

FLORENCE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION

October 12, 2011

8:00PM

CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE

Council President O'Hara called the meeting to order and led the Salute to the Flag.

SUNSHINE STATEMENT

The Opening Statement was read: 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; posted on the municipal bulletin board.

ROLL CALL

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

Also Present: Mayor William Berry; Richard Brook, Township Administrator; Thomas Sahol, Assistant Municipal Administrator; William J. Kearns, Jr., Township Solicitor; Joy M. Weiler, Township Clerk

PUBLIC COMMENT

Council President O'Hara opened the meeting for public comments. There were no comments. Motion to close the public comments made by Sandusky; seconded by Baldorossi. Roll call - all ayes.

BUSINESS

Township Water and Sewer Engineer Nothing at this time to report.

Township Engineer

Change Order: Bikepath (Held from 10-5-11)

Assistant Administrator Sahol reviewed and discussed the change order that will require approval from NJ DOT. American Asphalt is the contractor for the Marter Park, Phase II Bikepath project; there are funds available from Phase I. It will cost approximately \$43,000 for the extension of 200 more feet. The Change Order needs to be approved to allow the continuation of the path. Mr. Sahol requested a verbal approval this evening and confirm the approval next week by Resolution. Motion made by Sandusky; seconded by Ryan. Roll call vote – all ayes.

Wawa, Inc.: Request to Release Maintenance Bond

The Resolution will be prepared for next week's meeting to deny the request due to items to be completed remaining on the punch list.

Assistant Municipal Administrator

Draft Ordinance: South Street Parking Lot

Assistant Administrator Sahol discussed the history of the issues at the municipal parking lot. A way to control the problems there is to have a requirement of registration and permit each year. This will give the town the ability to have vehicles moved at least once a year in order to maintain the lot. The draft ordinance accomplishes what had been discussed previously by Council.

The draft Ordinance will be amended for introduction next week. The owners of the vehicles will be notified and required to sign that they understand and need to comply with the ordinance.

Auction Request

The Township Clerk explained the request from 21st Century Antiques for an auction at 220 E. 2nd Street in Florence. The current ordinance requires a \$2,000 bond; the business is a small business and the homeowners are downsizing their residential property.

Council Member Sandusky recommended approval of the Auctioneer's request to waive the \$2,000 bond and permit them to post a \$500 check as their bond.

The Mayor and Council Members were in agreement to accept the \$500 as the bond for the auction. The Township Clerk will issue the permit.

Fine Food and Spirits: Reimbursement Request

George Boghean, owner of Fine Food and Spirits located on Route 130, sent a letter requesting a refund of the sewer connection fees he paid in 2007 since his not ready to connect at this time. The amount to be refunded is: \$21,850. If and when he connects in the future, it will cost him more than the 2007 fee. A Resolution will be prepared for next week's approval to refund as per the request.

Council Agendas

Council Member Ryan suggested that the public comment portion of the meetings be held at the end of the meetings. Council Member Ryan asked if there should be two public comment sections at meetings? Council Member Sandusky stated that most people speak their comments during the first section of the meeting and then leave. The Council has been very open to accepting comments during meetings when needed.

Council Members agreed to consider the suggestion and discuss further at their next meeting.

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Joesph Csik, 45 E. 5th Street, offered his opinion on public comments at meetings. He liked the idea of being able to comment on items voted on by the Council.

Richard Lotter, 3 Walnut Court, said that perhaps people think about something later during the meeting to discuss during public comments.

September Odor Report, Garelick Farms

Council President Dennis O'Hara stated that hopefully Garelick Farms's new equipment will be operational in November. Currently residents have been calling the DEP hotline with complaints of odors and the Burlington County Board of Health has gone out and inspected.

The Mayor praised the **Emergency Management Coordinator**, Phil Drangula, on his outstanding work during emergency events. He will be attending a dinner where Emergency Management personnel will be honored.

Council President O'Hara reminded Mayor and Council of the open house for the **Old York Road Veterinary Hospital** on October 15th. Congratulations offered to the new business owner. Mayor and Council wished the new business owner success.

Council Member Sandusky suggested a welcome gift be sent from the town to new businesses welcoming them. Council President O'Hara offered the recommendation that the Economic Development Advisory Committee send something.

8:45 PM MOTION by Ryan, seconded by Woolston to adjourn to Closed Session. Roll call vote – all ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

8:45 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER, RMC/MMC
Township Clerk