

Florence, New Jersey  
July 18, 2012

The Florence Township Council held a regular meeting on the above date in the Municipal Complex, 711 Broad Street, Florence, New Jersey.

Council President Sandusky announced that the presentation on the agenda honoring retiree Janice Carey would be held until the end of meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Council President Sandusky at 8:00 PM. Council 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; Joy M. Weiler, Township Clerk

### **MINUTES**

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

Executive Session – June 13, 2012

Special Session - June 7, 2012

### **FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **Reports to receive and file**

It was on the MOTION of Woolston, seconded by Lovenduski to receive and file the Court Administrator's Report for June. Roll call vote – all ayes. Unanimous approval.

#### **Treasurer's Bill List**

It was on the MOTION of Ostrander, seconded by Lovenduski 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** None at this time.

**APPLICATIONS**

A. Chinese Auction – St. Nicholas Byzantine Church, 191 Norman Avenue  
September 9, 2012, Noon – 6pm

B. Off Premise 50/50 – St. Nicholas Byzantine Church, 191 Norman Avenue  
September 9, 2012, 5:30pm

C. Social Affair Permit – St. Nicholas Byzantine Church, 191 Norman Avenue  
September 9, 2012, Noon – 6pm

D. Block Party – Station Road  
August 4, 2012 (rain date of August 11, 2012)

It was on the MOTION of Baldorossi, seconded by Lovenduski to approve the applications with C and D conditioned upon receipt of Acting Captain Boldizar’s report and approval. Roll call vote - all ayes. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Council President Sandusky opened the meeting to the public. Seeing no one wishing to be heard, it was on the MOTION of Ostrander, seconded by Woolston to close the public comment. Roll call vote – all ayes.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution No. 2012-174**  
**HAPPY 70<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY**  
*(Sharon Worrell, former Mayor)*

**Resolution No. 2012-175**  
**AUTHORIZING REFUNDS OF CERTAIN TAX OVERPAYMENTS**

**Resolution No. 2012-176**  
**AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF TOWNSHIP**  
**OWNED PROPERTY**  
**(Motor Vehicles which came into possession of the Florence Township Police Department**  
**through abandonment or failure of the owners to claim)**

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**Resolution No. 2012-177  
APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR  
THE 2012 PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

**Resolution No. 2012-178  
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 Lovenduski, seconded by Ostrander to approve Resolutions 2012-174 through 2012-178.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABESENT: None Motion carried. Unanimous approval.

**ORDINANCES:** None at this time.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND OFFICERS**

**REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION**

**Mayor:**

Mayor Wilkie discussed the Township's COAH account. Florence Township will not lose any of its COAH funds. The State of NJ approved the Township's COAH plan.

The Mayor noted that Pierre LaCombe, Alternate #1 on the Environmental Commission, informed the Chairman of the Commission that he is no longer able to serve. **Mayor Wilkie presented Tammy Miller for appointment to the unexpired term, ending December 31, 2012.**

It was on the MOTION of Ostrander, seconded by Baldorossi, to approve the appointment. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

The Mayor said he submitted an ordinance regarding the boat ramp to Council at the last meeting. He said he would like it to be held at this time because there may be some changes made.

It was on the MOTION of Baldorossi, seconded by Lovenduski to hold the ordinance at this time. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

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Mayor Wilkie said he would like to thank, once again, everyone publicly for all the help and support that was provided for the parade and celebration held in town on July 7th. He said it would not have happened without the efforts of the Fire Department and all the volunteers in the community.

**Township Administrator:** Nothing at this time.

**Assistant Administrator:** Nothing at this time.

**Division of Law:** Nothing at this time.

**Division of Engineering:** Nothing at this time.

**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:** Nothing at this time.

**PRESENTATION: *Janice Carey, Administrative Secretary, Retiring*  
*Hired, July 11, 1991 – Retired, July 1, 2012***

Mayor Wilkie called Ms. Carey to the front of the room. He said she has always been efficient and an effective leader. He remembers when he was working for the township and she was hired in the Clerk's Office. Then in 2000 she became the Administrative Secretary. He said she is the main thrust of the organization. He commented that she is a lifelong Florence Township resident; he noted that she is very active in the Fire Department and is its Secretary for the Executive Board meetings. The Mayor praised her commitment to the people of Florence Township, "Ms. Carey goes above and beyond." Mayor Wilkie called upon Councilman Baldorossi to make a special presentation to Ms. Carey. Councilman Baldorossi presented Ms. Carey with a bouquet of flowers from Mayor and Members of Council and thanked her for her years of service.

