

FLORENCE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION

NOVEMBER 07, 2012

8:00PM

CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE

Council President Sandusky called the meeting to order. The Fountain of Life Center Royal Rangers led the Salute to the Flag.

SUNSHINE STATEMENT

The Opening Statement was read by the Township Clerk: Notice was advertised in the Burlington County Times on 10-18-12; given to the Register News for information; posted on the web-site and municipal bulletin board on October 12, 2012.

Council President Sandusky announced that Councilman Frank Baldorossi was not attending because he was working as part of the Hurricane Sandy relief effort.

ROLL CALL

Present: Ted Lovenduski, Paul Ostrander, David Woolston, Jerry Sandusky

Absent: Frank Baldorossi (as noted above)

Also present: Mayor Craig H. Wilkie; Richard A. Brook, Township Administrator; Thomas A. Sahol, Assistant Administrator; Thomas Hastie, Township Solicitor; Joy M. Weiler, Township Clerk.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Council President Sandusky opened the meeting to the public.

Lozion Bell, Burlington Township, spoke as a representative of the Royal Rangers. He asked permission for the Royal Rangers, as a scout project, to clean up the parks in Florence and Roebing.

Council President Sandusky suggested the group contact Township Administration prior to going to the parks so the group can receive supplies needed: gloves, bags and the like. He said the township would really appreciate their help.

Troop Leader, Wendy Cosme, asked if this coming Saturday was acceptable? She was informed it was. She will contact the Administrator or Assistant Administrator to get the supplies.

Everyone having had an opportunity to be heard, it was on the MOTION of Woolston, seconded by Lovenduski to close the public portion. Roll call vote - all ayes. Motion carried.

BUSINESS

Water & Sewer Engineer

Administrator Brook explained that the Burlington Coat Factory will be constructing a building that will be about 180,000 to 190,000 square feet with the authority to go up to 270,000 square feet in the future.

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The application is scheduled to be heard by the Planning Board in November. He said one important item to be submitted is the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Applications for water and sewer (TWA permits from NJDEP). He said the project engineer met with the township professionals and the documents are in order. There was a Resolution prepared for consideration at the regular meeting to follow.

Township Engineer

- Estimate #2, 2012 Park Improvement Project

Assistant Administrator Sahol said this is a recommended payment to the contractor for completion of the project associated with the County Park Grant. He said it was for field improvements for Marter Park and Veterans Park. It will be on the regular agenda for approval.

At this time the Royal Rangers presented small gift bags of fruit to Mayor and Council. The group thanked Mayor and Council for allowing them to participate.

- 2013/2014 CDBG Application

Assistant Administrator Sahol said he recommended continuing what the township has done in the past by concentrating on pedestrian safety and handicap accessibility improvements throughout the community. He said the township has been building a really nice program year after year and it is noticed in the community.

It was on the MOTION of Woolston, seconded by Ostrander to approve the application. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Assistant Administrator Sahol explained he will advertise for a public hearing for this project for the December 5th meeting. At that time he will present the details of the locations that will be selected.

Estates at Crossroads – Request to Release Site Performance Bond

Administrator Brook explained that this site performance bond is for the Estates at Crossroads, not the Manors at Crossroads. He said the Homeowner's Association has been fully involved and Engineer Dan Guzzi is meeting with the residents at the Manors. This bond is recommended to be released by Engineer Guzzi.

It was on the MOTION of Lovenduski, seconded by Ostrander to approve preparation of the Resolution for the release of the site performance bond. All ayes – motion carried.

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Roebbling Museum – Civil War Living History Encampment Proposal

Mayor Wilkie said the Roebbling Museum would like to have a Civil War encampment on its site. It would highlight the contributions of the Roebbling family. Also, included will be the steel cable used for hot-air balloons; there will be a Civil War balloon. There would be open fires but it would need to be restricted. He said the balloons will not actually be lifted. There will be members of the Roebbling family in attendance. It is scheduled to be held on June 22 and June 23, 2013.

Administrator Brook said it is a very creative and imaginative way of attracting people to the community. He said it is a clever idea to blend history with the Roebbling family. He gave the Roebbling Museum credit for taking on the idea. He said the township will work with the Museum regarding safety issues and anything else the Museum needs. The museum will be responsible for what is needed but the township will work with them to ensure the success of the program. It would be handled like a parade or other event. There will be meetings held to discuss the details. It is a positive for the town and it helps keep history alive. All agreed it is a very positive idea and program.

It was on the MOTION Ostrander, seconded by Lovenduski to approve moving forward with the Roebbling Museum regarding the Civil War Encampment. Roll call vote - all ayes. Motion carried.

Route 130 Corridor – Proposed Preliminary Redevelopment Investigation

Administrator Brook explained that over the past few years the township has taken advantage of the statutes that enable municipalities to develop “areas in need of redevelopment.” There are a number of sites in town that now have this designation. He and the Assistant Administrator met with the Township Planner to see if there were other areas that would fit the criteria. The Planner felt there would be good reason to continue the study on the Route 130 corridor. The Planner presented a proposal with a fee of approximately \$8,500. He said the study enables the township to take properties that would not be developed without the designation. The goal is to spur the revitalization of properties. Administrator Brook said the funds are in the 2012 Budget. This was an anticipated need that will have benefits to the residents for many years to come.

It was on the MOTION of Lovenduski seconded by Ostrander to approve the study. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried. Unanimous approval.

ABC – Approval for Renewals of Licenses with Conditions received and Request for Revising one Resolution as per State of NJ, Division of ABC

Clerk Weiler said all of the ABC Resolutions for renewal with conditions were approved except for one. The conditions imposed must be for the entire term of the license; Dr. Lou’s Place, L.L.C. conditions were set for “review in six months.” The Resolution has been revised and is on the agenda for the next meeting. It was on the MOTION of Woolston, seconded by Lovenduski to receive and file the approvals. All ayes – motion carried.

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Public Comments

Don Kamienski, 10 McCay Drive, asked if this was the only meeting of Mayor and Council being held in November? He was told this is true, except for a Special Meeting on November 19th at 6:00 p.m. for items related to the Burlington Coat Factory project.

Council President Sandusky explained that there is only one meeting night this month because of the League of Municipalities Convention. Even though the convention was cancelled, the meeting dates were already advertised. The following week is the night before Thanksgiving.

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

Administrator Brook said the township has worked with Greenbriar Horizon in the past during the winter months regarding snow removal. There is a 75% Reimbursement Agreement. He said he would like to continue it this winter. It saves the municipality. In prior years there have been no real complaints or issues. It can be re-evaluated at the conclusion of the winter months. Council Members in agreement.

It was on the MOTION of Ostrander, seconded by Woolston 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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