

Florence, New Jersey
November 2, 2011

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.

President O'Hara called for a **Moment of Silence** in memory of Administrator Brook's mother, **Phyllis D. Brook**, who recently passed away.

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

MINUTES

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

Executive Session	September 14, 2011; October 12, 2011
Regular Session	September 21, 2011, October 5, 2011; October 19, 2011
Closed Session	October 12, 2011

FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Ryan made a MOTION; seconded by Woolston 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: On Premise, Deborah Hospital Foundation, VFW Post 8838 on December 8, 2011, 6:00 PM – 11:00 PM

It was on the MOTION of Baldorossi, seconded by Woolston to approve the above application. Roll call vote: all ayes. Unanimous approval.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Nothing at this time.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-217 Resolution Approving Subdivision Roebing Steel Plant Site

It was on the MOTION of Baldorossi, second by Ryan to have Administrator Brook give an overview of Resolution 2011-217.

Administrator Brook explained the goal to redevelop the entire site. Right now there is an easement for the light rail station, an easement of a right-of-way into the property, and the Roebing Museum property that is an easement. He explained these should not be left as easements, they should be formal subdivisions. In the State of New Jersey when a subdivision is done, it must go before the local land use board for approval. Development in the future will be a problem if this is not done. This action does not change what is there now, it officially creates a new lot for the light rail, a new lot for the Museum and provides a public right-of-way for access. Just doing it on a formal basis to make it easier for when there is an end user for the site. This subdivision puts the parcels on the deed and tax maps correctly. The Township still maintains control and owns the property.

Council President O'Hara recalled former discussions that the **access road** is to be named after former **Mayor George Sampson**. Right now there is no formal name for this right-of-way.

President O'Hara inquired about the slag area. That area is not part of this Resolution, this is to clean up the legal process to make sure things are done the right way on the record.

Township Engineer, Dan Guzzi and Land Use Clerk, Nancy Erlston have worked diligently together on this application. The Administrator stated his appreciation to them both.

It was on a MOTION by Baldorossi, seconded by Sandusky to approve Resolution 2011-17.

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On The Question

Council President O'Hara praised Nancy Erlston for her hard work along with Township Engineer Guzzi and Administrator Brook to get this resolution to the Planning Board.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None Unanimous approval.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND OFFICERS

Council Member Ryan reported that last night he was in the West Front Street area and noticed a noxious odor from about 6:15pm to 8:00pm. He is aware of existing issues with Garelick Farms. He said he cannot be sure if it was the processing plant or the landfill across the Delaware River. This evening Councilman Ryan noticed odor again near Garelick Farms. Can these two areas be revisited for odor, and discuss with Garelick Farms if they are close to having the odor problems under control?

Administrator Brook said he spoke to Garelick Farms Monday and they claim the equipment to help with odors will be finished by November 14th, there was a delay. Also, Police Chief Fazekas has instructed his officers to go to the site of a complaint, if it is a valid complaint at Garelick Farms, they are to go to the guard shack and the guard will notify the manager. The problem will be monitored very closely by Florence Township and the County Board of Health.

Council President O'Hara would like to thank Administrator Brook and Code Enforcement Officer Thomas Layout for their efforts with enforcement of property maintenance violations.

Council President O'Hara wanted to let everyone know that on November 11th there is a Veterans' Day Service at 11:30 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial on Broad Street at the Municipal Building.

REPORTS: ADMINISTRATION

Mayor: Nothing at this time.

Administrator:

Administrator Brook reported that Police Chief Fazekas was able to secure a **2011 Body Armor Replacement Fund Grant**. Over the past several years the Chief has been able to purchase all bullet proof vests almost exclusively with the grants, providing a large savings to the public. He thanked the Chief for his efforts.

In regard to **Lennar**, the Township will be meeting with representatives from Lennar next Wednesday morning and will report back on the results.

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The Roebling Museum is interested in putting some solar panels on the property at the Museum. Will discuss at a later date.

