

Florence, New Jersey
February 15, 2012

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 Sandusky at 8:00 PM. President Sandusky led the Salute to the Flag.

The Opening Statement was read by the Township Clerk: Notice was sent to the Register News for information on 1-5-12; posted on the municipal bulletin board on 1-5-12 & placed on the web-site; sent on 12-21-11 to the Burlington Co. Times for publication on 1-8-12, but due to the newspaper's error, the notice was not published until 1-11-12.

Upon roll call the following were found to be present:

Frank Baldorossi
Ted Lovenduski
Paul Ostrander
David Woolston
Jerry Sandusky

Also present:

Mayor Craig H. Wilkie; Richard A. Brook, Township Administrator; Thomas A. Sahol, Assistant Municipal Administrator; Anthony Ogozalek, Jr., Township Solicitor; Joy M. Weiler, Township Clerk

MINUTES

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

Reorganization – January 4, 2012

Executive Session – January 11, 2012

Closed Session – February 1, 2012

FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Reports to receive and file

It was on the MOTION of Woolston, seconded by Ostrander to receive and file the Court Administrator and Township Clerk's Reports for January.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky
NOES: None
ABSENT: None Motion carried.

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Treasurer's Bill List

It was on the MOTION of Lovenduski, seconded by Ostrander to approve the Treasurer's Bill List.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: None Motion carried

REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE None at this time.

APPLICATIONS None at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Charles Bauer, 517 Wilbur Henry Drive, inquired about the boat dock.

Assistant Administrator Sahol said the bid was being awarded tonight. He said there will be a date set quickly for a pre-construction meeting so the time frame can be laid out. He hoped the dock will be installed by early May. The old dock will be installed temporarily so those with permits will be able to use the dock when the season starts. There will be a small period of time that will be an inconvenience to the boaters when the old dock is removed and site work is done for the new dock. He said he does not know exact dates, but as soon as he has them, all current permit holders will be notified and anyone inquiring about a permit would be informed. He hopes to place a sign at the dock.

Mr. Bauer asked what is going to be done with the old dock? He asked if it could be used for the rescue boat?

Assistant Administrator Sahol explained that the majority of the material will need to be disposed of. If there is anything that is still in working condition, he would hope to use it.

Mr. Bauer asked if it could be given to the Yacht Club for the rescue boat to use?

Assistant Administrator Sahol said he thought the rescue boat is docked at the State Police marine station, but will look into the feasibility of putting it at the yacht club.

Administrator Brook said if it can be put to good use, it is a great idea. He said it will be researched.

John Marter, 2038 Bustleton Road, asked if the entire dock is being replaced at once, or will it be done in sections over a period of time?

Assistant Administrator answered that the entire structure will be done at once.

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Camelia Rencher, 38-5 Florence Tollgate Place, said she is a Board Member at Florence Tollgate. She came to the meeting to familiarize herself with how the Township was run because she knows that even though Tollgate is private property, she sees that the Township Ordinances do apply to Tollgate. She said her concern tonight is the regulations regarding how many people can inhabit a single condominium. She knows this is governed by Township Ordinance.

Administrator Brook said he will give her his card and they can set up a meeting with the Code Enforcement Official. He said the idea behind the Ordinances is to make sure there are no condos with too many people living in them. He said the Township is always willing to work with the Association within the boundaries of the law to be sure that only the people that are supposed to be living in a unit are staying there.

All residents having the opportunity to be heard, a MOTION was made by Baldorossi, seconded by Ostrander, to close the public portion of the meeting. All ayes – motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

**Resolution No. 2012-57
APPROVE CURRENT ESTIMATE NO. 5
THE OLD YORK ROAD BIKEWAY
AMERICAN ASPHALT CO., INC. - CONTRACTOR**

**Resolution No. 2012-58
DENY RELEASE OF THE MAINTENANCE BOND
K. HOVNANIAN FOR ESTATES AT CROSSROADS
ENTRANCE SIGN BOND NO. 1038038**

**Resolution No. 2012-59
APPROVE REQUEST TO RELEASE PERFORMANCE BOND
2126 OLD YORK ROAD, BLOCK 168, LOT 15
CONDITIONED UPON POSTING A TWO YEAR MAINTENANCE BOND
NOTE: Conditioned upon payment of any escrow funds due.**

**Resolution No. 2012-60
AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2012-05
ACCOUNTS DEPOSITED AT ROEBLING BANK**

**Resolution No. 2012-61
INCREASE TEMPORARY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR 2012**

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**Resolution No. 2012-62
APPROVE THE CONTRACT FOR
2011 CDBG PROJECT
TO OCEAN EXCAVATING, INC.**

