

Florence, New Jersey
November 10, 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. Council 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; Thomas A. 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 Baldorossi to approve the following minutes. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

Regular Session October 6, 2010
Executive Session October 13, 2010

FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky; seconded by Woolston to receive and file the Chief of Police's report and the Court Administrator's report for October. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

Sandusky made a MOTION; seconded by Woolston to approve the Treasurer's Bill List. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE

Joy Weiler, Township Clerk, noted that a letter was received November 9, 2010 from Donna & Andy McElrea, residents of 119 Second Avenue, regarding handicapped parking. This will be part of Council's record and file. Administrator Brook will prepare a response and have Solicitor Kearns and Council review before sending out.

APPLICATIONS

Nothing at this time.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Joseph Csik, 45 E. Fifth Street, asked about refurbishing the police vehicles that are going to auction instead of replacing them. Administrator Brook explained that when the township sends equipment to auction, it is sent to auction because it is at the end of its useful life. The vehicles are run until they reach the point where it is no longer cost effective to repair them. He offered for Mr. Csik to come in to see the equipment that is going to auction. Assistant Administrator Sahol explained that these are all vehicles that left the police fleet due to extremely high mileage and continuous maintenance problems and used periodically in the Public Works Department. These vehicles are no longer safe for operation by anyone.

Mr. Csik feels that the township is putting out more money then they are taking in. Administrator Brook explained that the township is only doing what absolutely has to be done. He noted that if the township did not purchase the sludge press, the sewer plant would not function and the State of New Jersey could issue a moratorium and fine the township.

Administrator Brook reviewed various ways that the township saves money that the public is not aware of.

Council Member Sandusky asked if it would be more beneficial to the township to keep the brass fittings and scrap them instead of sending to auction? Assistant Administrator Sahol explained that the township has looked into that in the past but the problem is to get the best price on scrap the township would have to remove all of the contaminants, which would be time consuming for an employee

Richard Lotter, 3 Walnut Court, stated that the township did a great job on the sidewalk along Florence Tollgate. He noted that the sidewalks were lifted and asked how long until the new sidewalks start lifting? Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that the trees were root pruned to buy a substantial amount of time. He cannot give a definite time period.

Mr. Lotter stated that there is a pickup truck parked in an alley off of Broad Street without license plates that has been there for a least a year. Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that there has been a recent complaint regarding that truck and is scheduled to be addressed.

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-233

**DENY REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BONDS FOR
CROSSROADS EAST**

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-234

**AUTHORIZE RELEASE OF CASH PERFORMANCE BOND
PARISH OF STS. FRANCIS & CLARE**

NOTE: Conditioned upon payment of any escrow funds due.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2010-235

**DENY REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND
WAWA INC., ROUTE 130 & CEDAR LANE
PERFORMANCE BOND NO. 105367605**

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-236

**APPROVE REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF MAINTENANCE BONDS
HILLCREEK LLC, PHASE I AND PHASE II
#UB-0236601-A
#UB-0236602-B**

Note: Conditioned on payment of any & all escrow funds due.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-237

**DENY REQUEST TO RELEASE PERFORMANCE
BOND/LETTER OF CREDIT FOR
ROMA BANK
ROUTE 130 NORTH & FAIRBROOK DRIVE**

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-238

**AUTHORIZE RELEASE OF CASH GUARANTEE FOR TRELLIS
AND
DENY REQUEST TO RELEASE REMAINING
CASH GUARANTEE/PERFORMANCE BOND
GREENBRIAR HORIZON**

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-239

**AUTHORIZING AN ONLINE AUCTION
WITH GOVDEALS
FOR DISPOSAL OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY**

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-240

**APPROVE POSTING OF CASH SURETY TO NJHMFA FOR
AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT AT 340 ALDEN AVENUE**

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-241

**APPROVE CURRENT ESTIMATE NO. 3
THE OLD YORK ROAD BIKEWAY
AMERICAN ASPHALT CO., INC. – CONTRACTOR**

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RESOLUTION NO. 2010-242

**APPOINTING TAX ASSESSOR FOR
THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE**

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-243

**AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF CURRENT ESTIMATE NO. 4
CLYDE N. LATTIMER & SON CONSTRUCTION CO. INC.
FOR A NEW BELT FILTER PRESS FOR THE WATER AND SEWER PLANT**

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-244

**RELEASE CASH MAINTENANCE BOND FOR GARELICK FARMS
DEAN FOODS NORTHEAST, LLC
BLOCK 162, LOT 4.01**

NOTE: Conditioned upon payment of any escrow funds due.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-245

**APPROVE REQUEST TO RELEASE CASH MAINTENANCE BOND
PRM ASSOCIATES, INC., BLOCK 163.01, LOT 3.01**

Note: Conditioned upon payment of any escrow funds due.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-246

**RELEASE OF MAINTENANCE BOND
CREAM-O-LAND
Block 155.47; Lot 12.01**

NOTE: Conditioned upon payment of any escrow funds due

Clerk Weiler noted that, due to discussion at the Executive Session, there are adjustments to the following **Resolutions**:

2010-234 – Approval of the bond release will be conditional and the Township Engineer will provide a new letter.

2010-238 – Part of the Resolution will be denying the release of the Maintenance Bond; a paragraph will be added allowing the release of the funds for the trellis.

2010-241 – Conditional approval; check will be held until condition has been met.

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Woolston to approve Resolutions No. 2010-233 through 2010-246, as noted and amended by the Township Clerk.

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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

Nothing at this time.

REPORTS

Committees, Boards and Officers

- Council President O'Hara wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. He reminded everyone that there will be a Veterans Day Memorial Service outside of the municipal building tomorrow at 11:30AM.
- Council Member Sandusky stated that there will be a fund raising breakfast at American Legion Post 39 this Sunday from 8:00AM – 11:00AM to benefit a serviceman who was wounded in Iraq. He lost both arms and legs but shows a strong will to live.
- Council President O'Hara reminded the public that the Knights of Columbus will be preparing and delivering Thanksgiving dinners to the needy. Rocco's Pizza is helping by letting them use the ovens at his business. Contributions have been coming in. He thanked the community and asked that they continue to support the food ministry.

Mayor

- Nothing at this time.

Administrator

- Administrator Brook verified that December 1, 2010 at 6:30PM was a good time to set up a meeting under contract negotiations. Council in agreement to set meeting up for December 1, 2010 at 6:30PM.

Assistant Municipal Administrator

- Nothing at this time.

Township Solicitor

- Nothing at this time.

Township Engineer

- Nothing at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Baldorossi to make a small donation to the Knights of Columbus to help with the preparation of the Thanksgiving dinners for the needy. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carries. Administrator Brook will have a check prepared.

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Council Member Ryan questioned the status of the noise concerns from a resident of Legacy at Meadowcroft. Administrator Brook spoke with the resident with the concern who believes it is coming from Garelick. He stated that the only way to know for sure is to bring in a sound expert to do readings. Council Member Ryan asked if a State of NJ representative could come out and try to make the determination if the noise level is above or below the state's criteria? Assistant Administrator Sahol explained that the township has used Burlington County in the past but the county cannot determine the source of the noise but he will request the county put a sound meter up to see if the noises are over 65db. Administrator Brook asked if the county cannot do that, if Council would like a written proposal from a sound expert? Administrator Brook will report back.

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Nothing at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS

Nothing at this time.

10:50PM MOTION by Sandusky, seconded by Baldorossi to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote - all ayes. Motion carries.

ADJOURNMENT

10:50PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER, RMC/MMC
Township Clerk

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