

Florence, New Jersey
February 1, 2006

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 Vice President Baldorossi at 8:10 PM. Vice President Baldorossi led the Salute to the Flag.

The following statement was read: "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 8, 2006; given to the Register News for information. Notice was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board."

Upon roll call the following were found to be present:

Bruce Garganio
Elizabeth Ryan
Jerry Sandusky
Frank Baldorossi, Vice President

Also present:

Mayor Michael Muchowski; Richard Brook, Township Administrator; Thomas Sahol, Assistant Municipal Administrator; Dante Guzzi, Township Engineer; William John Kearns, Jr., Township Solicitor; Joy M. Weiler, Township Clerk

MINUTES

Sandusky made a MOTION; seconded by Garganio to approve the following minutes. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

Closed Session	December 21, 2005, January 11, 2006 and January 18, 2006
Regular Session	December 21, 2005

FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Ryan made a MOTION; seconded by Sandusky to approve the Treasurer's Bill List. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing at this time.

APPLICATIONS

- A. AMEND BINGO LICENSE: Holy Assumption Church, Jan – June 2006, Amending admission fee and eliminating the use of hard boards to comply with the State's new regulation to use paperboards.
- B. RAFFLE: Florence Township Civic Association Inc., Night at the Races, March 31, 2006, Bung's Bar and Grill, 6:00PM – 2:00AM
- C. RAFFLE: Florence Township Civic Association Inc., Penny Auction, April 1, 2006, Holy Assumption School, 6:00PM – 2:00AM

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D. RAFFLE: Florence Township Civic Association Inc., On Premise 50/50, April 1, 2006, Holy Assumption School, 6:00PM – 2:00AM

It was on the MOTION of Ryan, seconded by Sandusky to approve the above applications.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Ryan, Sandusky, Baldorossi

NOES: None

ABSENT: Fratinardo

ABSTAIN: Garganio

Motion carries.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John D'Acquisto, 7 Yockus Lane, questioned the status of the stove at the Greenbrier Clubhouse, which he discussed at a Council Meeting last month. Mayor Muchowski responded; he explained that a review of the Planning Board approval records was done and the plans do represent a stove included in the kitchen. The builder and the association will be notified that the approved plans do depict a stove and request that the builder comply with the approved plan that is on record with the Planning Board.

Steve Mognancki, 904 Walnut Street, stated that he presented a quilt to the township last May and asked why it has not been displayed yet? Mayor Muchowski explained that they are looking into the high school woodshop class build a frame. An independent contractor looked at the quilt and informed the township what would be required to protect the quilt. It must have UV protected glass and all materials used in construction must be acid free. The specifications and concerns have been given to the high school woodshop teacher to see if it is a project they can take on. The teacher has not responded yet.

Mr. Mognancki asked if crosswalks could be installed on Hornberger Avenue in front of Holy Assumption Church? Dan Guzzi, Township Engineer, explained that typically mid block cross walks are not permitted by the State but will look at the area and see if there is an appropriate place for a crosswalk.

Bill Bott, 64 Riverbank Drive, stated that there are mid block crosswalks in front of both the Roebling School and Holy Assumption School. Mr. Guzzi explained that in general mid block crosswalks are discouraged but will look into. Council Member Sandusky believes a crosswalk is a good idea but only if no parking signs were installed.

Council Member Sandusky feels that the quilt from Mr. Mognancki would look good in the Roebling Fire House that the township just acquired.

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-42

**AUTHORIZE THE TOWNSHIP ENGINEER TO PREPARE
PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND OBTAIN BIDS FOR
HANDICAPPED IMPROVEMENTS
TO VARIOUS INTERSECTIONS
AS PART OF THE 2005 CDBG PROJECT**

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Garganio that Resolution 2006-42 be approved.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Garganio, Ryan, Sandusky, Baldorossi

NOES: None

ABSENT: Fratinardo

Motion carries.

ORDINANCES

**ORDINANCE NO. 2006-01
(2nd Reading)**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE AMENDING THE
CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 71
ENTITLED "SEX OFFENDER-FREE ZONE"**

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Ryan to approve Ordinance No. 2006-01 on second reading for adoption.

Public Comment

Council Vice President Baldorossi opened the meeting to the public for comments at this time.

Nothing at this time.

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Garganio to close the public hearing. All ayes – motion carried.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

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YEAS: Garganio, Ryan, Sandusky, Baldorossi
NOES: None
ABSENT: Fratinardo

Unanimous approval.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2006-02
(2nd Reading)**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE IN
BURLINGTON COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING
SECTION 1.10 OF THE FLORENCE TOWNSHIP CODE
ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF ANY
PROVISION OF THE FLORENCE TOWNSHIP CODE OR ANY
ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE**

It was on the MOTION of Garganio, seconded by Sandusky to approve Ordinance No. 2006-02 on second reading for adoption.

Public Comment

Council Vice President Baldorossi opened the meeting to the public for comments at this time.

Nothing at this time.

It was on the MOTION of Ryan, seconded by Garganio to close the public hearing.
All ayes – motion carried.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Garganio, Ryan, Sandusky, Baldorossi
NOES: None
ABSENT: Fratinardo

Unanimous approval.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2006-03
(2nd Reading)**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE AMENDING
CHAPTER 134 OF THE FLORENCE TOWNSHIP CODE TO ESTABLISH A
STOP INTERSECTION AND NO PARKING ON PORTIONS OF WALNUT
COURT**

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Garganio to approve Ordinance No. 2006-03 on second reading for adoption.

