

Florence, New Jersey
July 9, 2008

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 Vice President O'Hara at 9:35 PM. Vice President O'Hara 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 6, 2008; 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:

Dennis O'Hara
Sean Ryan
Jerry Sandusky

Also present:

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

RESOLUTIONS FOR RIVERROCK BAR & GRILL

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-142

**AUTHORIZE APPROVAL OF RENEWAL OF PLENARY
RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE FOR 2008-2009
MAGGIE SCRATCH, INC.
AS PER SPECIAL RULING**

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-143

**APPROVE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL LICENSE
PERSON TO PERSON & PLACE TO PLACE TRANSFER
PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE
FROM MAGGIE SCRATCH, INC., t/a RIVER BEND PUB
TO RIVERROCK BAR & GRILLE, LLC
LICENSE NO. 0315-33-008-003**

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Ryan that Resolutions 2008-142 through 2008-143 be approved.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

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Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: O'Hara, Ryan, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: Garganio, Baldorossi

Unanimous approval.

MINUTES

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

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FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky; seconded by Ryan to receive and file the Tax Collector's Report on Tax Sale, the Chief of Police's report and Township Clerk's report for June. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

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. Transient Merchant License: Nicky's Ice Cream and Grill

Joy Weiler, Township Clerk, stated that all of the paperwork is in order. She checked with the Police Department and they have no concerns.

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Ryan to approve the above application for renewal.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: O'Hara, Ryan, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: Garganio, Baldorossi

Unanimous approval.

PUBLIC HEARING: STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT

Dan Guzzi, Township Engineer gave an overview. He explained that the municipality, in accordance with the requirement of the State of New Jersey, adopted a Stormwater Management Plan, which basically outlines the goals, requirements and management of all of the Stormwater Management

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facilities in the township. The amendments being considered this evening are revisions to the plan to clean up inconsistencies between the plan and the Ordinance that Council adopted.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bill Bott, 64 Riverbank Drive, as a Florence Township Environmental Commissioner attended the meeting regarding the proposed composting facility in Burlington Township on the border of Florence Township. There was a gentleman who often referenced a facility in Nantucket, which Mr. Bott found out was not a covered facility but an open facility. Mayor Berry explained that it is a completely different facility. It bothered Mr. Bott that the gentleman seemed to lead people to believe that the two (2) facilities were alike. Mayor Berry believes the gentleman was trying to make the point that a composting facility that is operated correctly and within the guidelines does not create an odor. It seems that he is saying that the facility in Washington State was not being operated correctly when Mayor Berry and Assistant Administrator Sahol were there and smelled strong odors. Mr. Bott asked if anyone assured Mayor and Council that the facility in Burlington Township will not have an odor? Council Member Ryan responded absolutely not.

Mayor Berry just came from a meeting with the Burlington County Solid Waste Advisory Committee and he explained that they have some very significant concerns, equal to the concerns of Florence Township, plus some additional concerns. He stated that the ultimate approval lies with the Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

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.

Council Member Ryan asked Mayor Berry for a brief overview of what took place at the Solid Waste Advisory Board meeting earlier this evening? Mayor Berry stated that Mary Pat Robbie, Burlington County Resource Conservation Director, put together a list of questions from the comments that were made the other night. Some of the concerns are: truck traffic, odor, tonnage, the process and who will be dumping what. Since the facility would be run by a private entity, one of the concerns is will there still be credit towards the tonnage of recyclables? The Solid Waste Advisory Committee will be meeting again, he believes the 2nd Tuesday of August. Mayor Berry stated that there were more nay-sayers than yea-sayers this evening. The 2nd Tuesday in August is a tentative date. Mayor Berry stated that Mary Pat Robbie is recommending that the Board of Chosen Freeholders hold the public hearing at the next meeting but to not take action. After further discussion, Administrator Brook will send out a letter on behalf of Mayor and Council also asking that they take no action at the upcoming Freeholders meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-135

