

Florence, New Jersey
November 12, 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 President Baldorossi at 10:10 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 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:

Bruce Garganio
Dennis O'Hara
Sean Ryan
Jerry Sandusky
Frank Baldorossi

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

MINUTES

Sandusky made a MOTION; seconded by Garganio 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 Court Administrator's report, the Township Clerk's report and the Chief of Police's report for October. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

Sandusky 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

Nothing at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bill Bott, 64 Riverbank Drive, stated that there were trucks parked on Station Road and Hornberger Avenue this morning in such a way that they were blocking the view and causing a safety concern.

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Mr. Bott questioned snow removal for a street that has not been dedicated to the township yet? Solicitor Kearns stated that the township plows the streets and bills the developer.

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. 2008-202

**APPROVE NJPDES PERMIT APPLICATION FOR GRIFFIN PIPE
FOR PROCESS WATER DISCHARGE**

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-203

**AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING AGREEMENT WITH
COMMUNITY INVESTMENT STRATEGIES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF SENIOR
HOUSING FOR THE MARCELLA L. DUFFY SCHOOL**

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-204

**AUTHORIZE REFUND
STREET OPENING PERMIT FEE
DUE TO PERMIT NOT BEING NECESSARY**

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-205

**AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2008-05 & RESOLUTION NO. 2008-199
ACCOUNTS DEPOSITED AT ROEBLING BANK**

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-206

**APPROVE CURRENT ESTIMATE NO. 3 FOR
2008 ROAD PROGRAM
AMERICAN ASPHALT COMPANY
116 MAIN STREET
W. COLLINGSWOOD, NJ 08059**

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-207

**APPROVE CURRENT ESTIMATE NO. 3
COMMUNITY CENTER
EAGLE CONSTRUCTION SERVICES
1624 JACKSONVILLE ROAD
BURLINGTON, NJ 08016**

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It was on the MOTION of O'Hara, seconded by Sandusky that Resolutions 2008-202 through 2008-207 be approved.

Administrator Brook explained the only change on **Resolution No. 2008-203** is that CIS would do the environmental study, Florence Township would reimburse them and the township would have full ownership to the study. CIS can complete the environmental study much quicker.

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.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-208

**RELEASE PERFORMANCE BONDS FOR HAINES INDUSTRIAL CENTER
1500 JOHN GAULT WAY, PERFORMANCE BONDS
NO. P11FSU0430951 AND PAIFSU0430952**

NOTE: Conditioned upon payment of any escrow funds due.

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Garganio that Resolution No. 2008-208 be approved.

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.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-209

**DENY REQUEST TO RELEASE PERFORMANCE BONDS
SHOPPES @ MALLARD CREEK**

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Garganio that Resolution No. 2008-209 be approved.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

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Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Garganio, Sandusky, Baldorossi

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN O'Hara, Ryan

Motion carries.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-210

**DENY REQUEST TO RELEASE PERFORMANCE BOND
GREENBRIAR HORIZON, SECTION 4
(Performance Bond: 0871 9337)**

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-211

**DENY REQUEST TO RELEASE PERFORMANCE BOND
PRM ASSOCIATES, INC., BLOCK 163.01, LOT 3.01
CATHY LANE IMPROVEMENTS**

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by O'Hara that Resolutions 2008-210 and 2008-211 be approved.

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.

ORDINANCES

**ORDINANCE NO. 2008-20
(2nd Reading)**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR TAX
ABATEMENT WITH HARKINS LANE PLAZA, L.L.C. FOR
THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT ROUTE 130 AND HARKINS DRIVE,
BLOCK 159, LOT 5.02**

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Garganio to approve Ordinance No. 2008-20 on second reading for adoption.

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Public Comment

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

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, 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, O'Hara, Ryan, Sandusky, Baldorossi

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

REPORTS

Committees, Boards and Officers

- Nothing at this time.

Mayor

- Mayor Berry, along with Council Vice President O'Hara, Assistant Administrator Sahol and Chief Fazekas attended the **Homes for Our Troops Key Ceremony**, where the key was turned over to Staff Sgt. Andrew Robinson, who was injured in Iraq. Staff Sgt. Robinson and his wife expressed appreciation to Mayor and Council for providing the washer and dryer. Mayor Berry noted that he asked Staff Sgt. Robinson to be the Grand Marshall for 2009 Patriotic Celebration and he accepted.

Administrator

- Administrator Brook will be submitting a request to see if the township can get any form of **partial reimbursement for the chipper**.
- Administrator Brook explained that the two (2) **police cars** will be ordered in December when the contract comes out. It would be better to do by a Bond Ordinance this year so the township can pay it off over three – five years instead of putting \$50,000 in the budget.

Assistant Municipal Administrator

- Assistant Administrator Sahol asked if there were any concerns regarding the memo in the packet about **electronics recycling**? It is something he would like to pursue. Council Members feel it is an excellent idea.

Township Solicitor

- Nothing at this time.

Township Engineer

- Nothing at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council Member Sandusky reported that he, along with Mayor Berry and Council Member Ryan attended the **Veteran's Day Ceremony** this past Tuesday. It was a very well attended program.

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Mayor Berry noted that this was the first effort of the newly formed joint Veterans Advisory Committee. The group will meet in January to start discussing what they will do on Memorial Day. Council Member Ryan stated that it was very well organized and everyone did a very good job. Former Mayor George Sampson gave an incredible speech.

Council Vice President O'Hara asked how the preparations were going for **Roebing's Christmas Tree Lighting**? Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that it is going well. They will be getting a live tree with a ball that can be planted and will last. The electrician has figured out how to run the wires.

Council Member Sandusky stated that there is a notice on the door as you enter Council Chambers asking that cell phones be turned off and hats removed. He suggested that Council President Baldorossi announce the notice at the beginning of each meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Nothing at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS

Council Member Sandusky discussed the **Florence Township Memorial High School** being opened on **Veteran's Day**. The township, post office and banks were closed and he feels that the Memorial High School should be closed in honor of Veteran's Day. Some of these young kids in the high school may be defending our Country in a year or so. He suggested that a letter be sent to the School Board. Council Member Garganio agrees but stated that it is a contractual holiday and would have to be negotiated through the teacher's contract. Council Vice President O'Hara suggested that the veteran's groups have an assembly at the high school for the students in honor of Veteran's Day. Mayor Berry stated that the high school does have a ceremony for Memorial Day. Council Members agree that a Veteran's Day Ceremony at the high school is a good idea.

10:30 PM MOTION by Ryan, seconded by O'Hara to enter into Closed Session. Action may follow Closed Session. Roll call vote - all ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

10:30 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER
Township Clerk

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