

Florence, New Jersey
September 2, 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 8:00PM. 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."

Upon roll call the following were found to be present:

Dennis O'Hara
Jerry Sandusky
Frank Baldorossi

Also present:

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

NOTE: The Township Clerk announced that Mayor William Berry; Richard A. Brook, Township Administrator, Council Member Garganio, Council Member Ryan and Solicitor Kearns were attending a subcommittee meeting at this time in the Front Conference Room with a developer.

MINUTES

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

Special Session	July 29, 2009, August 24, 2009
Executive Session	August 12, 2009
Closed Session	July 29, 2009, August 12, 2009

FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

O'Hara 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

Nothing at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sandra Pastorella, 55 Amboy Avenue, expressed concern over problems with the residents of one of the houses on Amboy Avenue. There is drinking and carrying on. It is so bad Ms. Pastorella's grandson will not go outside to play. It is a rental property. The residents allow their dog to run at large. Ms. Pastorella related incidents that have occurred with this family. Assistant Administrator

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Sahol asked Ms. Pastorella if she has spoken with the Police Department regarding her concerns? Ms. Pastorella stated that she has.

Assistant Administrator Sahol obtained Ms. Pastorella's information before she left the meeting to set up a time with the Chief of Police in order to try to help with the situation. The Clerk's Office will check to see if the dog is properly registered.

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-188

AMEND CAPITAL BUDGET

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-189

**AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF ONE 2009 CHEVROLET TAHOE
POLICE VEHICLE, STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE
A73849
REPLACEMENT VEHICLE**

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-190

**RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM
OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE,
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, PURSUANT TO N.J.S. 40A:4-87
CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948**

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-191

**RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM
OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE,
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, PURSUANT TO N.J.S. 40A:4-87
CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948**

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-192

**RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM
OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE,
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, PURSUANT TO N.J.S. 40A:4-87
CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948**

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-193

**AUTHORIZE APPROVAL OF COOL CITIES INITIATIVE
A NJ DEP DIVISION OF PARKS & FORESTRY
FOREST SERVICE PROGRAM**

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-194

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP
OF FLORENCE AUTHORIZING A MODIFIED AGREEMENT WITH
CLEAR WIRELESS, LLC FOR THE PLACEMENT OF MICROWAVE
COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT**

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-195

**APPROVE REQUEST TO RELEASE PERFORMANCE BONDS
GREENBRIAR HORIZON, SECTIONS 3 & 5
SECTION 3: BOND NO. SW0151
SECTION 5: BOND NO. 0871 9339
CONDITIONAL APPROVAL**

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-196

**AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF 2009-2010 RENEWAL OF
PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE
F & A, INC., T/A DOWNTOWN TAVERN, HOLDER OF
PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE NO. 0315-33-007-002
WITH CONDITIONS**

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by O'Hara to approve Resolution No. 2009-188 through 2009-196.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows

YEAS: O'Hara, Sandusky, Baldorossi

NOES: None

ABSENT: Garganio, Ryan

Motion carries.

ORDINANCES

Council President Baldorossi announced that the Ordinances will be TABLED until after Closed Session because full Council is required to vote on the Bond Ordinances.

REPORTS

Committees, Boards and Officers

- Council Member O'Hara thanked the Township Clerk for registering Florence Township with the **Burlington County Chamber of Commerce**. Florence Township is now officially a member of the Burlington County Chamber of Commerce. He believes it is a benefit to the community and will be a help to the Economic Development Committee.
- Council Member Baldorossi discussed the letter in the packet from a resident **praising Mike Erlston and Shane Trasp, Water and Sewer employees**, for going beyond the call of duty to help the resident.
- On behalf of Mayor Berry, Council Member Sandusky stated that the Mayor will be presenting a **Proclamation** on September 13, 2009 to **St. Stephen's Episcopal Church** in honor of their **150th Anniversary**.

Assistant Municipal Administrator

- Assistant Administrator Sahol congratulated Council on passing the Resolution on the **Cool Cities Initiative**; he believes it is a great program. He will begin attending seminars in October to begin gaining credits for certification.

Township Engineer

- Dan Guzzi, Township Engineer, reported that the **Road Program** is moving along steadily. Fifth Avenue is scheduled to be base paved the end of next week or the beginning of the following week. The water work and concrete work is just about finished. Fifth Avenue will be top coated a week or so after the base coat and Buc's property will be top coated at the same time. Should be complete by the end of the month. There will be some additional sidewalk work to be completed but Mr. Guzzi wants the roadwork completed first.

Council President Baldorossi asked if the alley work between Sixth and Seventh Avenues is complete? Mr. Guzzi stated that it is graded but not finished.

Council Vice President O'Hara questioned the status of striping on Norman Avenue? Mr. Guzzi stated that the road will be striped.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Nothing at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS

Nothing at this time.

RECESS/ADJOURNMENT

8:25PM MOTION by O'Hara, seconded by Sandusky to adjourn to Closed Session. Action will be taken following Closed Session. Roll call vote - all ayes.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

10:00PM MOTION by Garganio, seconded by Sandusky to adjourn Closed Session and return to Regular Session.