**AUTHORIZE APPLICATION TO NJ DIVISION OF HIGHWAY
TRAFFIC SAFETY FOR PEDESTRIAN/PEDALCYCLIST SAFETY GRANT**

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RESOLUTION NO. 2008-136

**AWARD CONTRACT FOR 2008 ROAD PROGRAM
AMERICAN ASPHALT COMPANY, INC., 116 MAIN STREET,
W. COLLINGSWOOD HEIGHTS, NJ 08059**

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-137

**APPROVE FINAL PAYMENT FOR
2006 PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
COMMAND CO.
135 HARTFORD ROAD, MEDFORD, NJ 08055**

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-138

**ADOPT MUNICIPAL STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN
AMENDMENTS**

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-139

REFUND TAX OVERPAYMENTS

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-140

**AUTHORIZE APPROVAL OF RENEWAL OF PLENARY
RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE FOR 2008-2009
SAMUEL O. PAGLIONE
AS PER SPECIAL RULING**

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-141

**AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK
TO EXECUTE CONSENT DECREE ON BEHALF OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE IN THE MATTER OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, ET AL V.
AAXON INDUSTRIAL, INC., ET AL - SUPERIOR COURT OF
NEW JERSEY, LAW DIVISION, BURLINGTON COUNTY
DOCKET NO. BUR-L-15-05**

(Note: Resolutions No. 2008-142 and No. 2008-143 previously approved during meeting.)

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Administrator Brook explained that **Resolution No. 2008-137** is for the final payment to Command Company, which is the settlement agreement. The amount is \$108,731.16; the funds are available and the Sandra Blacker, CFO, will certify the Resolution.

Administrator Brook reviewed exactly what is being awarded in the **Road Program Resolution No. 2008-136**.

	Base Bid	\$959,879
A1	Drainage Improvements on Potts Mill Road	\$24,910
A2	Drainage and Roadway Improvements to intersection of Walnut Street and Walnut Court	\$46,930
A5	Tack and Overlay East and North Lots within Marter Park	\$67,715
A7	Improvement to the Alley between Fourth and Fifth Avenues	\$12,635
A9	Alley between Railroad and Amboy Avenues	\$25,620
A12	Alley between Second to Third Streets, from Broad to Chestnut Streets	\$43,675
Total for Alternates		\$221,485
Total Contract Awarded		\$1,181,364

Funds will be certified by the CFO and are available in the Ordinances that have been set aside and the grants that were authorized by the State of New Jersey.

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Ryan that Resolutions 2008-135 through 2008-141 be approved.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Ryan, Sandusky, O’Hara

NOES: None

ABSENT: Garganio, Baldorossi

Unanimous approval.

ORDINANCES

Nothing at this time.

REPORTS

Committees, Boards and Officers

- Council Vice President O’Hara reported on the recent **Economic Development Committee meeting**. He stated that Jeff Lucas, Developer, attended the meeting. He gave an excellent presentation to the committee. Many of the committee members wanted Mr. Lucas to concentrate his efforts on how the Economic Development Committee could best move property along the Route 130 corridor. There was some heated discussion on whether Mr. Lucas should be a committee member without voting rights. Council Vice President O’Hara spoke with Solicitor Kearns who recommended that Mr. Lucas not be a member of the Economic Development Committee. Solicitor Kearns stated that the Economic Development Committee is advisory only and they can invite anyone they want to come to a meeting and

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give advise, but he feels it is better if Mr. Lucas is not a member of the Economic Development Committee. Council Member Ryan asked if it was a conflict to have a developer serving on the Economic Development Committee? Solicitor Kearns stated it is only an advisory body and he does not have a problem with it.

Council Vice President O'Hara stated that Emma Cartier, from Roma Bank, may attend the next Economic Development meeting. She is interested in the discussions the committee has had regarding reorganizing a Chamber of Commerce, which he believes would be an asset to the community.

Mayor Berry stated that Solicitor Kearns is involved with the Willingboro Rotary and has offered his assistance if they wanted to start a Rotary Club.

Solicitor Kearns stated that a Rotary Club is structured so that there are people with management and executive positions. They meet on a weekly basis and have speakers come in; it is a service club. A Chamber of Commerce orients just to the business and may become an advocate on particular political issues that they believe have an impact on the business community.

