

Florence, New Jersey
June 13, 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 8:35 PM. Council President Sandusky led the Salute to the Flag.

The Opening Statement was read by the Township Clerk: Notice was published in the Burlington County Times on Sunday, June 3, 2012; sent to the Register News for information on May 30, 2012; posted on the municipal bulletin board and the township web-site on May 30, 2012.

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

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

Regular Sessions – April 18, 2012 and May 2, 2012

Executive Session – May 9, 2012

Closed Session – May 30, 2012

Special Session – May 30, 2012

FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Reports to receive and file

It was on the MOTION of Lovenduski, seconded by Woolston to receive and file the Court Administrator's Report, the Township Clerk's Report and the Chief Law Enforcement Officer's Report for May. Roll call vote – all ayes. Unanimous approval.

Treasurer's Bill List

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

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Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: None Motion carried. Unanimous approval.

REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE

A. Letter dated June 1, 2012 from the Planning Board to Mayor and Council

Re: Recommending the Redevelopment Plan, Township Council Resolution No. 2012-135.

It was on the MOTION of Baldorossi, seconded by Woolston to receive and file the correspondence. All ayes. Unanimous approval.

APPLICATIONS

Bingo – The Church of Sts. Francis & Clare, Mondays 7:15-10:15pm

July, August, September, October November and December 2012.

Social Affairs (2) – Francis W. Robbins American Legion Post 194

1. June 23, 2012 (rain date June 24) Pig Roast/Music Fest

2. July 7, 2012 Beer Garden

Raffles – Florence Township Civic Association

On Site Merchandise Raffle, July 7, 2012 4:00pm

Florence Township Fire Company Centennial Celebration

Off Premise 50/50 December 11, 2012 8:00 pm

To benefit the Florence Township Soccer Association

Roebbling Museum

On Premise 50/50 July 28, 2012

A MOTION was made by Baldorossi, seconded by Lovenduski to approve the applications.

Roll call vote: All ayes. Unanimous approval.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Leslie Tucker, 119 Third Avenue, asked for the curb near her driveway to be painted yellow to keep cars from parking close and making it hard to maneuver. Councilmen Baldorossi and Sandusky said they think it could be done. Mayor Wilkie said he is not sure and it will need to be researched to see which driveways are painted and which are not. Administrator Brook said it can be done, also a homeowner is permitted to paint the curb ends. Councilman Baldorossi estimated there are five driveways. Council advised the one driveway be painted, then get the sentiment from other residents to see if more need to be done.

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Richard Lotter, 3 Walnut Court, thanked Assistant Administrator Sahol for contacting him about the Oak Mill development stair railings. He still believes the stairs require railings. Assistant Administrator Sahol said the Code Officials explained the difference with a continuous run of stairs and stairs with landings. He said also the steps in question were installed by the homeowner. Council thanked Mr. Lotter for bringing the situation to its attention.

Motion made by Paul Ostrander to close the public comments after all were heard; seconded by Ted Lovenduski. Roll call vote – all ayes. Unanimous approval.

RESOLUTIONS

**Resolution No. 2012-137
AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF 2012-13 RENEWAL OF
PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMOTION LICENSE
DR. LOU’S PLACE, LLC
WITH CONDITIONS**

**Resolution No. 2012-138
AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF 2012-13 RENEWAL OF
PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LECENSE
WITH CONDITIONS
WESLEY’S PUB, INC., t/a ROEBLING PUB**

**Resolution No. 2012-139
AUTHORIZING APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS
OF 2012-13 RENEWAL OF
PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE
RIVER ROCK BAR & GRILLE, LLC
ABC LICENSE NO. 0315-33-008-004**

**Resolution No. 2012-140
AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF 2012-13 RENEWAL OF
PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE
MURPHY’S TAVERN**

**Resolution No. 2012-141
AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF 2012-13 RENEWAL OF
PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE
WITH SPECIAL RULINGAIEBON CORPORATION, t/a ILLUSIONS, HOLDER OF
PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE NO. 0315-33-001-002
WITH CONDITIONS**

**Resolution No. 2012-142
ACKNOWLEDGING FILING OF 2012-13 RENEWALS OF
PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSES
(Paglione & Fine Food and Spirits)**

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**Resolution No. 2012-143
AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF 2012-13 RENEWAL OF
PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE
F&A INC., t/a DOWNTOWN TAVERN, HOLDER OF
PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE NO. 0315-33-007-002**

**Resolution No. 2012-144
APPROVE APPLICATION 2012-13 RENEWAL OF
PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSE
PUNAM CORP. (FLORENCE LIQUOR MART)**

**Resolution No. 2012-145
AUTHORIZING REFUNDS OF CERTAIN OVERPAYMENTS
WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT**

**Resolution No. 2012-146
APPROVE SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH
THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN
FOR A CERTIFIED RECYCLING PROFESSIONAL (CRP)**

**Resolution No. 2012-147
APPROVE SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH
THE BOROUGH OF FIELDSBORO
FOR A CERTIFIED RECYCLING PROFESSIONAL (CRP)**

**Resolution No. 2012-48
AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF ONE CHEVROLET TAHOE
POLICE VEHICLE, SATE CONTRACT PURCHASE
REPLACEMENT VEHICLE**

**Resolution No. 2012-49
RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM
OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE,
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, PURSUANT TO N.J.S. 40A:4-87
CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948**

MOTION made by Ostrander, seconded by Lovenduski to approve Resolution No. 2012-137 through 2012-149.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABESENT: None Motion carried. Unanimous approval.

