

Florence, New Jersey  
September 19, 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. 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**

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

Regular Session – August 8, 2012

Executive Session – August 8, 2012

Closed Session – September 5, 2012; September 12, 2012

### **FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **Reports to Receive and File**

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

#### **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** None at this time.

**APPLICATIONS**

- A. Social Affair Permit, American Legion Post 39, Roebbling  
October 26, 2012, 7PM – 1AM

It was on the MOTION of Baldorossi, seconded by Woolston to approve the application.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston

NOES: None

NOT VOTING: Sandusky

ABSENT: None Motion carried.

(Note: Council President Sandusky did not vote because of a conflict of interest. He is Vice Commander of the Post.)

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

At this time the meeting was opened to the public for comments.

Seeing no one wishing to be heard, it was on the MOTION of Ostrander, seconded by Lovenduski, to close the public comments portion of the meeting. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution No. 2012-207**  
**ATTACHMENT STATEMENT OF CONSENT**  
**A RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE PROPOSED WATER QUALITY**  
**MANAGEMENT PLAN (WQM) PLAN AMENDMENT ENTITLED:**  
**Burlington County Future Wastewater Service Area Map**

**Resolution No. 2012-208**  
**APPROVE REQUEST FOR REDUCTION OF PERFORMANCE BONDS FOR**  
**THE ESTATES AT OAK MILL**  
**WATER DISTRIBUTION AND SANITARY SEWER BONDS**  
**PHASE II**

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**Resolution No. 2012-209  
APPROVE REQUEST FOR REDUCTION OF PERFORMANCE BONDS FOR  
THE ESTATES AT OAK MILL  
BONDS NO. 59BSEA8821; 1034921 AND 59BSEA8820**

**Resolution No. 2012-210  
APPROVE REQUEST FOR REDUCTION OF PERFORMANCE BOND FOR  
THE ESTATES AT OAK MILL  
BOND NO. 1034873  
PHASE I D - Landscaping**

**Resolution No, 2012-211  
APPROVE REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND  
BUNG'S TAVERN SOLAR  
BLOCK 159, LOT 8.01  
CONDITIONED UPON POSTING A TWO YEAR TERM MAINTENANCE BOND**

**Resolution No. 2012-212  
APPROVE REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF MAINTENANCE BOND  
THOMAS J. FALLON  
BLOCK 99, LOTS 1, 2.01, 2.02, 9  
BOND NO. 70720295**

**Resolution No. 2012-213  
APPROVE REQUEST FOR REDUCTION OF PERFORMANCE BOND FOR  
THE ESTATES AT OAK MILL  
BOND NO. 1034872**

**Resolution No. 2012-214  
AUTHORIZE THE TOWNSHIP ENGINEER AND  
TOWNSHIP ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR TO  
FILE AN APPLICATION FOR  
NJ DOT MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM**

**Resolution No. 2012-215  
APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT  
AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
FOR THE SAFE STREETS TO TRANSIT 2013 PROJECT**

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**Resolution No. 2012-216  
EXTENSION OF TIME FOR PAYMENT OF TAX BILLS**

**Resolution No. 2012-217  
RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CAPITAL BUDGET  
(Purchase Police Tahoes)**

**Resolution No. 2012-218  
RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CAPITAL BUDGET  
(Purchase computer software for Finance Office)**

MOTION made by Lovenduski, seconded by Ostrander to approve Resolution No. 2012-207 through 2012-218.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABESENT: None Unanimous approval. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCES**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2012-25  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Reading) (Public Hearing & Adoption)  
An Ordinance of the Township of Florence, County of Burlington,  
State of New Jersey, to Vacate a Certain  
Alleyway in favor of the Creation of a Utility Easement  
As Described herein on Lands Situated on property knows  
As Block 30, Lots 1.01, 1.02, 1.03, 2.01 and 3 Inclusive Located Near  
Seaman Drive and West Fifth Street**

Assistant Administrator Sahol said that this is an alley that runs parallel to West Fifth Street on what used to be Winter Street, but is now Seaman Drive, to the other intersecting section of Seaman Drive. It is no longer needed for Municipal purposes with the exception of a utility easement, so if there is future work that needs to be performed in can be.

It was on the MOTION of Lovenduski, seconded by Woolston to open the meeting to the public for comments on Ordinance 2012-25.

Seeing no one wishing to be heard, it was on the MOTION of Lovenduski, seconded by Ostrander to close the public hearing.

It was on the MOTION of Lovenduski, seconded by Woolston to adopt Ordinance No. 2012-25.

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Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2012-26  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Reading) (Public Hearing & Adoption)  
An Ordinance of the Township of Florence  
Amending Chapter 2 of the Code Entitled Fees  
(Boat Ramp Fees)**

It was on the MOTION of Lovenduski, seconded by Woolston to open the meeting to the public comments on Ordinance 2012-26.

