

Florence, New Jersey  
October 7, 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, along with members of the Florence Township Police Department 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  
Sean Ryan  
Jerry Sandusky  
Frank Baldorossi

Also present:

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

#### **OATH OF OFFICE: PATROLMAN ANTHONY CARDONE**

Mayor Berry administered the Oath Of Office to Patrolman Anthony Cardone while his mother and father looked on.

Mayor Berry stated that he has known Patrolman Cardone as he grew up through the Florence Township School System, and that it is a pleasure to welcome him to the Florence Township Police Department.

Council President Baldorossi and Council Vice President O'Hara congratulated and welcomed Patrolman Cardone to the Florence Township Police Department. They commended the Chief and the entire department on their work.

Chief of Police Fazekas spoke highly of the new patrolman and noted that Officer Cardone is his first new hire.

#### **MINUTES**

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

Executive Session	September 9, 2009
Closed Session	September 16, 2009

#### **FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE**

It was on the MOTION of O'Hara; seconded by Sandusky to receive and file the Chief of Police report and the Township Clerk's report for September. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

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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**

Richard Lotter, 3 Walnut Court, noticed that there is a road being cut in off of River Road and asked if Burlington Township is moving ahead with the composting facility? Council Member Ryan is unaware of Burlington Township moving ahead with the composting facility that was opposed to by the Township of Florence, but he understands that a contract has been awarded for the mining and removal of materials on that site.

Mr. Lotter asked if any of the township wells were in trouble, such as having to be relocated or redrilled? Administrator Brook stated there are no problems with any of the wells and explained that there is a new well on Sixth Street and the next well will most likely be drilled somewhere past Route 130.

Fred Wainwright, 1011 Cedar Lane, stated that the FAA children and the 4H children came out and picked produce to donate to Farmers Against Hunger.

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. 2009-212**

**EMERGENCY RESOLUTION – NJS 40A:4-48  
POLICE CAR PURCHASE  
(Under 3% limitation)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2009-213**

**AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF ONE 2009 FORD CROWN VICTORIA POLICE VEHICLE,  
STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE A72467 REPLACEMENT VEHICLE**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2009-214**

**AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC SALE OF TOWNSHIP  
OWNED PROPERTY**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2009-215**

**APPROVE REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF MAINTENANCE BOND  
HUNT CIRCUS DRIVE – STORMWATER BASIN  
BLOCK 163.02, LOTS 6, 13.01 AND 13.04  
Bond No. B1014402**

***NOTE: Conditioned upon payment of any and all escrow funds due.***

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It was on the MOTION of O'Hara, seconded by Sandusky to approve Resolution No. 2009-212 through 2009-215.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows

YEAS: O'Hara, Ryan, Sandusky, Baldorossi

NOES: None

ABSENT: Garganio

Unanimous approval.

**ORDINANCES**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2009-20  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE AMENDING CHAPTER  
134-43 SCHEDULE XI. OF THE FLORENCE TOWNSHIP CODE TO AMEND  
DESIGNATE UNION STREET AS A STOP STREET AT THE INTERSECTION  
OF BODINE STREET**

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Ryan to approve Ordinance No. 2009-20 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 Sandusky, seconded by O'Hara to close the public hearing. All ayes – motion carried.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: O'Hara, Ryan, Sandusky, Baldorossi

NOES: None

ABSENT: Garganio

Unanimous approval.

**REPORTS**

**Committees, Boards and Officers**

- Council Vice President O'Hara stated that Mayor Berry appointed A. Wesley Bridges to the **Economic Development Committee**. Mr. Bridges attended last evening's meeting and Council Vice President O'Hara believes Mayor Berry made a good decision in Mr. Bridges.

Council Vice President O'Hara reported that there was discussion at last evening's Economic Development Meeting regarding trying to provide assistance to the existing business community throughout the township. There was discussion of holding a business appreciation day. The local businesses make donations to organizations and it would be nice to show them appreciation. The committee would like to thank the local businesses for all they do. There was also discussion of helping the businesses with marketing and IT information. A lot of the local businesses are family owned and may benefit from the help of the committee.

Council Vice President O'Hara reported that there was discussion of the Economic Development Committee preparing a directory for the local businesses.

**Mayor**

- Mayor Berry formally appointed **A. Wesley Bridges** to the **Economic Development Committee** to fill an unexpired term, which expires 12/31/09.

**Administrator**

- Administrator Brook noted that with the **heavy winds today** the **Public Works Department** did stay extra hours to clean up. No major damage was reported.
- Administrator Brook provided a **memo** regarding a **resident that lives next to the post office** who is having a problem with people parking in front of her driveway. The township will move forward with striping. They may also stripe the indentation that was cut into the island for the trucks to turn into the post office so it does not become a parking space.

**Assistant Municipal Administrator**

- Assistant Administrator Sahol asked if there were any questions on his memo regarding **Goodwill**? Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that the receptacle will be at the **Recycle Center** and it will be advertised. Goodwill will be responsible for emptying the receptacle.

Council Member Ryan stated that he was impressed with Assistant Administrator Sahol's memo regarding the anticipated recycling increases after the implementation of the RecycleBank. He thanked Assistant Administrator Sahol for his hard work on the program.

**Township Solicitor**

- Nothing at this time.

**Township Engineer**

- Dan Guzzi, Township Engineer, reported that **Fifth Avenue** was base paved as part of the **Road Program**. There is some additional and remedial concrete work to be done. The top paving will be scheduled in the next couple weeks. Council Member Sandusky suggested that a letter be sent to the Fifth Avenue residents thanking them for their patience during the construction. Administrator Brook will send a letter to the residents.

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- Council Vice President O'Hara stated that **Amboy Avenue** still needs to be striped. Mr. Guzzi stated that the striping will be done.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Council Vice President O'Hara asked for an update on the **Community Center**? Administrator Brook stated that over the past two weeks Assistant Administrator Sahol has been working with the Board of Health on finalizing the kitchen facility, obtaining prices on redoing the first floor wood floor and replacing bathroom fixtures. They are close to coming back to Council with an exact date on when the building can be used.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Nothing at this time.

**BOARD OF HEALTH**

Council Member Sandusky suggested that a **letter** be sent to the **Fire Department for their outstanding work** on getting the fire out at the HAPCO gas station. Administrator Brook praised the attendant of the gas station for immediately using the emergency shut off to the gas once the vehicle hit the gas pump, averting a more serious catastrophe.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Nothing at this time.

8:29PM MOTION by O'Hara, seconded by Ryan to adjourn meeting. Roll call vote - all ayes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

8:29PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER, RMC/MMC  
Township Clerk

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