NOTE: Mayor Berry, Administrator Brook, Council Member Garganio, Council Member Ryan and Solicitor Kearns present at this time.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-197

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE FLORENCE TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD TO CAUSE A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION TO BE MADE PURSUANT TO THE NEW JERSEY LOCAL DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, AS TO WHETHER A CERTAIN AREA ALONG THE ROUTE 130 CORRIDOR WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE IS “AN AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT” WITHIN THE MEANING AND INTENDMENT OF SAID STATUTE

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-198

AUTHORIZE THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR A GRANT THROUGH STATE OF NEW JERSEY, LOCAL GOVERNMENT GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION GRANT PROGRAM

Administrator Brook explained that Alaimo, the Township Water and Sewer Engineer, is looking to do a study on sustainable energy for Florence Township. Alaimo is looking at a grant through the State of New Jersey. A requirement of the grant application is a Resolution showing the governing body endorses the application. Administrator Brook recommends approving the Resolution with the understanding that Florence Township is not committing to anything even if the State approves it, it has to make financial sense.

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Garganio to approve Resolution No. 2009-197 and 2009-198.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows

YEAS: Garganio, O’Hara, Ryan, Sandusky, Baldorossi

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

TRASH COLLECTION BIDS

Administrator Brook will provide a report on the results of the Trash Collection Bids on Friday. There are multiple scenarios. He reviewed some of the numbers and stated that the numbers are favorable to the township. Administrator Brook would like to award the contract at the September 16th meeting.

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Council Member Sandusky noted that there are businesses in town that have dumpsters picked up privately and other businesses that have their trash picked up by the township. He would like to see consistency. Discussion followed regarding allowing businesses to put out a certain number of trash cans out per trash day; it would be the businesses' responsibility to dispose of anything over the permitted number of cans. Administrator Brook will look at the numbers after the contract is awarded.

ORDINANCES

**ORDINANCE NO. 2009-16
(2nd 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 THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$61,750 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Ryan to approve Ordinance No. 2009-16 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 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, O'Hara, Ryan, Sandusky, Baldorossi

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2009-17
(2nd 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 THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$570,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING THE COST THEREOF

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It was on the MOTION of O'Hara, seconded by Sandusky to approve Ordinance No. 2009-17 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 O'Hara, 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, O'Hara, Ryan, Sandusky, Baldorossi

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2009-19
(1st Reading)**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE AMENDING CHAPTER 134 OF
THE FLORENCE TOWNSHIP CODE TO ESTABLISH PARKING
RESTRICTIONS ON PORTIONS OF SUMMER STREET**

It was decided to HOLD Ordinance No. 2009-19 until the next Worksession Meeting for further discussion.

RECREATION FACILITIES

Assistant Administrator Sahol discussed usage of the recreational fields by outside organizations. He explained that back in May or June Council was informed that affiliated organizations were sprouting up and attaching themselves to the township's recreation programs. There was a recommendation from the Recreation Committee and a policy was affirmed from Council stating that was not appropriate; the fields are for the township's programs and children. He presented a policy to the governing body for their approval. This policy may allow these organizations to use the fields or facilities as long they meet certain standards. One of the standards the Florence Township School Board looks at is to make sure that there is good representation of children and coaches from the municipality. The policy sets a priority list for use of the facilities.

Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that at the present time there is no fee charged for use of the fields. That may be something the Recreation Committee would like to consider in the future to cover wear and tear of the facilities and energy consumption.

Assistant Administrator Sahol feels it is important to have this policy in place because there is some interest in late September and early October for outside organizations to use the facilities and there is no way to prioritize those requests if they conflict with one of the recreation programs.

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Due to the length of the meetings this evening, Council Member Ryan asked if this topic could wait for further discussion at the Worksession Meeting? Council Member Garganio explained that the problem with waiting is that there is an outside organization using one of the facilities and the outside lights this evening that do not fit under any type of facilities request. Council Member Sandusky stated that someone local has to be there to turn the lights on. Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that one of the coaches is also a coach for one of the township recreation programs.

Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that this policy is no different from what has been done in the past; this just sets it to writing. He noted that the organizations are in agreement that a policy is necessary.

Council Member Sandusky asked Council Member Ryan if he was comfortable voting on the policy this evening? (There was no verbal response.)

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by O'Hara to approve the policy outlined by Assistant Administrator Sahol for municipal fields.

On the Question

Council Member Garganio asked if the policy was approved tonight and something needs to be changed, could it be changed? Solicitor Kearns stated that changes could be made. Assistant Administrator Sahol explained that if Council approved the policy tonight, he will have the outside organizations apply for use of the facilities immediately. He would then be able to check with the leagues to see if the dates requested conflict with any of their fertilizing, reseeding, field conditioning or irrigation shut down schedules. He noted that the volunteers for the leagues put a lot of time and effort into the fields. It is not fair that people can show up without being scheduled on a municipal calendar for use of the facility.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Garganio, O'Hara, Sandusky, Baldorossi
NOES: Ryan
ABSENT: None

Motion carries.

10:30PM MOTION by Sandusky, seconded by O'Hara to adjourn meeting. Roll call vote - all ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

10:30PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER, RMC/MMC
Township Clerk

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