

Florence, New Jersey
August 5, 2009

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. Council 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 11, 2009; given to the Register News for information. Notice was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board."

Joy Weiler, Township Clerk, announced that Council Vice President O'Hara, Council Member Sandusky, Mayor Berry, Administrator Brook and Solicitor Kearns were attending a Closed Session subcommittee meeting in the Front Conference Room with a developer regarding contract negotiations.

Upon roll call the following were found to be present:

Bruce Garganio
Sean Ryan
Frank Baldorossi

Also present:

Thomas Sahol, Assistant Municipal Administrator; Dante Guzzi, Township Engineer; Joy M. Weiler, Township Clerk

MINUTES

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

Regular Session	July 8, 2009, July 15, 2009
Executive Session	June 10, 2009, July 8, 2009
Special Session	July 8, 2009
Closed Session	July 8, 2009, July 15, 2009

FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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

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

REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing at this time.

APPLICATIONS

Nothing at this time.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Deborah Riley, 223 Fifth Avenue, thanked Administrator Brook and Thomas Layou, Construction Code Official, for helping her with a problem she was having with a neighbor's backyard. It is not complete but looks much better. She appreciates the efforts to have it taken care of.

Ms. Riley stated that she has lived in her house since 2004. She loves her house and the history of Roebling. She has put a lot of work into her home and backyard. She expressed concern regarding fighting and what she believes is illegal activity at a residence on her street. She lives in fear in her own home. She has spoken to the Chief of Police regarding her concerns. Council Members agree that Ms. Riley has a right to feel safe in her own home and advised her to meet with Administrator Brook along with the Chief of Police. Assistant Administrator Sahol will get Ms. Riley's information and pass onto Administrator Brook so a meeting can be set up.

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-179

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-180

**AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF APPLICATION
FOR REVISION OF
WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN**

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-181

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND
MUNICIPALITY OF FLORENCE TOWNSHIP**

It was on the MOTION of Garganio, seconded by Ryan to approve Resolution No. 2009-179 through 2009-181.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows

YEAS: Garganio, Ryan, Baldorossi

NOES: None

ABSENT: O'Hara, Sandusky

Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

**ORDINANCE NO. 2009-13
(2nd Reading)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE AMENDING SECTION 91-24 OF THE FLORENCE TOWNSHIP CODE TO ESTABLISH A FEE FOR AN APPLICATION TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF APPROVAL

It was on the MOTION of Garganio, seconded by Baldorossi to approve Ordinance No. 2009-13 on second reading for adoption.

Public Comment

Council 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 Baldorossi 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, Baldorossi

NOES: None

ABSENT: O'Hara, Sandusky

Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2009-14
(2nd Reading)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO RELEASE, VACATE AND EXTINGUISH ANY AND ALL PUBLIC RIGHTS IN AND TO A PORTION OF A CERTAIN ALLEYWAY SITUATED ON PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 99.01, LOTS 20, 21, 22 AND 29 INCLUSIVE LOCATED NEAR WALLACE AVENUE AND STATION ROAD

It was on the MOTION of Garganio, seconded by Ryan to approve Ordinance No. 2009-14 on second reading for adoption.

Public Comment

Council 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.

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On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Garganio, Ryan, Baldorossi

NOES: None

ABSENT: O'Hara, Sandusky

Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2009-15
(2nd Reading)**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR TAX
ABATEMENT WITH NFI REAL ESTATE AND THE FOUR B'S FOR
THE PROPERTY LOCATED ON ROUTE 130 N.
BLOCK 160.01, LOTS 2.01, 8, 9, 10.01, 10.02, 20, 21, and 22**

It was on the MOTION of Garganio, seconded by Ryan to approve Ordinance No. 2009-15 on second reading for adoption.

Public Comment

Council 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, Baldorossi

NOES: None

ABSENT: O'Hara, Sandusky

Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2009-16
(1st Reading)**

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE INSTALLATION OF NEW
STREET LIGHTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE, IN THE COUNTY OF
BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$65,000 THEREFOR AND
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$61,750 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP
TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF**

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It was on the MOTION of Baldorossi, seconded by Ryan to approve Ordinance 2009-16 on first reading and set adoption for September 2, 2009.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows

YEAS: Garganio, Ryan, Baldorossi

NOES: None

ABSENT: O'Hara, Sandusky

Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2009-17
(1st Reading)**

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER AND SEWER UTILITY IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$600,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$570,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING THE COST THEREOF

It was on the MOTION of Garganio, seconded by Baldorossi to approve Ordinance 2009-17 on first reading and set adoption for September 2, 2009.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows

YEAS: Garganio, Ryan, Baldorossi

NOES: None

ABSENT: O'Hara, Sandusky

Motion carried.

REPORTS

Committees, Boards and Officers

- Nothing at this time.

Assistant Municipal Administrator

- Assistant Administrator Sahol discussed the clean up at **Nyikita Field**. The fence and the structures will be removed. He met with one of the leagues and discussed a reduction in field size. The whole area will be cleaned up. The fence will be four foot high. The field will support the upper level Babe Ruth and Legion baseball program. The dugouts will be taken down and replaced with fence dugouts so they are visible. Roofs on the dugouts and the backstop were discussed. Assistant Administrator Sahol will keep the governing body updated.

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Township Engineer

- Dan Guzzi, Township Engineer, stated that the **Road Program** is going well.
- Mr. Guzzi stated that he had the roof of the **Florence Township Library** infrared scanned and reported that the **roof** is not in too bad of shape. There is not a lot of moisture under the roof although there are some areas that are leaking. The concern was if there was moisture damage, the whole roof would have to be ripped off. Mr. Guzzi put together a cost estimate to replace the roof. Will discuss further at next week's Worksession.

Council President Baldorossi stated that water was ponding after last Sunday's heavy rain. Mr. Guzzi explained that the membrane roof will be removed, ridge insulation will be installed that will create ridges and valleys to move the water off of the roof. All of the flashing will be replaced.

- Council Member Ryan discussed children playing in the evening and areas in the community he believes need "**Children at Play**" signs. Mr. Guzzi checked the areas Council Member Ryan indicated and came up with a list of locations that he felt would be appropriate for "Children at Play" signs. He also looked at some intersections and there are some intersections that need "**Stop**" signs. Mr. Guzzi will provide a sketch in the next packet for discussion at next week's Worksession.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Nothing at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS

Nothing at this time.

8:30 PM MOTION by Garganio, seconded by Ryan to adjourn meeting and return to the Closed Session with the subcommittee in the front conference room. Roll call vote - all ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

8:30 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER, RMC/MMC
Township Clerk

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