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ORDINANCES

**ORDINANCE NO. 2012-16
(2nd Reading) (Public Hearing and Adoption)
An Ordinance of the Township Of Florence Amending Chapter
134 of the Florence Township Code Repealing Parking
Restrictions on a portion of Second Avenue**

President Sandusky explained this Ordinance opens up three parking spots on Second Avenue by the Roebing Museum that were restricted. He opened the meeting to the Public for comments.

All residents having the opportunity to be heard, it was on the MOTION of Lovenduski, seconded by Woolston to close the public hearing.

A MOTION was made by Baldorossi, seconded by Woolston to adopt Ordinance No. 2012-16.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows.

AYES: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: None Motion carried. Unanimous approval.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2012-17
(2nd Reading) (Public Hearing and Adoption)
An Ordinance of the Township Of Florence
Amending Chapter 134 of the Florence Township Code
to Establish Parking Restrictions on certain roadways
in the Estates at Oak Mill Subdivision**

It was on the MOTION on Woolston, seconded by Lovenduski to open the meeting to the public for comments on Ordinance No, 2012-17.

Assistant Administrator Sahol explained this designates the side of the street with fewer impediments for parking. It provides additional parking in the development.

All residents having the opportunity to be heard, it was on the MOTION of Lovenduski, seconded by Woolston to close the public hearing.

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It was on the MOTION of Woolston, seconded by Lovenduski to adopt Ordinance No. 2012-17.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows.

AYES: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky
NOES: None
ABSENT: None Motion carried. Unanimously approved.

ORDINANCE 2012-18

(2nd Reading) (Public Hearing and Adoption)

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

Assistant Administrator Sahol said there will be a reduction in the plan review fee. It will drop to twenty percent from twenty-five percent. The reduction brings the fees in line with the State of NJ. He said there was also a typographical error in the code and this will correct it.

It was on the MOTION of Ostrander, seconded by Lovenduski to open the meeting for public comment on Ordinance No. 2012-18.

All residents having the opportunity to be heard, it was on the MOTION of Lovenduski, seconded by Ostrander to close the public comments.

It was on the MOTION of Lovenduski, seconded by Ostrander to adopt Ordinance No. 2012-18.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows.

AYES: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky
NOES: None
ABSENT: None Motion carried. Unanimous approval.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND OFFICERS

REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION

Councilman Baldorossi asked if the signs referred to in Ordinance 2012-16 could be removed before the weekend to open the spots for residents? Administrator Brook will make sure they are removed.

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Mayor:

Mayor Wilkie explained that there were special meetings scheduled for next week with NFI, the developer of a proposed warehousing facility on Route 130. Hopefully, an ordinance will be approved to allow them to bring in a half million plus warehousing facility. He said it is the first major project on Route 130 since water and sewer was run to the area.

The Mayor noted also that he received news the Burlington Coat Factory has been awarded a grant from the State to stay in New Jersey and it has decided to build its headquarters in Florence Township. He said all of the hard work and decisions made to this point has paid off. He said the Township of Florence is moving forward. He said it is a great time – June 2012 – put it down in history.

Administrator:

Administrator Brook advised that there was a Housing Authority appointment. He was informed it is on the Agenda under New Business.

Administrator Brook explained that the Township went out for Tax Anticipation Notes. He said the first part is to borrow four million six hundred thousand dollars of notes. It is money to help keep the cash flow and it is paid back next year. Bond Council recommended including the separate bond anticipation notes for the property out in the country area being preserved (Open Space Trust Funds). He said the amount borrowed was five million one hundred seventy thousand dollars for these two items. He said there were two bidders; the lowest had an interest rate of 1.2287 percent, for Oppenheimer and Company. The difference between the two was large.

Assistant Administrator:

Assistant Administrator Sahol said the closing for the property in the country was yesterday. The Township of Florence now owns a 37 acre parcel that touches on Cedar Lane and connects to the rear of Marter Park. It is adding to the township's parks and open space. He said the acquisition makes possible to move on to Phase II of the bikeway.

Division of Law: Nothing at this time.

Division of Engineering: Nothing at this time.

Division of Water and Sewer: Nothing at this time.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Council President Sandusky asked if members wanted to discuss the Second Avenue permit parking?

Councilman Lovenduski said he understands the problems with avenue parking; he lives on Third Avenue. He said it is tough but it is something people living on the avenues have to deal with. He said common courtesy would probably solve the problem. He said when there are events at the Museum, it is an imposition on one day for a couple of hours; it is a public street, parking should be allowed for all.

Mayor Wilkie said he agrees the Ordinance should be repealed. He said if Council decided to repeal, he would like the residents notified even on introduction not just adoption. He would like it to be introduced at the July 11, 2012 meeting.

Councilman Baldorossi asked for a report of the number of open spots in the evening, around nine or ten o'clock. Councilman Sandusky agreed; he would like to see how many spaces are used. Mayor Wilkie hopes to have the information for next week.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council President said there will be an available five-year term on the Housing Authority. A MOTION was made by Woolston, seconded by Lovenduski to re-appoint David Brownback to the five-year term on the Housing Authority.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS:	Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky		
NOES:	None		
ABSENT:	None	Motion Carried.	Unanimous approval.

BOARD OF HEALTH: Nothing at this time.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Councilman Sandusky thanked Administrator Brook for all the time and effort he has spent dealing with NFI. He spent much of his time and energy making this project happen. His heart and soul is in the Township of Florence. He said Florence is run by great administrators that work hard to make things happen. He thanked Assistant Administrator Sahol and Township Clerk Weiler for everything that they do for the Town. He also thanked the members of the Council subcommittees, the Mayor and his fellow Council Members.

9:05 PM MOTION by Ostrander, seconded by Lovenduski to adjourn.
Roll call vote - all ayes. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

9:05 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER, RMC/MMC
Township Clerk

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