**Resolution No. 2012-63
APPROVE THE CONTRACT FOR
THE CLARK T. CAREY MEMORIAL PARK BOAT DOCK**

**Resolution No. 2012-64
AUTHORIZE FILING OF 2011 RECYCLING TONNAGE
GRANT APPLICATION**

**Resolution No. 2012-65
APPROVE REDUCTION OF PERFORMANCE BOND
HARKINS LANE PLAZA, LLC
LETTER OF CREDIT NO. 08-01
Conditioned Upon Posting a Two Year Maintenance Bond
and Payment of Any Escrow Funds Due**

**Resolution No. 2012-66
SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL FOR
AMERIPAY, LLC BANKRUPTCY**

**Resolution No. 2012-67
RESOLUTION HONORING THE FLORENCE TOWNSHIP
VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY NO. 1
100TH ANNIVERSARY**

It was on the motion of Baldorossi, seconded by Lovenduski, to approve Resolution Nos. 2012-57 through 2012-67.

On the question
Nothing at this time

Upon roll call Council voted as follows
YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky
NOES: None
ABSENT: None Motion carried.

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ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-05

(2nd Reading) (Public Hearing & Adoption)

An Ordinance of the Township of Florence providing for improvements to the Township's recreational fields and related expenses in and for the Township, appropriating \$450,000 therefor, and authorizing the issuance of \$427,500 in General Improvement Bonds or Notes of the Township to finance same

A MOTION was made by Baldorossi, seconded by Lovenduski to open the meeting for public comments on Ordinance No. 2012-05. No comments.

All residents having an opportunity to be heard, a MOTION was made by Woolston, seconded by Ostrander to close the public hearing.

A MOTION was made by Baldorossi, seconded by Woolston to approve Ordinance 2012-05.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: None Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-06

(2nd Hearing) (Public Hearing & Adoption)

An Ordinance of the Township of Florence to exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to establish a cap bank

A MOTION was made by Woolston, seconded by Ostrander to open the meeting for public comments on Ordinance 2012-06. No comments.

All residents having an opportunity to be heard, a MOTION was made by Woolston, seconded by Lovenduski to close the public hearing.

A MOTION was made by Lovenduski, seconded by Ostrander to approve Ordinance No. 2012-06.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: None Motion carried.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2012-07

(1st Reading) (Public Hearing & Adoption 3/7/12)

An Ordinance of the Township Of Florence Amending the Florence Township Code, Chapter 5-2 on Committees and to Establish a term of service for Emeritus Members serving on the Economic Development Committee

A Motion was made by Baldorossi, seconded by Woolston to approve Ordinance 2012-06 on first reading and set the public hearing and adoption for Mach 7, 2012.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND OFFICERS

None at this time.

REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION

Mayor:

Mayor Wilkie thanked Council for passing Resolution No. 2012-67, honoring the *Florence Volunteer Fire Co. No. 1* on its *100th Anniversary*.

Administrator:

Administrator Brook explained that after the first pre-construction meeting with the contractor, the township will know if the old dock will go in for a period to allow people access to the river. Then there will be a firm date for the new dock.

Mr. Bauer, 517 Wilbur Henry Dr., and Mr. Marter, 2038 Bustleton Road, offered their assistance if it is needed. Council thanked them.

Assistant Administrator:

Nothing at this time.

Division of Law:

Nothing at this time.

Division of Engineering:

Nothing at this time.

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Division of Water and Sewer: Nothing at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS: Nothing at this time.

BOARD OF HEALTH: Nothing at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS

Council President Sandusky opened the meeting to the public again at this time.

Fred Wainwright, 1011 Cedar Lane, asked if the bike path on Old York Road near Bustleton Road is going to be continued?

Assistant Administrator Sahol explained that under Phase II of the grant it will continue toward Cedar Lane.

Joseph Csik, 108 Fifth Avenue, asked if the railroad tracks on West Fifth Street belong to Griffin Pipe? He also commented that they are in bad shape and he wanted to know if they will be removed?

Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that they do belong to Griffin Pipe from about mid-way between Spruce Street and Pine Street.

Mayor Wilkie explained that the Township does not want to lose the railroad access to the site. It would need to be determined that the tracks are a public nuisance. Once the tracks are gone they would not be replaced. It can limit interest in the Griffin Pipe site from potential buyers.

8:20 PM MOTION by Lovendusky, seconded by Ostrander to adjourn.
Roll call vote - all ayes. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

8:20 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER, RMC/MMC
Township Clerk
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