

Florence, New Jersey
August 8, 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 9:07 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
David Woolston
Jerry Sandusky

Absent:

Paul Ostrander (on vacation)

Also present:

Mayor Craig H. Wilkie; Richard A. Brook, Township Administrator; Thomas A. Sahol, Assistant Municipal Administrator; Anthony Drollas 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.

Regular Session – June 13, 2012 and June 20, 2012

Closed Session – August 1, 2012

FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Reports to Receive and File

It was on the MOTION of Lovenduski, seconded by Woolston to receive and file the Township Clerk's and Chief of Police's reports for August. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Bill List

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

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Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: Ostrander Motion carried. Unanimous approval.

REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE None at this time.

APPLICATIONS

- A. On Premise 50/50 FTMHS Marching Band, Cedar Lane
Home Football Games, Sept. 15 and 21; Oct. 12; November 3

- B. Off Premise 50/50 Raffle, FTMHS Marching Band, Cedar Lane
November 21, 2012

- C. Riverfront School PTO - On Premise 50/50
Riverfront School, 500 E. Front Street
November 3, 2012, 5:30-10:30PM

- D. Riverfront School PTO - Bingo
Riverfront School, 500 E. Front Street
November 3, 2012, 5:30 – 11:30PM

It was on the MOTION of Baldorossi, seconded by Lovenduski to approve the applications. Roll call vote: All ayes – motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Administrator Brook advised the public that municipalities cannot send out tax bills with certified tax rates until they are confirmed and verified by the county. Once Burlington County passes its budget, the rates will be available. It will be about 10-14 days after that for the bills to be mailed and there will be a twenty-five day grace period from the day the bills are sent.

MOTION was made by Lovenduski, seconded by Woolston to close the public comments portion of the meeting. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

**Resolution No. 2012-183
APPROVE ANNUAL AUDIT**

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**Resolution No. 2012-184
APPROVE CURRENT ESTIMATE NO. 2 AND
CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR
2011 CDBG PROJECT
TO OCEAN EXCAVATING, INC.**

**Resolution No. 2012-185
APPROVE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL LICENSE
PERSON TO PERSON TRANSFER
PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE
FROM SANDOR'S BAR AND GRILL
TO MICHAEL DAY
LICENSE NO. 0315-33-014-002
(HELD)**

**Resolution No. 2012-186
EXTENSION OF TIME FOR PAYMENT OF TAX BILLS**

**Resolution No. 2012-187
AUTHORIZE PAYMENT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
TO BRINKERHOFF
FOR BUC'S PROPERTY
Block 125, Lot 20**

**Resolution No. 2012-188
APPROVE RELEASE OF MAINTENANCE BOND
FOR ENTRANCE SIGN
K. HOVNANIAN FOR ESTATES AT CROSSROADS
BOND NO. 1038038**

**Resolution No. 2012-189
DENY RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND
K. HOVNANIAN FOR ESTATES AT CROSSROADS
BOND NO. 1010873**

**Resolution No. 2012-190
APPROVE AUCTION**

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Council President Sandusky said that Resolution No. 2012-185 was being held, and the shrubs from the former Duffy School were added to Resolution No. 2012-191 during the executive session. It was noted that Resolution No. 2012-185 would be on the September 5, 2012 Agenda.

MOTION made by Lovenduski, seconded by Woolston to approve Resolution Nos. 2012-183, 2012-184, 2012-186 and Resolutions 2012-187 through 2012-191.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABESENT: Ostrander Motion carried.

ORDINANCES None at this time

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND OFFICERS

REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION

Mayor:

Mayor Wilkie said Sandra Blacker, Chief Financial Officer, has passed the exam to be named a Qualified Purchasing Agent. This is the first time the State of NJ has required this certification. Ms. Blacker was in the first class to go through the program and sat for the exam in the spring. It is a very high standard and a great accomplishment.

Township Administrator

Administrator Brook said that there was going to be a Closed Session to discuss negotiations and action could be taken after.

Assistant Administrator:

Assistant Administrator Sahol said that the township received \$215,249 for a Park Development Project Grant from Burlington County. He said the amount is the same as he anticipated for Roebing Park and Wilkie Park for the rubber fall material. He said it is not the loose fill, so it will not be a maintenance issue for the Public Works Department. He said he hopes to have a resolution for the first meeting in September. He advised that it will be a very fast project.

Council President Sandusky said that when the fence at Nykita Field was removed, he was skeptical of how it would look but appreciates the end result. He thanked Assistant Administrator Sahol and the Public Works Department for all of their hard work.

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: Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS: Nothing at this time.

BOARD OF HEALTH: Nothing at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS Nothing at this time.

Council President Sandusky opened the meeting to the public again. Seeing no one wishing to be heard, he closed the public portion.

9:16 PM MOTION by Baldorossi, seconded by Woolston to enter into Closed Session.
Roll call vote - all ayes. Motion carried.

9:40 PM MOTION of Baldorossi, seconded by Woolston to return to open session. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

Administrator Brook explained that Mayor and Council discussed in closed the possible purchase of 203 West Second Street. The property is adjacent to the former Duffy School. The township is working with a company called MEND to develop the Duffy property for senior affordable housing in accordance with the Affordable Housing Plan that has been approved and certified by the State of NJ. The acquisition of the additional property would make for a much cleaner and well planned development in the long run. The township has been negotiating with the property owners and wanted it put on record that there is agreement on a purchase price so the township will move forward with the documents to work out the details. In September it will be memorialized more formally with any appropriate ordinances or resolutions that are required.

It was on the **MOTION** of Baldorossi, seconded by Lovenduski to approve the purchase of property located at 203 West Second Street.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABESENT: Ostrander Motion carried.

9:43 PM Motion of Baldorossi, seconded by Woolston to adjourn. Roll call vote. All ayes – motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

9:43 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER, RMC/MMC

Township Clerk

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