, Alt. #1	12/31/2010
Environmental Commission	George Lengel, Alt. #2	12/31/2009
Environmental Commission	David Mudge, Ward 2	12/31/2011
Citizens Advisory Committee on Landfill Matters	Mark E. Hollern	12/31/2010
Citizens Advisory Committee on Landfill Matters	John Rein	12/31/2010

COUNCIL MEMBERS CONFIRM MAYOR’S APPOINTMENTS

Clerk Weiler introduced the professionals, some present, that are being recommended to Township Council by Mayor Berry for approval by Resolutions later this evening:

Township Solicitor	William John Kearns, Jr., Esq.
Township Engineer	Dante Guzzi
COAH Planner	Clarke, Caton, Hintz
Township Water & Sewer Engineer	Richard A. Alaimo (with Russell Trice)
Prosecutor	Nicholas J. Costa, Esq.

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Public Defender	William E. Sitzler, Esq.
Bond Counsel	McManimon & Scotland, L.L.C.
Conflict Public Defender	James D. Fattorini, Esq.
Special Projects Conflict Engineer	Birdsall Engineering
Township Auditor	John J. Maley

Clerk Weiler presented the following Mayoral appointments for Council to confirm:

<u>Commission</u>	<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Recreation Committee (FAAD Rep)	Thomas A. Sahol	12/31/2009
Recreation Committee	Stu Foulks	12/31/2013
Recreation Committee	John L. Ryan	12/31/2013

It was on the MOTION of Baldorossi, seconded by Sandusky to approve the above listed appointments.

Upon roll call to approve the **Mayor's Appointments**, the Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Garganio, O'Hara, Ryan, Sandusky, Baldorossi
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Clerk Weiler presented the following Economic Development Committee appointments:

Mayor William Berry	Mayor
Dennis O'Hara	Council Representative
Thomas McCue	Mayor Appointment
Marvin L. Wainwright	Mayor Appointment
Virginia Dimon	Mayor Appointment
Joan K. Geary	Mayor Appointment
Vince Moore	Mayor Appointment
Emma Cartier	Mayor Appointment
Regina Dunphy	Mayor Appointment
Judith Semptimphelter	Council President Baldorossi's Appointment
Paul C. Ostrander	Council Member Garganio's Appointment
Michelle Baldorossi	Council Vice President O'Hara's Appointment
Pete Darata	Council Member Ryan's Appointment
William Federico	Council Member Sandusky's Appointment

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by O'Hara to approve the above listed appointments.

Upon roll call to approve the **Economic Development Committee appointments**, the Council voted as follows:

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YEAS: Garganio, O'Hara, Ryan, Sandusky, Baldorossi
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-01

**ANNUAL NOTICE AND SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 231, P.L. 1975**

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-02

TEMPORARY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR 2009

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-03

DESIGNATING DEPOSITORIES

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-04

ACCOUNTS DEPOSITED AT NEW JERSEY CASH MANAGEMENT FUND

RESOLUTION 2009-05

ACCOUNTS DEPOSITED AT ROEBLING BANK

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-06

ESTABLISHING A CHARGE FOR RETURNED CHECKS

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-07

**AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
WITH TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR
KEARNS, REALE AND KEARNS**

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RESOLUTION NO. 2009-08

**AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
WITH TOWNSHIP ENGINEER**

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-09

AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF BOND COUNSEL

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-10

**AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP WATER & SEWER
ENGINEER**

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-11

AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF PROSECUTOR

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-12

AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC DEFENDER

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-13

APPOINTING TAX SEARCH OFFICER

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-14

DESIGNATION OF MUNICIPAL ASSESSMENT SEARCH OFFICER

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-15

APPOINT DEPUTY TOWNSHIP CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-16

AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

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RESOLUTION NO. 2009-17

APPOINTING ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-18

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DESIGNATION OF ORGANIZATIONS
TO PROVIDE RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE**

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-19

APPOINTING RECYCLING COORDINATOR

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-20

APPOINTING ROAD INSPECTOR

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-21

**APPOINTING TEMPORARY SUBSTITUTES FOR MUNICIPAL
PROSECUTORS**

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-22

**AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, SANDRA A. BLACKER,
TO MAKE MUNICIPAL DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS
AS PER THE CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN**

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-23

**APPOINTING TOWNSHIP CLERK AS
PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER**

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-24

**APPOINT THE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR, RICHARD A. BROOK,
AS THE JOINT INSURANCE FUND COMMISSIONER**

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RESOLUTION NO. 2009-25

ADOPTING CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-26

**ADOPTION OF A DRUG FREE WORKPLACE POLICY
IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE DRUG FREE WORKPLACE ACT**

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-27

**APPROVE MUNICIPAL STORMWATER
PROGRAM COORDINATOR**

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-28

**A RESOLUTION FIXING INTEREST RATES AND PENALTIES
ON DELINQUENT TAXES AND MUNICIPAL CHARGES AND FIXING
ADDITIONAL SUMS TO BE PAID TO THE HOLDER OF A TAX
TITLE UPON REDEMPTION**

