

Florence, New Jersey  
February 2, 2005

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 President Fratinardo at 8:00 PM. President Fratinardo led the Salute to the Flag.

The Township Clerk 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 2, 2005 and January 16, 2005; 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:

John Fratinardo, President  
Frank Baldorossi  
Bruce Garganio  
Elizabeth Ryan  
Jerry Sandusky

Also present:

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

### **MINUTES**

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

Regular Session	November 10, 2004
Executive Session	November 10, 2004 and December 8, 2004
Closed Session	January 12, 2005 and January 19, 2005
Special Session	January 26, 2005

### **FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE**

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

### **REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE**

None at this time.

### **APPLICATIONS**

None at this time.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Bill Bott, 64 Riverbank Drive, asked if the Truck Stop Ordinance was in response to Wawa? Council President Fratinardo stated that the Ordinance addresses any site that could potentially become a truck stop and this Ordinance does impact the Wawa. Mr. Bott asked how many truck parking spaces Wawa is asking for? Solicitor Kearns stated that Wawa originally applied for twenty-seven (27) spaces but they are willing to modify that number to nine (9). He stated that the Ordinance allows four (4) truck parking spaces. Mr. Bott suggested that the Governing Body incorporate a stipulation that trucks must be turned off when idling. Solicitor Kearns explained that will be part of the Planning Board approval to have that requirement posted. There will also be a time limit on how long trucks can park there.

Mr. Bott asked if the Resolution appointing the Township Planner is for the same planner as last year? Council President Fratinardo stated that it is.

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.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2005-43**

**AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL PLANNER**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2005-44**

**AUTHORIZING REFUNDS OF CERTAIN TAX OVERPAYMENTS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2005-45**

**AUTHORIZE REFUND CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEES  
Block 160.01, Lot 14**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2005-46**

**A RESOLUTION CANCELING TAXES AS A RESULT OF ACQUISITIONS BY  
THE LIGHT RAIL LINE AND THE CONSOLIDATION  
OF CERTAIN LOTS DUE TO THE ACQUISITION**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2005-47**

**A RESOLUTION CANCELING TAXES ON PROPERTY  
OWNED BY A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN**

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It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Ryan that Resolutions 2005-43 through 2005-47 be approved.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Garganio, Ryan, Sandusky, Fratinaro

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

**ORDINANCES**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2005-04  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)**

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE AUTHORIZING THE  
EXECUTION OF A LEASE BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE AND  
THE FLORENCE TOWNSHIP YACHT CLUB REGARDING  
THE LEASE OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL LANDS**

It was on the MOTION of Garganio, seconded by Ryan to approve Ordinance No. 2005-04 on second reading for adoption.

Public Comment

Council President Fratinaro 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: Baldorossi, Garganio, Ryan, Sandusky, Fratinaro

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2005-05  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)**

**AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET  
APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK  
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Baldorossi to approve Ordinance No. 2005-05 on second reading for adoption.

Public Comment

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

Bill Bott, 64 Riverbank Drive, asked for an explanation of this Ordinance. Administrator Brook explained that this Ordinance allows the municipality to go above the CAP (spending limit established by the State of New Jersey), which the State set at 2.5% this year. The municipality can increase to 3.5% by adopting an Ordinance. He explained that this does not mean that the Township will spend the funds, but it is available if needed. If the funds are not used, they are reserved if needed in the future.

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: Baldorossi, Garganio, Ryan, Sandusky, Fratinardo

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

**ORDINANCE 2005-06  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE AMENDING  
CHAPTER 76 – FIRE PREVENTION OF THE FLORENCE CODE TO AMEND  
THE APPLICABLE INSPECTION FEES TO REFLECT THE COSTS  
INVOLVED IN CONDUCTING THE INSPECTIONS**

Assistant Administrator Sahol explained that every three to five years the Division of Fire Safety does an internal audit of the Bureau of Fire Prevention. The Fire Prevention Bureau operates under an Ordinance authorized by the Council. This Ordinance amends the current Ordinance based on the audit.

It was on the MOTION of Ryan, seconded by Sandusky to approve Ordinance No. 2005-06 on second reading for adoption.