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Public Comment

Council Vice President Baldorossi opened the meeting to the public for comments at this time.

Nothing at this time.

It was on the MOTION of Ryan, seconded by Sandusky to close the public hearing.
All ayes – motion carried.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Garganio, Ryan, Sandusky, Baldorossi

NOES: None

ABSENT: Fratinardo

Unanimous approval.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2006-04
(2nd Reading)**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE IN BURLINGTON
COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING SECTION 130-13 B OF THE
FLORENCE TOWNSHIP CODE ESTABLISHING A SCHEDULE OF RATES
FOR TOWING SERVICES**

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Ryan to approve Ordinance No. 2006-04 on second reading for adoption.

Public Comment

Council Vice President Baldorossi opened the meeting to the public for comments at this time.

Nothing at this time.

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Ryan to close the public hearing.
All ayes – motion carried.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Garganio, Ryan, Sandusky, Baldorossi

NOES: None

ABSENT: Fratinardo

Unanimous approval.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2006-05
(2nd Reading)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE PROVIDING FOR REGULATIONS INTENDED TO PROTECT THE STORMWATER SYSTEM, PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT AND TO CONTROL LITTER, YARD WASTE, PET WASTE, ILLICIT CONNECTIONS TO THE STORMWATER SYSTEM, CONTAINERIZED WASTE, WILD LIFE FEEDING AND OTHER PRACTICES THAT IMPACT ON WATER QUALITY

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Garganio to approve Ordinance No. 2006-05 on second reading for adoption.

Public Comment

Council Vice President Baldorossi opened the meeting to the public for comments at this time.

Nothing at this time.

It was on the MOTION of Garganio, seconded by Ryan to close the public hearing. All ayes – motion carried.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Garganio, Sandusky, Baldorossi
NOES: None
ABSENT: Fratinardo
ABSTAIN: Ryan

Motion carries.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2006-06
(2nd Reading)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE AMENDING THE FLORENCE TOWNSHIP CODE BY ADDING CHAPTER 106 BACKGROUND CHECKS

It was on the MOTION of Garganio, seconded by Ryan to approve Ordinance No. 2006-06 on second reading for adoption.

Public Comment

Council Vice President Baldorossi opened the meeting to the public for comments at this time.

Nothing at this time.

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It was on the MOTION of Garganio, seconded by Ryan to close the public hearing.
All ayes – motion carried.

On the Question

Council Member Ryan verified that the amendment for the high school coaches that was discussed is included in this Ordinance. Amendment is included in the Ordinance.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Garganio, Ryan, Sandusky, Baldorossi
NOES: None
ABSENT: Fratinardo

Unanimous approval.

REPORTS

Committees, Boards and Officers

- Nothing at this time.

Mayor Muchowski

- Mayor Muchowski stated that he is pleased with the response and the timeliness of the response to the Walnut Court residents' request. (Ordinance No. 2006-03)
- Mayor Muchowski feels that Background Checks for volunteer coaches is a good thing and has heard many positive comments from league officials. (Ordinance No. 2006-06)
- Mayor Muchowski reported on the meeting he attended with Administrator Brook and Chris Warren of Alaimo Associates at DEP regarding the township's Wastewater Amendment. The meeting was very productive and the township is now required to provide a much more condensed version of what the State had previously requested. The criteria the township needs to meet has been clearly defined in order to get the approval. DEP did apologize for what happened in the past. If all goes as planned, approval should be granted in a couple of months. The Mayor credited the Township Administrator, Richard Brook, for his work on resolving this issue.

Administrator

- Administrator Brook stated, with Council's approval, that the Transit Village discussion will be set up for the March Worksession at 7:00 PM with Clarke, Caton, Hintz.
- Administrator Brook stated that next week discussion will begin regarding the Roebing Fire House. A walk through of the building will take place in March. Since the township is not ready to take over or have the improvements done to the building, the fire company will continue to allow the various groups to continue using the building.

Assistant Administrator

- Nothing at this time.

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Township Solicitor

- Nothing at this time.

Township Engineer

- Dan Guzzi, Township Engineer, stated that the CDBG project for sidewalk ramps will be advertised this week. May be able to award in March.
- Mr. Guzzi stated that there are various grant and low interest loan applications that Council should consider. These could be used for road improvements, sidewalk projects and bike trails. He asked that the topic be on an upcoming Worksession Agenda.
- Mr. Guzzi reported that there is Green Acre money available, which can be discussed next week.

Mayor Muchowski asked Mr. Guzzi to look into broadening the strips in some of the high traffic areas in the town.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Due to the large amount of papers that are recycled after a Council Meeting from each Council Members packet, Council Member Garganio questioned the possibility of going to a paperless system for packets such as putting the information on a disc? Council Member Ryan knows of a State entity that has gone to a paperless system. Mayor Muchowski stated that he has discussed it with Administrator Brook. Each elected official would have to have a laptop. Council Member Garganio suggested having elected officials sign out the laptops. Administrator Brook will find out more information and report back for further discussion.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Nothing at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS

Nothing at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

8:45 PM MOTION by Sandusky, seconded by Ryan to adjourn. Roll call vote - all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER
Township Clerk

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