

Florence, New Jersey
July 14, 2010

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 O'Hara at 10:20PM.

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 10, 2010; 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:

Frank Baldorossi
Sean Ryan
Jerry Sandusky
David Woolston
Dennis O'Hara

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

MINUTES

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

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| Regular Sessions | June 2, 2010; June 16, 2010 |
| Executive Session | June 9, 2010 |
| Closed Sessions | June 16, 2010; June 30, 2010 |

FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

It was on the MOTION by Sandusky; seconded by Ryan to receive and file the Chief of Police's report, Court Administrator's report and Township Clerk's report for June. 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

- A. Social Affair Permit: St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church Ethnic Festival, September 12, 2010, 12:00PM – 6:00PM
- B. Raffles: St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church, September 12, 2010: Off Premise 50/50, 5:30PM; Chinese Auction, 12:00PM – 6:00PM
- C. Social Affair Permit: Marconi Lodge, Bocci Ball Tournament, August 7, 2010, 9:00AM – 9:00PM

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It was on the MOTION of Baldorossi, seconded by Sandusky to approve the above applications.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows

YEAS: Baldorossi, Ryan, Sandusky, Woolston, O'Hara

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-151

**AUTHORIZING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE
BURLINGTON COUNTY FREEHOLDERS
OLD YORK ROAD BIKEWAY PROJECT**

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-152

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE TO ENTER INTO AN
INTERLOCAL SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR THE
"BURLINGTON COUNTY DWI TASK FORCE" PROGRAM**

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-153

**AUTHORIZING THE USE OF A THIRD-PARTY DISBURSEMENT SERVICE
ORGANIZATION FOR PAYROLL**

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-154

AUTHORIZING REFUNDS OF CERTAIN TAX OVERPAYMENTS

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-155

**REFUND A PAID LAND USE FEE
FEE PAID FOR A BULK VARIANCE
BULK VARIANCE NOT REQUIRED FOR THE PROJECT
418 ARNOLD DRIVE**

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RESOLUTION NO. 2010-156

**DENY REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF LETTER OF CREDIT NO. 03-004
FOR SITE IMPROVEMENTS
HAPCO PETROLEUM, ROUTE 130 & CEDAR LANE**

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-157

**APPROVE REQUEST TO RELEASE MAINTENANCE BOND
CHRISTMAS TREE SHOPS, 270 DANIELS WAY
CONDITIONAL APPROVAL**

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-158

**AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF CURRENT ESTIMATE NO. 1
CLYDE N. LATTIMER & SON CONSTRUCTION CO. INC.
FOR A NEW BELT FILTER PRESS FOR THE WATER AND SEWER PLANT**

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-159

**AUTHORIZE PAYMENT TO MT. LAUREL CONCRETE, INC.
137 EAYRESTOWN ROAD, SUITE I
SOUTHAMPTON, NJ, 08088
FOR DRAINAGE REPAIR AT 37 CREEKWOOD DRIVE**

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-160

**APPROVE CURRENT ESTIMATE #6 (FINAL) FOR CONTRACT FOR
2009 ROAD PROGRAM
ASPHALT PAVING, 500 EGG HARBOR ROAD, HAMMONTON, NJ**

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-161

**AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF ONE 2010 CHEVROLET TAHOE
POLICE VEHICLE, STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE
A73849
REPLACEMENT VEHICLE**

It was on the MOTION of Ryan, seconded by Sandusky to approve Resolutions No. 2010-151 through 2010-161.

On the Question
Nothing at this time.

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Upon roll call Council voted as follows

YEAS: Baldorossi, Ryan, Sandusky, Woolston, O'Hara

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE 2010-13

(2nd Reading)

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE
AMENDING CHAPTER 134 OF THE FLORENCE TOWNSHIP CODE
TO ESTABLISH PARKING RESTRICTIONS AND A LOADING ZONE
ON PORTIONS OF SECOND AVENUE**

Assistant Administrator Sahol explained that this Ordinance prohibits parking in front of the ambulance building and allows loading and unloading in front of the Roebling Museum; this actually adds parking for the residents. Council Member Sandusky asked if the loading/unloading zone sign would state a specific time? Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that the sign will state a specific time period.

It was on the MOTION of Woolston, seconded by Sandusky to approve Ordinance No. 2010-13 on second reading for adoption.

Public Comment

Council President O'Hara opened the meeting to the public for comments at this time.

