

Florence, New Jersey
March 21, 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; James E. Biegen, Township Engineer; Joy M. Weiler, Township Clerk

MINUTES

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

Regular Session – February 15, 2012

FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Reports to receive and file

It was on the MOTION of Woolston, seconded by Lovenduski to receive and file the Township Clerk's Report for February.

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 Ostrander, seconded by Baldorossi to approve the Treasurer's Bill List.

On the question

Councilman Lovenduski said he would abstain from voting on the two checks for the Roebling Museum because it is a conflict for him. He will vote for the remaining bill list.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski (except as noted), Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: Lovenduski on two checks for the Roebling Museum. Motion carried.

REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE: None at this time.

APPLICATIONS

A. Catering Permit, Carol Reed, Roebling Fireman's Hall, Main Street, Roebling
Friday, April 13, 2012, 6:00-11:00pm, Retirement Celebration

It was on the MOTION of Baldorossi, seconded by Woolston to approve the Catering Permit.
All Ayes – Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Joseph Csik, 45 East Fifth Street, said that a large truck is causing ruts on his property. He said there is a three inch deep trench on the corner.

Assistant Administrator Sahol said that it is hard to put a finger on the culprit. He said the township will continue working with Mr. Csik, but unless it is determined for sure what truck is causing the damage, there is not much that can be done. He said he did notice a Wawa truck going down that area but can't be sure it is him.

Administrator Brook said the township will go out and fill the trench and make repairs to Mr. Csik's property.

Council President Sandusky asked Mr. Csik to try to keep an eye out and be mindful of what days it seems to happen; that could make it easier to narrow down what truck is doing the damage.

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

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ORDINANCES

**ORDINANCE NO. 2012-08
(2nd Reading) (Public Hearing & Adoption)
An Ordinance of the Township of Florence, County
Of Burlington, New Jersey,
providing for improvements to the
Township's streets and roads and related
expenses in and for the Township and
appropriating \$50,000 to fund the same**

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

A MOTION was made by Baldorossi, seconded by Lovenduski to adopt Ordinance 2012-08.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2012-09
(2nd Reading) (Public Hearing & Adoption)
An Ordinance appropriating \$88,000 from the
Capital Surplus Fund for acquisition of two
(2) Tahoes and accessory equipment for the Police Department
in and by the Township of Florence, in the County of Burlington,
New Jersey**

Administrator Brook explained that both Bond Ordinances adopted tonight are fully funded. There is no new debt incurred.

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 Ostrander, seconded by Woolston to adopt Ordinance 2012-09.

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. 2012-10

(1st Reading) (Hearing & Adoption 4/4/12)

An Ordinance of the Township of Florence Amending Section 64-3 of the Code of the Township of Florence Establishing Construction Code Fees within the Township of Florence

A MOTION was made by Woolston, seconded by Lovenduski to approve Ordinance No. 2012-10 and set the public hearing and adoption for April 4, 2012.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: None Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-11

(1st Reading) (Hearing & Adoption 4/4/12)

An Ordinance of the Township of Florence Amending Section 140-43 and 140-48 of the Code of the Township of Florence Establishing Water and Sewer Rates within the Township of Florence

A MOTION was made by Lovenduski, seconded by Ostrander to approve Ordinance No. 2012-11 and set the public hearing and adoption for April 4, 2012.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: None Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 2012-85

**AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF ONE CHEVROLET TAHOE
POLICE VEHICLE, STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE
REPLACEMENT VEHICLE**

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**Resolution No. 2012-86
APPOINT HEALTH INSURANCE BROKER
ANDERSON JACKSON METTS (AJM)**

**Resolution No. 2012-87
APPOINTING JOAN K. GEARY
AS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EMERITUS MEMBER**

**Resolution No. 2012-88
APPOINTING MARVIN L. WAINWRIGHT
AS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EMERITUS MEMBER**

**Resolution No. 2012-89
AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR
THE 2012 PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

**Resolution No. 2012-90
APPROVE PAYMENT FOR CONTRACT
BASIN RENOVATIONS
WILBUR HENRY DRIVE, BLOCK 151, LOT 1.01**

**Resolution No. 2012-91
AUTHORIZE ON-LINE AUCTION
WITH GOVDEALS
FOR DISPOSAL OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY**

It was on the motion of Baldorossi, seconded by Lovenduski, to approve Resolution Nos. 2012-85 through 2012-91.

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.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND OFFICERS

None at this time.

