

FLORENCE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION

January 14, 2004

8:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Fratinardo called the meeting to order.

SUNSHINE STATEMENT

The Township Clerk read the Opening 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 4, 2004; given to the Register News for information; posted on the municipal bulletin board.

ROLL CALL

Present: Frank Baldorossi, Bruce Garganio, Elizabeth Ryan, Jerry Sandusky, John Fratinardo

Also Present: Mayor Michael Muchowski; Richard A. Brook, Township Administrator; Thomas Sahol, Assistant Municipal Administrator; Dante Guzzi, Township Engineer; Russell Trice, Township Water and Sewer Engineer; William John Kearns, Jr., Township Solicitor; Joy Weiler, Township Clerk

PUBLIC COMMENT

None at this time.

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

TOWNSHIP WATER AND SEWER ENGINEER

Update: Well #6

Russell Trice, Water and Sewer Engineer, stated that the well has been drilled and the plans have been prepared and submitted to DEP. A meeting with DEP will be set up and once they concur on the plans, testing will be done.

Waste Water Management Plan

Mr. Trice stated that nothing is owed to DEP at this time. Discussion followed regarding the timeline for approval. Administrator Brook will follow the chain of command if no response is received from the responsible party at DEP in a timely matter.

Water Allocation

Mr. Trice has not heard from DEP since the application was submitted in December. The testing that will be performed on Well #6 will help DEP approve the Water Allocation Permit.

Second Avenue Water Main: Current Estimate No. 1

Mr. Trice reviewed and recommended Current Estimate No. 1. The contractor has finished the installation of the main, which has been tested and passed. Surface connections may begin this week. Mayor Muchowski expressed concern shared by some of the residents once the lateral is connected due to the condition of the pipes. Mayor Muchowski asked if new meters would be installed? Administrator Brook stated that all meters in that area would be replaced in two to

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three weeks. Notices will be distributed to the residents. A resolution will be approved at next week's meeting.

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

Boat Dock: Evaluation and Report

Dan Guzzi, Township Engineer, stated that there are some minor adjustments and repairs to be made to the boat dock, but will be ready on time.

Current Estimate No. 2: Public Works Building

Mr. Guzzi reviewed and recommended Current Estimate No. 2. A Resolution will be approved at next week's meeting.

Council Member Garganio discussed moving the batting cages and enlarging the concession stand and adding a second floor. He asked if Council would allow Mr. Guzzi to look at the concession stand to see if it could handle a second floor. Mr. Guzzi will look at the concession stand and provide a sketch.

MAYOR

Capital Improvement Bonds

Mayor Muchowski stated that with the passing of the new school, the Township exceeds the municipal debt limit. Any capital improvement projects will need Local Finance Board approval. Administrator Brook stated that at budget time capital budget projects will need to be prioritized.

Mayor Muchowski discussed the alleys and their need for repairs. Trash collection and the effect on the alleys was also discussed. Look at improving five to ten alleys, perhaps differently to see what works best.

HANDICAPPED PARKING

Mayor Muchowski did find a doctor willing to review the handicapped parking applications. The outstanding applications will be reviewed at the current standards at a fee of \$30. The governing body will review the current standards. Discuss further at next week's meeting.

ASSISTANT MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR

Board of Health Issue: Food Handlers

Assistant Administrator Sahol explained the County is proposing that establishments that handle chicken, fish, pork or eggs be required to receive training on safe handling methods. Can only be mandated if an Ordinance is passed by the municipality. After a brief discussion Council not in favor of passing an Ordinance mandating food handlers to attend training.

NJ Transit

Mayor Muchowski stated that twice in the same day he witnessed that the train did not stop at the Roebling Station. Assistant Administrator Sahol reported that NJ Transit informed him that time sensitive testing has not begun yet. Once it does, the train will stop at the station.

Discussion followed regarding utilizing an area on the other side of the station to recreate the Honor Roll. Fencing to replace the berm was also discussed. The Township would like to see decorative fencing in the area of the memorial.

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Assistant Administrator Sahol discussed the decorative lighting to be installed by NJ Transit that will benefit Florence Township.

Different locations for the Honor Roll were discussed. Council Member Garganio suggested placing it by the sculpture garden. Mayor Muchowski has met with the committee planning the Honor Roll and stated that they would like a member or two of the governing body to help in the process.

Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that NJ Transit will be replacing the berm on Alden Avenue with fence. Mayor and Council would like to see decorative fencing in this area also. Shrubs will also be planted by the fencing in NJ Transit's right of way. Maintenance will be the responsibility of NJ Transit, which will be noted in the agreement.

A representative of the governor's office will find out from DOT who is certifying the grade crossings and notify Assistant Administrator Sahol so the township can be present and correspond any concerns.

Crossing Guards are presently in place at the railroad crossings. At this time there is less than ten children a day crossing the tracks.

ADJOURNMENT

9:25 PM Motion made by Sandusky; seconded by Garganio to adjourn to Closed Session. Roll call vote – all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER
Township Clerk

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