Nothing at this time.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2010-14
(1st Reading)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE AMENDING CHAPTER 91 OF THE FLORENCE TOWNSHIP CODE AND SPECIFICALLY AMENDING SECTION 91-74. TO REQUIRE SIDEWALKS AS A CONDITION OF LAND USE APPROVAL AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENTS INTO A DEDICATED SIDEWALK TRUST FUND AS AN ALTERNATIVE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Woolston to approve Ordinance 2010-14 on first reading and set adoption for August 4, 2010.

On the Question

Council Member Ryan stated his appreciation to the Planning Board and Council Members for meeting jointly to discuss and obtain a resolution on the subject of sidewalks and this Ordinance. He apologized for not being able to attend the meeting. He read the Ordinance and agreed with everything except for one line that read “or because of piece meal installation the sidewalks would not promote public safety.” Council Member Ryan stated his opinion that the town will not get a lot of requirements on Route 130 for sidewalks because a majority of the corridor would be a piece meal situation and the sidewalk requirement could be waived. He noted projects were the developers are willing to install sidewalks that will be a piece meal scenario. He asked how that was implemented into the Ordinance? Dan Guzzi, Township Engineer, explained that the thought was that if a site is being developed and there will only be a small stretch of sidewalk that is not connected, it may not be the time to install sidewalk. Instead the developer would have to put money in a trust where the township can install sidewalk all at once. Council Member Ryan thought it leaves an easy out for developers not to have to install sidewalks where they should be required. He understood if there is a DEP issue or an obstruction. Mr. Guzzi explained that the intent is to construct sidewalk but it may not be constructed the same time as the development but the developer will have to make a payment in lieu of sidewalk. Solicitor Kearns noted that the developer would have to make the payment in the amount of 120% of the estimated cost; it is cheaper for the developer to install sidewalks. He believed that the Planning Board understood that Council would like to see sidewalks on Route 130. Mr. Guzzi stated that if the Planning Board were to grant a waiver and Council does not agree with that decision, Council will have the money from the trust fund to have sidewalk installed. Solicitor Kearns stated that the money from the trust fund can be used for any sidewalk, walking paths or bike paths in the township. Administrator Brook noted that the applicant will have to substantiate why a waiver should be granted. Council Members are in agreement to move forward with this Ordinance.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

The Township Clerk will send a letter to the Planning Board advising them that Ordinance No. 2010-14 was approved on first reading, along with a copy of the Ordinance.

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REPORTS

Committees, Boards and Officers

- Council Member Sandusky stated that he, along with many others missed the **parade** that would have been held last Saturday. He would like to personally take on the challenge of putting on a parade next year the second week in July. Even if it's a smaller parade, it will get the tradition back. He does not believe the community should miss two (2) parades in a row. Council Member Sandusky has talked to local organizations that are interested in participating. The township does not have to spend a lot of money. At this time he is only concerned with the parade; there is no money for fireworks. Council President O'Hara suggested a fund drive to help raise money for the event; they may even be able to raise enough for a fireworks display. He offered to help with the endeavor.
- Council President O'Hara **thanked Chief Fazekas for organizing the annual softball game** held this past Saturday.

Mayor

- Mayor Berry agreed with Council Member Sandusky regarding reviving the **parade** and will do his part to help. Council President O'Hara suggested that the Economic Development Committee help with the parade.

Administrator

- Chief Fazekas reported that the Florence Township Police Department received 100 **bike helmets** to give out to children; **coupons for Debbie's Snack Shop** were made up to give out to children rewarding them for wearing a safety helmet; a press release went out yesterday.

Assistant Municipal Administrator

- Nothing at this time.

Township Solicitor

- Nothing at this time.

Township Engineer

- Nothing at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Council President O'Hara asked Administrator Brook the status of **Griffin Pipe's** cleaning up the railroad area. Administrator Brook has contacted them about cleaning up the area.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Council Member Sandusky stated that the **turkey buzzards** have returned. Assistant Administrator Sahol is aware and is following up. He did set off some noisemakers to chase them out of the park.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Chief Fazekas reported that the police officers tagged the **unregistered and abandoned boats and trailers parked at the South Street lot** about a week to 10 days ago. They have 30 days to move or clean up.

10:55PM MOTION by Ryan, seconded by Sandusky to adjourn to Closed Session. Roll call vote - all ayes. Motion carries.

ADJOURNMENT

10:55PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER, RMC/MMC
Township Clerk

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