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-29

**AUTHORIZING THE TAX ASSESSOR OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE TO FILE APPEALS, OMITTED AND
ADDED ASSESSMENT APPEALS, AND ROLL BACK COMPLAINTS WITH
THE BURLINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION**

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-30

AUTHORIZE APPOINTMENT OF CONFLICT PUBLIC DEFENDER

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-31

**AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF A COAH PLANNER
FOR COUNCIL ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-32

**AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
WITH CONFLICT/SPECIAL PROJECTS ENGINEER**

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RESOLUTION NO. 2009-33

**APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH
COMMERCE NATIONAL
RISK CONTROL
FOR ALCOHOL AND DRUG TESTING SERVICES**

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-34

TRANSFERRING CERTAIN 2008 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-35

**TOWNSHIP COUNCIL FORMALLY APPOINTING
THE ASSESSMENT COMMISSION
MEMBERS FOR ONE YEAR TERMS**

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Ryan to approve Resolutions 2009-01 through 2009-35.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Garganio, O'Hara, Ryan, Sandusky, Baldorossi

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

Clerk Weiler invited the professionals in attendance this evening to take their seats:

Township Solicitor	William J. Kearns, Jr.
Township Engineer	Dante Guzzi
Township Water and Sewer Engineer	Russell Trice

Clerk Weiler also recognized all of those in attendance this evening that were appointed as professionals and to Boards and Committees.

FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky; seconded by O'Hara to receive and file the Chief of Police report, the Court Administrator's report and the Township Clerk's report for December. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky; seconded by O'Hara to approve the Treasurer's Bill List. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

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REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE

None at this time.

APPLICATIONS

None at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Nothing at this time.

All residents having an opportunity to be heard, MOTION by Sandusky; seconded by Ryan to close the public portion of the meeting. All ayes - motion carried.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Mayor Berry

Mayor Berry reflected back over the past year. It has been a joy to work with each member of Council; he feels they work very well together. He appreciates the working relationship they have built. He vowed to do his best in the upcoming year.

Mayor Berry would like to publicly thank Administrator Brook, who has helped him tremendously this past year. Florence Township is fortunate to have a hard working, dedicated administrator like Richard Brook. Mayor Berry expressed his appreciation to Administrator Brook and looks forward to three more years of working together.

Council President Baldorossi

Council President Baldorossi wished everyone a Happy New Year. He looks forward to working with the professionals, Mayor Berry and his fellow Council Members in the upcoming year.

Council Member Ryan

Council Member Ryan stated that it has been an honor and a pleasure to serve the residents of Florence Township over the past year. He has learned a great deal from his fellow Council Members. The Council Members have faced many challenges this past year with the potential that there will be more challenges. He feels strongly that if the governing body continues to work together, they will continue to provide solutions for the next set of challenges. It is an honor and a privilege to continue to serve the community.

Council Vice President O'Hara

Council Vice President O'Hara wished everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year. It has been a challenging year; a year he will not forget. He thanked the Mayor and his fellow Council Members for all of their help and for working together. He also thanked Administrator Brook and the entire administration; the township is fortunate to have this administration. The work force is committed to the community.

Council Vice President O'Hara congratulated all of the appointments made this evening; he looks forward to working with everyone for another year.

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Council Vice President O'Hara recognized John Smith, who will no longer be serving on the Planning Board, but served over 20 years on the Planning Board. He has dedicated himself to the community and is an outstanding citizen.

Council Vice President O'Hara thanked the entire community and the churches for the outpouring of love and support shown to his wife with her personal health battles. He feels fortunate and blessed to live in Florence Township, where people care for one another and their neighbors.

Mayor Berry has spoken to many people throughout the community and stated that the O'Hara family is very much in their thoughts and prayers.

Council Member Sandusky

Council Member Sandusky stated that it is a pleasure to serve Florence Township. Tonight he begins his 28th year. He enjoys working for the community and looks forward to working with the governing body. He thanked everyone for attending this evening. He thanked Administrator Brook and stated that he is an asset to Florence Township. He also thanked Assistant Administrator Sahol, who is always there when you need him.

Council Member Garganio

Council Member Garganio wished everyone a Happy New Year. He stated that the best part of serving on Council is the people that work alongside Council. The professionals do the vast majority of the work.

Council Member Garganio recognized Al Glebocki, who has resigned from the Zoning Board after 20 years of service. He suggested bringing John Smith and Al Glebocki in for a presentation to show the township's appreciation for their years of service.

Council Member Garganio stated that the governing body is a great group and work together well. They work together to do what is best for Florence Township and to make the community a better place.

8:01 PM MOTION by Sandusky, seconded by Ryan to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote - all ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

8:01 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER
Township Clerk

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