- Council Member Sandusky stated that the **Patriotic Celebration** kicks off this Friday evening, July 11th, with a softball game followed by a movie in the park. The celebration continues Saturday morning, July 12th, with a 5k run and the flag raising ceremony. The parade steps off at 12:00 Noon.

Council Member Sandusky suggested the township send a Certificate of Appreciation to the members of the Patriotic Celebration Committee for all of their hard work.

Council Member Sandusky stated that as of this evening there are seven to eight entries in the bike decorating contest but it is new this year and would like to continue with it and he believes more will register each year. He also noted that interest has been expressed in the antique car show that will be held following the parade. There will be two bands in the evening followed by fireworks.

Council Member Sandusky stated that the final meeting was earlier this evening and it looks like everything is going very well.

Council Member Sandusky noted that the 5k run is being held in honor of a young woman in town that has breast cancer and all proceeds will go to her. Blake Dimon of Wayside Florists has agreed to donate pink ribbons that will outline the route for the 5k. Sharon Bird of Lorraine's Florist is donating pink carnations to hand out to all of the lady participants in the 5k. Anna from Anna's Buds, Blooms and Blossoms is donating a very large arrangement of flowers that will go to the young woman's home since she is confined to a hospital bed.

Mayor Berry thanked Council Member Sandusky for taking the lead on the part of Mayor and Council and for doing an excellent job.

Council Member Sandusky stated that there will be activities for the kids set up at Water Works Field for the kids after the parade. There will also be vendors.

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Council Member Ryan thanked Council Member Sandusky for his hard work and agreed that a Certificate of Appreciation for each member of the committee would be appropriate. Council Vice President O'Hara expressed his appreciation to Council Member Sandusky and the other members of the committee.

Mayor

- Nothing at this time.

Administrator

- Nothing at this time.

Assistant Administrator

- Nothing at this time.

Township Solicitor

- Nothing at this time.

Township Engineer

- Nothing at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Berry stated that earlier in the year there was discussion of **changing the start time of the Council meetings** from 8:00PM to 7:00. If the time were to be changed a decision will need to be made soon since the calendars will be going to print soon. Council Member Ryan expressed concern of being able to make the meetings at 7:00PM due to the demands of his job. Council Vice President O'Hara stated that another thing to consider is with an 8:00PM start time it allows subcommittee meetings to be scheduled before the Council meeting. Council Member Ryan believes that an 8:00PM start time allows the residents to attend the meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Nothing at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS

Council Member Ryan stated that a resident brought to his attention a **concern** regarding the area on **Hornberger Avenue by Wesley's Pub** where there is parking on the right hand side of Hornberger Avenue. The concern is that vehicles traveling towards Route 130 have to cross over the double yellow line due to the parked cars, which is similar to the concern that was recently addressed on Delaware Avenue. He asked Mr. Guzzi if realigning could be explored without effecting parking?

Mayor Berry asked if the State notified the township of the **traffic light sequence change at Florence Columbus Road and Route 130**? Administrator Brook does not believe the township was notified. He stated that it is more orderly now.

Council Member Sandusky asked if it was mandatory for the northbound **light rail** to stop at the **Roebbling Station** at 6:00 – 6:15 in the morning? Council Member Sandusky stated that two times

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this week he has witnessed the train go through the stop at a high rate of speed. Assistant Administrator Sahol will check but he believes it is an express train to Trenton that has fewer stops.

10:30 PM MOTION by Ryan, seconded by Sandusky to adjourn to Closed Session. Roll call vote - all ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

10:30 PM: Meeting adjourned.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

11:30 PM MOTION by Sandusky, seconded by Ryan to return to Open Session. Roll call vote – all ayes.

Administrator Brook discussed with Mayor and Council Members the dates that would be convenient and/or available for meeting with developers.

11:35 PM MOTION by Ryan, seconded by Sandusky to adjourn meeting. Roll call vote - all ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

11:35 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER
Township Clerk

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