Assistant Administrator Thomas Sahol was at the fire at the Animal Kingdom on October 30th, as was Officer Nick Czeipel. Both were instrumental in trying to save the life of a baby giraffe that suffered burns in the blaze. Administrator Brook praised both of them for their efforts.

Council President O'Hara reminded everyone that next Tuesday is Election Day, and to please get out and vote.

He also announced this Saturday at 1:00 p.m. the **Roebling Museum** will be hosting a program on the **Life of Emily Warren Roebling**, wife of Washington Roebling, and her role in the construction of the Brooklyn Bridge. Admission is \$6.00 for Adults, \$5.00 for Seniors, and includes Museum admissions. For reservations call 609-499-7200.

Assistant Municipal Administrator:

Assistant Administrator would like to recommend some additions to the **Pedestrian Safety Grant** because there are funds still available. Criteria is that the area is a walkway to and from school or school bus route. The area identified is East of Broad Street by Grove Street. There are \$12,348 for substantial sidewalk repairs where we have serious deficiencies and also installation where there is an entire block on Pine Street missing sidewalk. He wanted to make sure Council is comfortable with the ideas; it is fully grant funded. Council Members agreed to the project. A Change Order and Resolution will be on next week's agenda.

Assistant Administrator Sahol also addressed speed reduction in the area between **Old York Road and Route 130**. There are many accidents involving deer. With recent development in that area it has become a major deer crossing. Council would like him to draft a letter to Burlington County to **research the speed** on the road and traffic counting to try and reduce the speed limit.

Assistant Administrator Sahol would like authorization to go to bid for trees as part of the **2010 County Park Grant**. They will be placed in a variety of area parks. It is a large number of trees, so it does require a bid. It is all grant funded.

Assistant Administrator reported that the **auctions** are doing well. Funds received could be as much as \$10,000. The town would not get a quarter of that with a regular auction held in-house.

Division of Law: Nothing at this time.

Division of Engineering: Nothing at this time.

Division of W & S Utilities: Nothing at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Council Vice President Baldorossi inquired about the next event for the fundraising for the **Patriotic Day Celebration**. Assistant Administrator stated that most likely the event will be

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a meatball, pasta and salad night a Rocco's. After that the hope is to do a beef and beer at Bung's. Council President O'Hara sees that interest has waned. Bob's Corner Deli has expressed interest in participating. All events need to be advertised and brought to the public. He would like Assistant Administrator Sahol to attend the next Economic Development meeting. Councilman Sandusky would like to offer his services to the Assistant Administrator. Mr. Sandusky suggested also a family movie night.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

William Lee, 551 Shaver Drive, inquired about drainage problems at the basin near his house. Assistant Administrator responded that the Township Engineer submitted a design to the township for an application to Burlington County to seek approvals for the repairs being done to the basin. Hopefully, within the next few weeks we will know what the work will be and the Township Engineer can begin to solicit prices. Mr. Lee said that there are small trees planted in the area. Assistant Administrator will look at the area, the Township has not planted trees there.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council President O'Hara asked Administrator Brook if there is a liquor store showing interest in the Harkins Plaza site? Administrator Brook confirmed a liquor store has shown interest. Dunkin' Donuts has as well. The builder spoke to Administrator Brook about changing the bank site to a Dunkin' Donuts; he knows the two main issues for a Dunkin' Donuts are parking and stacking of vehicles. Administrator Brook invited him to come in and meet to discuss the requirements.

Council Member Sandusky asked if there has been any interest for transferring liquor licenses? Township Clerk Weiler replied that there have been phone calls, but no one has come in to start the process.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Council Member Sandusky inquired if the Water and Sewer Plant is picking up any more odors from **Garelick Farms**? Administrator Brook explained that it is a new wastewater process they are installing. If there is still odor once it is on line the town will address it through Burlington County Board of Health and New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, if necessary. The problem should be significantly better after the new system is installed.

MISCELLANEOUS Nothing at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

8:35PM MOTION by Ryan, seconded by Sandusky to adjourn. Roll call vote - all ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER, RMC/MMC
Township Clerk