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Public Comment

Council President Fratinardo 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: Baldorossi, Garganio, Ryan, Sandusky, Fratinardo  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2005-07  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE AUTHORIZING THE  
EXECUTION OF A LEASE BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE AND  
FLORENCE AGAINST ALCOHOL AND DRUGS LEASING A CERTAIN  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

Assistant Administrator Sahol explained that the municipality maintains a Green Acres parcel on Hamilton Avenue, which is called the FAAD Park. The FAAD Park is all Green Acres with the exception of the building. To keep the building so it can be used publicly, with limitations, it is leased to Florence Against Alcohol and Drugs program.

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Baldorossi to approve Ordinance No. 2005-07 on second reading for adoption.

Public Comment

Council President Fratinardo 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: Baldorossi, Garganio, Ryan, Sandusky, Fratinardo  
NOES: None

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ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

**REPORTS**

**Committees, Boards and Officers**

- Nothing at this time.

**Mayor Muchowski**

- Mayor Muchowski stated that in honor of Roebling's Centennial, the **High School Jazz Band** has agreed to move their **Café Night performance** from the middle school to the Roebling Firehouse. From a performance standpoint it will work fine but they are concerned about **parking**. He suggested reaching out to the VFW and the Roebling School to designate as an overflow parking area. The municipal lot across from the Roebling School could also be utilized. He suggested that Council contract with the school to provide school busses to shuttle ticket holders to the event. He stated that the school would not have had that expense if the performance were at the middle school. Council Member Garganio feels that is a good idea and may be used for other community functions. Council Vice President Ryan suggested, if out of town people come to the show, for the shuttle to loop through the Light Rail station. Also, suggested was parking at the Roebling Light Rail station. Assistant Administrator Sahol will reach out to NJ Transit. He also suggested BurLink to provide shuttle services, which he will contact and report back.

**Administrator**

- Administrator Brook asked if Council Members saw the letter from the **VFW** and asked if they would like that added to next week's Agenda for discussion? Council in agreement to add to Agenda.

**Assistant Administrator**

- Nothing at this time.

**Township Solicitor**

- Nothing at this time.

**Township Engineer**

- Nothing at this time.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Reconsideration of Ordinance No. 2004-17 – Truck Stops**

Will be discussed at a future meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

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**Polling Locations**

Joy Weiler, Township Clerk, stated that Craig Wilkie was here this evening to discuss the Polling Locations. She explained that he did quite a bit of work on the relocation/redistricting of the Wards and Districts, and also on the polling locations. She stated that an adjustment had to be made at this time, since the town has lost one of the polling locations (Birch Hollow). Clerk Weiler provided the governing body with two (2) options.

Craig Wilkie, 415 W. Second Street, feels that the second option was the best.

Council Member Garganio stated his only concern was the room at the Sterling House seemed small. Clerk Weiler explained that Sterling House did offer a bigger room but the board workers preferred the sunroom. It was closer for people coming in and out and voters could enter one door and exit through a different door.

It was on the MOTION of Garganio, seconded by Sandusky to approve Option #2 for future polling locations.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

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

Unanimous approval.

**BOARD OF HEALTH**

Nothing at this time.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Council Member Sandusky asked that Assistant Administrator Sahol and David Dennison, Recreation Director, look into having a **recreation program at Florence Tollgate's pool.**

Council Vice President Ryan questioned the legal status of the **Truck Stop Ordinance?** Solicitor Kearns explained that the legal status is that the Mayor has not signed it and returned it to the Council for further consideration. Council can act on it this evening or next week. The Ordinance requires four out of five Council votes to become effective.

It was on the MOTION of Garganio, seconded by Fratinaro to **TABLE Ordinance No. 2004-17, Truck Stop Ordinance.**

**On the Question**

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

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

Unanimous approval.

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8:28 PM MOTION by Ryan, seconded by Garganio to adjourn to Closed Session. Action may be taken following Closed Session. Roll call vote - all ayes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

8:28 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER  
Township Clerk

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(Note: No action taken after Closed Session.)