

Florence, New Jersey
August 4, 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 8:00PM. President O'Hara 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 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; Dante Guzzi, Township Engineer; William John Kearns, Jr., Township Solicitor; Joy M. Weiler, Township Clerk

MINUTES

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

Special Session with Planning Board	June 30, 2010
Closed Session	July 21, 2010
Emergency Closed Session	July 23, 2010

Upon roll call Council voted as follows

YEAS: Baldorossi, Ryan (Closed Session & Emergency Closed Session), Sandusky,
Woolston, O'Hara

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Ryan (Special Session with Planning Board)

Motion carries.

FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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

Ryan 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.

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APPLICATIONS

A. RAFFLE: Off Premise 50/50 to benefit the Soccer Association, Florence Township Civic Association, December 7, 2010, 8:00PM, Florence Township Municipal Complex

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

Upon roll call Council voted as follows

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Joe Csik, 45 E. Fifth Street, discussed Resolution No. 2010-168 (Authorizing Application for Centers of Place Grant). If awarded, the grant will be used to pave behind the Broad Street stores. He asked if there was an area that would better serve the public and/or have the store owners pay to have the lot behind the stores paved, since it will be used primarily for their customers? Dan Guzzi, Township Engineer, explained that this is a limited scope grant and the grant they are applying for is for projects similar to this. The parking that will be created will not only be for the stores, it will be for general public parking on municipal property that happens to be behind the stores.

If the grant is awarded and the project completed, Council discussed asking the storeowners to put their trash dumpsters in enclosures.

Leona Phillips, 217 Broad Street, stated that she contacted Waste Management and asked them to stop emptying the store dumpsters between 5:00AM and 6:00AM and waking up the neighborhood, which was not an easy task. Administrator Brook advised Ms. Phillips that if it happens again, to contact him.

Ms. Phillips expressed dissatisfaction with the Broad Street paving project. Vehicles were left idling in front of her home between 6:30AM and 7:00AM. The concrete and paving work took longer than stated. Mr. Guzzi explained that there was a lot of utility and concrete work that had to be done as part of this project. He stated that it has moved along at a good pace considering the size of the job. Ms. Phillips stated that there was a day the paving company did not show up. There was an incident where a dump truck was blocking the church parking lot where residents were parking. When Ms. Phillips said something to the worker, she was told it was not his problem. Mr. Guzzi apologized and advised Ms. Phillips to call the township or his office if there are any problems; he will be sure the problem is taken care of.

Richard Lotter, 3 Walnut Court, asked if the township would be paving the section of the parking lot that the Broad Street business owners own as part of the grant project? Mr. Guzzi stated that is private property and the grant money would not be used for those sections. Mr. Guzzi explained that the township owns the lot that they are applying for the grant. The lot is independent of the stores. It would be paved for the entire commercial district on Broad Street.

William Bott, 64 Riverbank Drive, asked how long a vehicle can be parked on the street before it is towed? He asked because a vehicle has been parked close to the area in front of his home for nearly

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four (4) weeks. He did go to the police department and one of the police officers did come and mark the tires. Administrator Brook believes it is 30 days, which is why the officer marked the tire.

Ms. Phillips asked if crosswalks would be painted on Broad Street and signs installed once the paving is completed? Mayor Berry stated that crosswalks will be painted and signs stating to yield to pedestrians have been ordered. Ms. Phillips questioned a program where decoys were placed and vehicles that did not yield were ticketed. Mayor Berry explained that was done in eight (8) municipalities that were funded through grants. Council Member Sandusky stated that even with signs, the pedestrian should also look before crossing for their own safety.

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-166

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR MUNICIPAL AID FOR ROADS

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-167

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE BIKEWAY 2011 PROJECT

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-168

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE CENTERS OF PLACE 2011 PROJECT

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-169

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-170

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE SAFE STREETS TO TRANSIT 2011 PROJECT

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The Township Solicitor asked the Council to consider adding Resolution No. 2010-171 for approval. He noted the need for the Resolution in order to take legal steps to foreclose on a tax sale certificate on a property.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-171

**AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE TO FORECLOSE
ON TAX SALE CERTIFICATE ON REAL PROPERTY**

It was on the MOTION of Baldorossi, seconded by Sandusky to approve Resolutions No. 2010-166 through 2010-171.

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.

ORDINANCES

**ORDINANCE NO. 2010-14
(2nd 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**

Council President O'Hara noted that this Ordinance was drafted in cooperation with the Planning Board and their professionals. He stated it will be a benefit for the community to provide sidewalks in areas that are in need of sidewalks.

It was on the MOTION of Baldorossi, seconded by Woolston to approve Ordinance No. 2010-14 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 Ryan, 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: Baldorossi, Ryan, Sandusky, Woolston, O'Hara

NOES: None

ABSENT: None Unanimous approval.

REPORTS

Committees, Boards and Officers

- Council Member Sandusky stated that Murphy's Bar on Hornberger Avenue is for sale and there are multiple **for sale signs** on the property. He asked if the number of signs a realtor puts up on a property could be regulated? Administrator Brook stated there is a regulation and will look into it.
- Council President O'Hara stated that the **Roebing Museum** is having a play about the Roebing Family and asked if the museum contacted Administrator Brook regarding use of the **Main Street Community Center**? Administrator Brook spoke with Mrs. Lengel and will work with them for anything they need for the dates of the play. Due to limited parking, Council President O'Hara noted that BurlLink has helped with transporting people from an offsite parking lot to the Community Center and asked if that would be an option for this event? Administrator Brook will contact Burlington County. The shows will be October 15, 16 & 17, 2010. Council Member Sandusky suggested a Grand Opening for the residents to see the Community Center before the play. Council President O'Hara agreed. Administrator Brook will work with Council Members on an Open House.

Mayor

- Nothing at this time.

Administrator

- Administrator Brook reported that the tax rate was received from Burlington County. Municipalities are not permitted by law to begin preparing **tax bills** until that rate is received. A Resolution will be prepared for next week's meeting establishing a payment due date.
- Administrator Brook provided a copy of an amended notice for the **Police Department window hours**. The original notice had a typo. The notice will be advertised on the website and Channel 19.
- Administrator Brook discussed the letter in the packet from the Bordentown Township Police Department praising and **commending** two (2) of Florence Township's police officers, **Sergeant Jon Greenberg and Patrolman Brian Young**. The officers assisted Bordentown Township in a detail and were able to apprehend burglary suspects.
- Administrator Brook discussed a letter from a township resident thanking and **praising Officer Michelle Hollins**. Officer Hollins responded on a call for the resident's husband when he was ill. She helped keep his spirits up while she was there and while he was being transported. Officer Hollins has also stopped in to check on the resident since her husband's passing. Officer Hollins showed a tremendous act of kindness. Council President O'Hara asked that a certificate/letter of thanks be presented to the officers on behalf of Mayor and Council. He commended the entire Florence Township Police Department.

Township Solicitor

- Nothing at this time.

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Township Engineer

- Nothing at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Nothing at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS

Nothing at this time.

8:40PM MOTION by Sandusky, seconded by Baldorossi to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote - all ayes. Motion carries.

ADJOURNMENT

8:40PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER, RMC/MMC
Township Clerk

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