Assistant Administrator Sahol noted that he remembered being friends with Ms. Carey's boys through the years and knowing her as "Mrs. Carey". He said working with her has been thrilling and it is a pleasure to call "Janice" a friend. He said she has been very supportive, and does a great job.

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Administrator Brook reminisced about working with Ms. Carey over the years and after all that time certain words just come to mind: exceptional, her depth of character, how organized she is, and her compassion. He said then there are other thoughts such as dark chocolate non-pareils. He said she made coming to work every day something special. He said she cares and loves the Township of Florence. He said her vacation is going to the firehouse to make hoagies for their fundraisers. He said her pride and admiration can be heard in her voice when she talks about the police and firemen. Administrator Brook recalled many fond memories of working with Ms. Carey. He said she is very organized, a contrast to his office. He fondly recalled when John Purakovics (Zoom) worked for the township as the Superintendent of Public Works; Janice went on vacation and brought back for him some chocolate and some nonpareils. Zoom came in one morning, and spilled the nonpareils all over the floor. Administrator Brook said he spent a lot of time picking up each candy so he would not get “in trouble” as Zoom predicted he would. He said she was a very precise and willing person in her job. He said her family means everything and she is proud of all of her children and grandchildren. Administrator Brook said he could feel the love when she talked about her family. He thanked her for all she has done and he wished her the very best.

Valerie Sweeney, a retired township employee, said that Ms. Carey loves her grandchildren and family. She said she was always a friend to her; she hopes to have more good times together and she wished her a great retirement. Ms. Sweeney thanked Mayor and Council for giving her the opportunity to acknowledge Janice.

Former Mayor William Berry said the position of Mayor can be very difficult. He said while he had the chance he wanted to thank Mayor and Council for the job they did on the Patriotic Celebration. He said he loved to watch Ms. Carey “buzz about the place” decorating for the holidays. He said Mr. Brook is the finest Administrator in the State of New Jersey, but behind him is an organized woman. The Mayor said she kept him straight during his time as mayor. He thanked her for making his time rewarding and he said she will be missed.

Council President Sandusky thanked her for her dedicated service for over twenty years. He said he hopes her grandchildren will keep her busy. He said there have been three administrative secretaries during his time in office: Mrs. Jacoby, Mrs. Rusnak and Ms. Carey. He wished her much luck.

Sandra Blacker, Florence Township’s Chief Financial Officer, said she and Ms. Carey shared some fun times. She said there have been good people that have come and gone, but she said she will not say “goodbye” to Ms. Carey because they are still friends. Ms. Blacker gave her a hug from Teresa Wilson, a fellow township employee who was unable to attend the meeting.

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Former Mayor George Sampson said he really enjoyed working with Ms. Carey while he was Mayor. He recalled fondly when Ms. Carey was a neighbor. He expressed that he is very happy for her and wished her well.

Ms. Carey thanked everyone for coming and especially thanked William and Ellen Kearns for attending. She thanked her family for all of their support and she said “they are everything”.

Chief Law Enforcement Officer Al Scully reminded her that the Swedish Fish that were a fixture in her office are getting low. Nancy Erlston, the new Administrative Secretary, assured Ms. Carey that the fish will not run out.

Ms. Carey said Administrator Brook was the “greatest boss” and said she also enjoyed working with Assistant Administrator Sahol. Ms. Carey thanked them both.

Mayor Wilkie acknowledged that both of her daughters and both of her sons were in attendance. He noted that there were also six out of nine grandchildren present for the presentation.

Council President Sandusky welcomed all to attend the reception for Janice Carey in the front conference room.

8:28 PM MOTION by Baldorossi, seconded by Woolston to adjourn.  
Roll call vote - all ayes. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

8:28 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER, RMC/MMC  
Township Clerk

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