

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 8:10PM. 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 2, 2011 and January 16, 2011; 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; William John Kearns, Jr., Township Solicitor; Joy M. Weiler, Township Clerk

PROCLAMATION: ARTHUR FOULKS, JR., LOCAL HERO

Mayor Berry presented a Proclamation to Arthur Foulks to honor him as a Florence hero for saving the lives of four young boys whose boat had capsized in the Delaware River on April 10, 1949. Mayor Berry proclaimed Saturday, September 24, 2011 as Arthur Foulks, Jr. Day.

William Doherty, was one of the young boys Mr. Foulks saved, stated that he remembers that day well and thanked and praised Mr. Foulks. Thanks to Mr. Foulks, Mr. Doherty is here today and he has children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Council President O'Hara read a letter to Mr. Foulks from John Dennison thanking him for saving the lives of his close friends that day. Saving the lives of his friends that day also saved his life, because losing four of his close friends would have had a profound effect on his life. Mr. Dennison also thanked Mr. Foulks, his brother (Ralph Foulks) who was a Florence Township Police Officer and all of the Florence Township Police and Firemen.

Council President O'Hara announced that there were refreshments provided by the Florence Historical Society in the front conference room and all were invited to attend.

8:20PM: RECESS

8:28PM: MEETING RESUMED

MINUTES

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

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Executive Session	August 10, 2011

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FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

It was on the MOTION of Woolston, seconded by Sandusky to receive and file the Court Administrator's report and the Township Clerk's report for August. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

Council President O'Hara noted the report received from the Municipal Court Judge Richard Andronici. Judge Andronici praised Patty Mellor the Court Administrator. Council President O'Hara also commended Mrs. Mellor.

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

REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE: Nothing at his time.

APPLICATIONS: Nothing at this time.

MISCELLENOUS

Council Member Sandusky stated that he was mistaken when he mentioned a certain house during the discussion at the last meeting with Kent Pipes, Salt & Light. He apologized for the error.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mike Sawka, 75 Riverbank Drive, stated that he believes that the Free Yard Sale Day that the township has is a good thing but has heard complaints that people do not know where the yard sales are without driving all through town. He suggested that residents that are going to hold a yard sale register with the township and a list be posted on the township's website.

Mr. Sawka heard a rumor that a political organization in Camden County is asking Florence Township for a list of all of the emails for people that are registered to receive the township's e-newsletters. He asked what Florence Township's stance was on that request? Council Member Ryan explained that this was discussed in Closed Session and expressed concern as to where Mr. Sawka heard this. Mr. Sawka stated that he heard it from another political organization in the county. Solicitor Kearns made clear that the request was for the township employees' email addresses, which are public; the request was not for emails of individuals that sign up for notifications from the township. He noted that there was a case in Plumsted Township where the court ordered that those emails had to be made available. Mr. Sawka stated that if that is the case, there should be a disclosure on the township's website stating that email addresses that are registered may be given to third parties. Solicitor Kearns agreed. Assistant Administrator Sahol will work with Solicitor Kearns and the web developer on the language.

Council Member Sandusky noted that he has heard other items in the general public that were discussed in Closed Session. He does not believe it was necessarily a Council Member.

Council President O'Hara stated that the rumor mill can be vicious at times. He heard several complaints from residents that Florence Township drove away the Amish that wanted to open an Amish Market in the former 84 Lumber site, which simply is not true. The Amish were impressed with the township and the reason they are not here is because of the landlord putting undo pressure on them financially and other issues. Rumors can be hurtful at times and usually do not have any basis of fact.

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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. 2011-189

**A RESOLUTION CANCELING TAXES ON PROPERTY
OWNED BY A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN**

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-190

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RESOLUTION NO. 2011-191

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RESOLUTION NO. 2011-192

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-193

**APPROVE REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF LETTER OF CREDIT NO. 03-004
FOR SITE IMPROVEMENTS**
Conditioned upon payment of any and all escrow money due.

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-194

**APPROVE RELEASE OF MAINTENANCE BOND FOR
HAINES INDUSTRIAL CENTER
700 RICHARDS RUN
BLOCK 158, LOT 5**
Conditioned upon payment of any escrow funds due.