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REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION

Mayor:

Mayor Wilkie said he received a request from the Roebling Museum to move the section of Roebling-made Golden Gate wire rope from in front of the Roebling Library to in front of the Museum. It would be placed on the Second Avenue side of the Museum. It seems significant to do it this year because it is the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the Golden Gate Bridge. When the piece of rope was placed at its current location in 1980, the Library was also the Florence Municipal Building because of a fire at the old Florence Municipal Building on Front Street. All were in agreement to move the historic wire rope section.

Mayor Wilkie announced that Sunday, March 25, 2012, from 1-4 pm the Florence Historical Society will be holding an Open House at the firehouse on West Third Street. The Mayor thanked everyone for their cooperation in getting the location ready for the Florence Historical Society. He also thanked members of the Historical Society for all of their hard work.

The Mayor explained that there were two Ordinances introduced tonight. The first was regarding Construction Code fees. The expenses are exceeding the revenue. Fees for the Construction Code have not been raised for about ten years; this brings the township fees more in line with other area municipalities. He explained that the increase in Water and Sewer fees is for any water used in excess of the minimum. If a resident conserves water, there will be no change. The increase is to keep the water and sewer fund stable.

Mayor Wilkie noted that Roebling Fireman's Hall was refurbished to make it available to the community. With that in mind, if an organization wants to use the facility, it would need to provide an insurance certificate naming the Township of Florence as additional insured; there would be a \$500 deposit. If alcohol will be served, a liquor license must be obtained. These parameters are what are in place at this point.

Council President Sandusky asked about holding weddings or other events there?

Mayor Wilkie explained that the event would probably have to be done through a caterer. All liability would go through the caterer, not the resident.

Administrator Brook explained that currently there is a need to get some preliminary parameters in place and the regulations for using the facility are evolving.

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Administrator:

Administrator Brook said that there would be a Closed Session regarding affordable housing and there is a chance that after the closed there may be a statement made on the record regarding the Closed Session discussion.

Assistant Administrator:

Assistant Administrator Sahol said he would like approval from Mayor and Council to get three independent appraisals of a parcel of land in the community that the township might acquire.

A MOTION was made by Baldorossi, seconded by Ostrander to permit Assistant Administrator Sahol to obtain three appraisals of the parcel. Roll call vote - all ayes. Motion carried.

Division of Law:

Nothing at this time.

Division of Engineering:

Township Engineer Biegen said there was a request made for a bond reduction for The Estates at Oak Mill. Mr. Biegen said he will provide the inspections and recommendations for the next Council meeting.

Division of Water and Sewer: Nothing at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS: Amend 2012 Council Meeting Schedule

Council President Sandusky explained that the November 14, 2012 meeting will be canceled because that week is the annual State of NJ League of Municipalities Convention and some township officials and administrators do participate. Also, due to scheduling conflicts, the June 6, 2012 Council meeting will be canceled.

A MOTION was made by Woolston, seconded by Ostrander to cancel the June 6, 2012 and November 14, 2012 meetings. All Ayes – motion carried. The Township Clerk will advertise the changes.

BOARD OF HEALTH: Nothing at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS: Nothing at this time.

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

Fred Wainwright, 1011 Cedar Lane, said he is concerned about a house on Cedar Lane that he believes will fall down soon. He would like for someone to take a look at it and see if anything can be done.

Assistant Administrator Sahol said the building is not occupied.

Administrator Brook said the Construction Office can deem it an imminent danger. Even if it is considered historic, there should be an inspection done and action taken if necessary.

8:25 PM MOTION by Lovenduski, seconded by Woolston to adjourn to Closed Session.
Roll call vote - all ayes. Motion carried.

Note: At this time the Township Clerk left the meeting due to illness. The Township Administrator/Deputy Clerk took over recording the meeting.

8:30 PM MOTION by Baldorossi, seconded by Woolston to return to Open Session.
Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion Carried.

Note: The Township Solicitor Ogozalek announced in the hall that Council was back in open session.

Action Taken after Closed Session:

The Mayor and Council authorized Township Administrator, Richard Brook, to proceed with preparing an **Agreement with MEND** for the April 4, 2012 meeting. They also authorized him to notify CIS that the Township is ending its Agreement with their organization.

A MOTION was made by Baldorossi, seconded by Woolston to adjourn.
Roll call vote – All ayes. Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

8:40 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER, RMC/MMC
Township Clerk
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