Dan Kamienski, 10 McCay Drive, said he does not disagree with the increase in boat ramp fees. He is concerned that the funds will not be used exclusively for the boat dock area. He would like the funds kept in an account for that facility only.

Mayor Wilkie said the funds are recorded each month in the Police Chief's Report. He said the money is tracked but hard to figure out the man hours. Usually the funds are in the negative and do not cover the cost of running and maintaining the dock.

It was confirmed for Mr. Kamienski that there is a warranty on the boat dock.

It was on the MOTION of Ostrander, seconded by Lovenduski to close the public hearing. All ayes.

It was on the MOTION of Woolston, seconded by Lovenduski to adopt Ordinance No. 2012-26.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2012-27  
(1<sup>st</sup> Reading) (Public Hearing & Adoption 10/03/12)  
An Ordinance of the Township of Florence  
Amending Chapter 134 of the Florence Township Code  
To Establish a Stop Intersection at Yurcisin and Bennett Streets**

It was on the MOTION of Baldorossi, seconded by Woolston to approve Ordinance No. 2012-27 and set the public hearing and adoption for October 03, 2012.

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Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2012-28  
(1<sup>st</sup> Reading) (Public Hearing and Adoption 10/03/12)  
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 the township usually replaces two police vehicles every year. This keeps the fleet in reasonable condition. He said when this is not done, it costs the township much more because it has to buy four the next year. He said the Township has cancelled some prior bond ordinances and the funds went into a separate account that cannot be used in the budget or anticipated as revenue. The town uses the money for items that would have required borrowing the funds. He said only one will be purchased at this time. The second one will be purchased after the next budget is completed. He said this will keep the officers safe without incurring any debt.

It was on the MOTION of Lovenduski, seconded by Ostrander to approve Ordinance No. 2012-28 and set the public hearing and adoption for October 3, 2012.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2012-29  
(1<sup>st</sup> Reading) (Public Hearing and Adoption 10/03/12)  
An Ordinance Appropriating \$20,000 from the  
Capital Surplus Fund for Acquisition and  
Installation of Computer Software for the  
Finance Department in and by the Township  
Of Florence, in the County of Burlington,  
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Assistant Administrator Sahol said the software being replaced is from the early 1990's. It is functioning, but there is no tech support for repairs if there is a problem. The software also brings all departments in line with integrated software.

It was on the MOTION of Lovenduski, seconded by Baldorossi, to approve Ordinance 2012-29 and set the public hearing for October 3, 2012.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

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

### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND OFFICERS**

None at this time.

### **REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION**

#### **Mayor:**

Mayor Wilkie said that the ordinance approving the purchase of software continues what was begun a couple of years ago with the water and sewer and tax departments being upgraded. He said it does improve the efficiency of the departments at a time when many of them are working with fewer personnel.

The Mayor noted that on Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, St. Stephen's Church is holding its Annual Car Show and bake sale. At the same time the Florence Historical Society located in the former firehouse will be open to the public. He said the car show is from 10am-2pm and the Florence Museum will be open from 11am-2pm. The bake sale will be starting around 7:30 am with cake and coffee. Council President Sandusky said the cakes are homemade and the prices are very reasonable. He said the car show and bake sale is a nice event. The Mayor said he hopes in the future the event becomes a Florence Fall Day and other area organizations get involved. He said it would be nice to have an annual event this time of year like some area municipalities have.

Mayor Wilkie said the soccer and football programs are doing well. The registrations are steady and you can see the kids practicing on any given day. Also it was back to school night this week. There were many in attendance at all of the schools.

The Mayor explained that next week the Planning Board will have two informal presentations before it. The first is for a lawn care service business and the second is a plan presented by the Burlington Coat Factory. He announced that it will be on Wednesday night at 7:30pm in the Court Room.

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**Township Administrator**

Administrator Brook said regarding the Burlington Coat Factory, Council will be introducing a redevelopment ordinance in October and adopting it in November. The next step will be for the plans to be presented to the Planning Board. He hopes it will be at the November Planning Board meeting. The goal is to break ground in the spring. He said the township will work with the Burlington Coat Factory and do all it can to make the plan a success. Council President Sandusky inquired about the Subaru project. Administrator Brook said it is ahead of schedule.

**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:**

Mayor Wilkie said on October 22, 2012 the County is hosting an Economic Development Conference at Fireman's Hall on Main Street in Roebling. He said it from 8am-10:30am; there will be businesses there from all over the County. It is co-sponsored by Burlington County and the Burlington County Bridge Commission.

**BOARD OF HEALTH:** Nothing at this time

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Council President Sandusky would like a second "public comment" portion on the agenda to give residents a second opportunity to comment on issues. All were in agreement.

8:17 PM MOTION by Baldorossi, seconded by Lovenduski to adjourn. Roll call vote - all ayes. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

8:17 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER, RMC/MMC  
Township Clerk  
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