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-195

**APPROVE REQUEST TO RELEASE MAINTENANCE BOND
LETTER OF CREDIT NO. 139 FOR ROMA BANK BLOCK 166.13, LOT 1**

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-196

**APPROVE REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF MAINTENANCE BOND
WAWA INC., ROUTE 130 & CEDAR LANE
PERFORMANCE BOND NO. 105341447
Conditioned upon payment of any and all escrow money due.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-197

**APPROVE PAYMENT OF CURRENT ESTIMATE NO. 1
ASPHALT PAVING SYSTEMS, 500 N. EGG HARBOR ROAD
HAMMONTON, NEW JERSEY, 08037
2011 PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-198

**APPROVE PAYMENT OF CURRENT ESTIMATE NO. 4 (final)
AND CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 FOR
CARDINAL CONTRACTING CO., LLC
1738 ROUTE 206, SOUTHAMPTON, NJ, 08088
2010 ROAD PROGRAM**

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Baldorossi to approve Resolutions No. 2011-189 through 2011-198.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Ryan (2011-189 to 193, 195 to 198), Sandusky, Woolston, O'Hara

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Ryan (2011-194) Due to a conflict.

Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 2011-13

(1st Reading)

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE AMENDING CHAPTER 134 OF
THE FLORENCE TOWNSHIP CODE TO ESTABLISH PARKING
RESTRICTIONS ON A PORTION OF TENTH AVENUE**

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Baldorossi to approve Ordinance No. 2011-13 on first reading and set the public hearing and adoption for October 5, 2011.

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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.

REPORTS

Committees, Boards and Officers

- Council President O'Hara noted that the **Economic Development Committee** held a **Meet & Greet** for the local businesses at the Roebbling Museum. The guest speaker discussed social media and it was a successful evening. He thanked everyone involved.

Mayor

- Nothing at this time.

Administrator

- Nothing at this time.

Assistant Municipal Administrator

- Assistant Administrator Sahol suggested having the **bike auction** on a weekday after school. He noted that weekends tend to be hectic with sports programs. He suggested getting word out to the schools so they can let the children know; it will also be advertised on Channel 19. Council Members are in favor of holding the bike auction on a weekday after school. Assistant Administrator Sahol noted that whatever does not sell will go on GovDeals for a scrap auction.
- Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that next month he will be looking for authorization for the Township Engineer, to design and bid **Community Development Block Grant** (CDBG) work. He received the final agreement from the county, which Mayor Berry signed now they are waiting for the County Administrator to sign off. A Resolution will be prepared for October. He will provide a list of streets that he recommends based on the award amount and the engineer's estimate.
- Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that Mr. Guzzi will be preparing more information on a potential **Change Order** in regards to the **Phase I Bikeway** (Brookside to Marter Park). There are still funds available so they can add to the bikeway and take away some of the front end of Phase II. He wanted to be sure all of the funds are used so they do not have to send any back to the state.
- Assistant Administrator Sahol reported that the **2010/2011 Parks Grant** is close to completion. The dugout materials are in and once they are installed, a small amount of municipal work will have to be done.
- Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that they will be coming back to the governing body with the final design concept for the **2011/2012 Parks Grant**. This is the project that includes the dock, which Council already gave authorization to Mr. Guzzi to design and bid the dock. The dock will be worked on during the winter so it will be ready in the spring of 2012.

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- Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that the **pedestrian safety sidewalk project** on E. Third Street and E. Fourth Street from Broad Street to Grove Street across Delaware Avenue to Kinsman Road will begin in the next two weeks. Since the bid came in low, a few additional pieces will be added to the project through a change order.
- Council President O'Hara mentioned the email from Administrator Brook regarding the way Nancy Erlston, Planning & Zoning Board Clerk, had come up with to **save money** by utilizing the new copy machine to make the Land Use books opposed to paying to have them prepared. Administrator Brook praised the employees of the township and discussed other ideas that employees have thought of for the township to save money.

Township Solicitor

- Nothing at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Administrator Brook stated that he met with some members of **Greenbriar's Homeowners Association** and advised them of what is occurring in respect to the **pulling of Lennar's Maintenance Bonds** and also discussed and resolved how the **snow plowing** will be handled in the upcoming winter. They seemed satisfied.

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Nothing at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS

Council Member Sandusky noted that there was an **abandoned vehicle auction** recently and noticed that Florence Township paid \$3 to get the **titles** for the cars. He asked why the township pays that fee and not the purchaser? Clerk Weiler advised that it is a very convoluted process with the state and easier and less expensive for the township to purchase the titles.

9:00PM MOTION by Sandusky, seconded by Ryan to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote - all ayes. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

9:00PM Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER, RMC/MMC
Township Clerk

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