

Florence, New Jersey
April 4, 2007

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

The following statement was read by the Township Clerk: "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 7, 2007; 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:

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

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

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

Executive Session	March 14, 2007
Regular Session	March 7, 2007
Closed Session	March 7, 2007; March 14, 2007; March 21, 2007

FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

It was on the MOTION of Fratinardo; seconded by Ryan to receive and file the Township Clerk's report for March. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

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

REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing at this time.

APPLICATIONS

None at this time.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Don Kamienski, 10 McCay Drive, believed that the issue of trucks parking on Delaware Avenue was going to be discussed this evening but does not see it on the Agenda. Administrator Brook stated that when he spoke to Mr. Kamienski he told him that the matter would be discussed at the April Worksession meeting. He apologized if he was not more specific with the date and explained that Council holds meetings on the first, second and third Wednesday of the month and Council had asked that it be put on April's Worksession Agenda for discussion, which is the second Wednesday of the month. Council also asked Administrator Brook to contact the owner of the Corner Deli, which he did. The owner hand delivered a letter in response, which Mr. Kamienski is welcome to have a copy. Dan Guzzi, Township Engineer, is preparing a map that will be provided to Mayor and Council for next Wednesday. Administrator Brook assured Mr. Kamienski that the topic will be discussed next Wednesday in open session.

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-67

INTRODUCE 2007 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-68

**RESOLUTION STATING REASONS WHY 2007 BUDGET
IS BEING INTRODUCED BEYOND FEBRUARY 10, 2007**

RESOLUTION 2007-69

SELF-EXAMINATION OF BUDGET RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-70

**APPROVE CONTRACT WITH BLACK AND BLACK
FOR APPRAISAL WORK FOR ASSESSMENT COMMISSION
FOR TALL PINES WATER AND SEWER MAIN EXTENSION**

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-71

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-72

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE
BURLINGTON COUNTY SHARED SERVICES FORUM**

It was on the MOTION of Fratinardo, seconded by Ryan that Resolutions 2007-67 through 2007-72 be approved.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Fratinardo, Garganio, Ryan, Sandusky, Baldorossi

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

ORDINANCES

**ORDINANCE NO. 2007-03
(2nd Reading)**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE
AMENDING THE FLORENCE CODE TO ESTABLISH STAFFING
LEVELS IN THE FLORENCE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT**

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Ryan to approve Ordinance No. 2007-03 on second reading for adoption.

Public Comment

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

No public comment.

It was on the MOTION of Fratinardo, 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: Fratinardo, Garganio, Ryan, Sandusky, Baldorossi

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

**ORDINANCE 2007-04
(2nd Reading)**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE
AMENDING CHAPTER 133 – ABANDONED VEHICLES OF THE
FLORENCE CODE TO AMEND THE DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE
TO THE DESIGNATION OF ABANDONED VEHICLES**

It was on the MOTION of Fratinardo, seconded by Sandusky to approve Ordinance No. 2007-04 on second reading for adoption.

Public Comment

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

No public comment.

It was on the MOTION of Fratinardo, 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: Fratinardo, Garganio, Ryan, Sandusky, Baldorossi

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2007-05
(1st Reading)**

**ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$106,244.19 FROM THE CAPITAL SURPLUS
FUND TO PROVIDE FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER PLANT AND
AERATOR IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE, IN THE COUNTY OF
BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY**

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Fratinardo to approve Ordinance No. 2007-05 on first reading and set adoption for April 18, 2007.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Fratinardo, Garganio, Ryan, Sandusky, Baldorossi

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

REPORTS

Committees, Boards and Officers

- Nothing at this time.

Mayor Muchowski

- Mayor Muchowski presented a **Proclamation** in honor of **Arbor Day**.
- Mayor Muchowski thanked the Administrative staff and Council once again for putting forth a **budget** that holds the tax rate steady within the community.
- Mayor Muchowski stated that yesterday was a happy day when the Florence Township High School Girls Softball Team finally beat New Egypt, which ended a 4-year drought. He congratulated the girls.

Administrator

- Administrator Brook will provide a **report** in Friday's packet from **the Chief of Police** regarding concerns in Roebling that were brought up a few meetings ago by residents.
- Administrator Brook will also provide in Friday's packet a **breakdown** concerning the **rate** and how it has progressed and changed over the years.

Assistant Administrator

- Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that Kyle Burg, an **Eagle Scout** who is proposing a **project** on the Green Acres area in the Bustleton area is present this evening and asked if Council would like him to give a brief overview of the project. The topic is on the Agenda for next week.

Kyle Burg would like to make a parking lot out of the wooded area for a future park. With the help of other boy scouts he would inform the neighboring residents of the work that would be taking place. He will be doing some land clearing while trying to maintain some of the trees. He would use some of the logs from the trees that are cut down for berms along the side. Buffering would be done so the neighbors would not be impacted by this small parking area. Council Member Fratinardo stated that the reason Mr. Burg would like to complete this project is to have access to the 30 acres for a walking trail and camping area for the boy scouts. At this time there is no parking for the site.

In response to Council Member Sandusky, Mr. Burg stated that he will be 16 years old soon and would receive his Eagle Award after completing the project.

Mayor Muchowski asked Mr. Burg to prepare himself for next week's meeting so he can articulate exactly what he would like to do with the site. Concerns can be brought up at that time.

Council Member Garganio asked if the township can be involved in helping if needed? Yes, they can. The project will be under the guidance of the township. Green Acres approval is also needed.

Mayor and Council thanked Mr. Burg and look forward to seeing him next week.

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Township Solicitor

- Nothing at this time.

Township Engineer

- Dan Guzzi, Township Engineer stated that now that the weather is breaking he has been contacting the developers to make sure they are getting back on site to clean up and button up after the winter.
- Mr. Guzzi requested that they discuss additional roads for the **Road Program** at next week's Worksession.

Council Member Sandusky read in Kyle Burg's report that he would need millings for his project and asked Mr. Guzzi if millings from the Road Program could be transported there? Mr. Guzzi stated that is possible as long as the timing was right.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Ryan **commended Joy Weiler, Township Clerk**, for the new forms she drafted for the ABC License renewals. The forms are "innovative."

Council Member Ryan mentioned the memo from Clerk Weiler regarding the **upcoming 2010 Census**. It is important that there be an accurate head count of who lives in town. Council Member Ryan urged that the addresses be as accurate as possible including the segments of the town that use Bordentown and Burlington as their mailing address.

Clerk Weiler thanked Council Member Ryan.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Nothing at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS

Nothing at this time.

8:30 PM MOTION by Fratinardo, seconded by Sandusky to adjourn to Closed Session. Roll call vote - all ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

8:30 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER
Township Clerk

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