

Florence, New Jersey
December 5, 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 Deputy 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; Thomas J. Hastie, Township Solicitor; 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 – October 3, 2012; October 17, 2012; November 7, 2012

Executive Session – October 10, 2012; November 7, 2012

Closed Session – October 3, 2012; November 7, 2012

Special Session – November 19, 2012

FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Reports to Receive and File

It was on the MOTION of Lovenduski, seconded by Ostrander to receive and file the Court Administrator's Report for November. 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

Letter from the Land Use Clerk representing the Planning Board dated November 30, 2012. The Planning Board recommends the Amended Redevelopment Plan for the former Duffy School.

It was on the MOTION of Woolston, seconded by Lovenduski to receive and file the recommendation regarding the Amended Redevelopment Plan.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: None Motion carried. Unanimous approval.

Mayor Wilkie read into record a letter he received dated November 27, 2012 from Marilyn Coates Parkinson regarding her brother **Richard John Coates** and a Military Honor he received. His name will be placed on the wall of the **National Navy Seal Museum**. Her brother died in the line of duty 48 years ago. He was from Florence and the town mourned his passing. Mayor Wilkie said he did not know Mr. Coates personally, but heard of him. Florence Township named a little league field in honor of him.

APPLICATIONS

Bingo – Church of Sts. Francis and Clare, 7:15pm – 10:15pm

January, February, March, April, May, June, 2013, Monday evenings

It was on the MOTION of Baldorossi, seconded by Lovenduski to approve the application. Roll call vote – all ayes.

CDBG PUBLIC HEARING

Advertised in the Burlington County Times on November 11, 2012; sent to the Register News for information and posted on the municipal bulletin and the Florence Township web-site.

Assistant Administrator Sahol explained that the hearing is being held to satisfy the requirements of the Community Development Block Grant Program. The application is for a two year grant ending in 2014. The Township uses the grant primarily for handicap accessibility improvements and to repair municipal facilities that are in areas where the funds are eligible to be used. This year repairs will be done in the 1000 block of Third Street, Fourth Street and Fifth Street along Park, Richardson and Bodine Streets. It will also address sidewalk concerns in the 600 block of West Second Street, Iron Street and Union Street. The application also involves a section of Hamilton Avenue from Delaware Avenue to Sixth Street near the FAAD Park. There will also be work done in the area of Hoffner Court. The entire project application is just under \$180,000. It will be submitted to the County and depending on what amount is awarded the projects will be prioritized.

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It was the MOTION of Lovenduski, seconded by Ostrander to open the meeting to the public for the CDBG Public Hearing.

Seeing no one wishing to comment, it was on the MOTION of Baldorossi, seconded by Woolston to close the public hearing. All ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

Richard Lotter, 3 Walnut Court, Florence, said he appreciated the nice job the township employees did before, during and after storm Sandy. Council President Sandusky thanked him for the comment and said the employees will be told of the compliment.

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

RESOLUTIONS

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-247
AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-248
AUTHORIZE LEASE AGREEMENT FOR MANAGEMENT
AND USE OF ROEBLING FIREMAN'S HALL**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-249
AMENDING CAPITAL BUDGET**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-250
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE
ADOPTING A FORM REQUIRED TO BE USED FOR THE FILING
OF NOTICES OF TORT CLAIM AGAINST THE TOWNSHIP OF
FLORENCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE
NEW JERSEY TORT CLAIMS ACR, N.J.S.A. 59:8-6.**

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-251
A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE
DECLARING GRES & KALUZNY LAND DEVELOPMENT, LLC
IN DEFAULT OF DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS
FOR LEGACY AT MEADOWCROFT DEVELOPMENT**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-52
APPROVING CWA LOCAL 1036 CONTRACT
FOR 2012, 2013, AND 2014**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-253
AUTHORIZE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH
BURLINGTON COAT FACTORY WAREHOUSE, INC.
FOR
BLOCK 160.01, LOT 1.01, ROUTE 130**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-254
APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1
THE CLARK T. CAREY MEMORIAL BOAT DOCK
MARINE MAINTENANCE & CONSTRUCTION**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-255
APPROVE PAYMENT
THE CLARK T. CAREY MEMORIAL BOAT DOCK
CRAIN MATERIALS INTERNATIONAL
4501 CIRCLE 75 PARKWAY, SUITE E-5370**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-256
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER
2012 YEAREND STATEWIDE CRACKDOWN**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-257
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**

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-258
EXTEND CONTRACT WITH GARDEN STATE
REMOVAL FOR SANITATION REMOVAL SERVICES**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-259
AUTHORIZE THE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR TO PREPARE
SPECIFICATIONS AND OBTAIN BIDS FOR
TRASH CONTRACT**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-260
TRANSFERRING CERTAIN 2012 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-261
RESOLUTION DESIGNATING MOORESTOWN ECUMENICAL
NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT, INC. ("MEND") AS REDEVELOPER TO
IMPLEMENT THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE FORMER
MARCELLA L. DUFFY SCHOOL LOCATED ON WEST SECOND STREET
BLOCK 45, LOTS 8, 9, 10, 13, 14 AND 15**

Note: Resolution 2012-249 was held for 12-19-12.

It was on the MOTION of Lovenduski, Seconded by Baldorossi to approve Resolution No. 2012-247 through 2012-248 and Resolution No. 2012-250 through 2012-261.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: None Motion carried. Unanimous approval.

ORDINANCES

**ORDINANCE NO. 2012-35
(2nd Reading) (Public Hearing & Adoption)
Ordinance of the Township of Florence Confirming the
Designation of Block 45, Lots 8, 9, 10, 13, 14 and 15 Within the
Township as an Area in Need of Redevelopment Under
The New Jersey Local Redevelopment and Housing Act
And Adopting an Amended Redevelopment Plan for Such
Parcels**

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Mayor Wilkie said this Ordinance is recognizing that MEND will be handling the redevelopment of the former Duffy School. The property was turned over to the Township a few years ago and is part of the township's affordable housing plan. MEND has made a commitment to retain the building and expand upon it while keeping the historical nature.

It was on the MOTION of Woolston, seconded by Lovenduski to open the meeting to the public for comments on Ordinance No. 2012-35. Roll call vote – all ayes.

Seeing no one from the public wishing to comment, it was on the MOTION of Woolston, seconded by Baldorossi to close the public hearing. Roll call vote – all ayes.

It was on the MOTION of Ostrander, seconded by Woolston to adopt Ordinance No. 2012-35.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2012-36
(1st Reading) (Second Hearing & Adoption 12/19/12)
Fixing the Compensation of Certain
Township Officials and Employees of the
Township of Florence
(CWA Union Contract)**

It was on the MOTION of Ostrander, seconded by Lovenduski to approve Ordinance No. 2012-36 and set the public hearing and adoption for December 19, 2012.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2012-37
(1st Reading) (Public Hearing & Adoption 12/19/12)
An Ordinance Fixing the Compensation of Certain
Officials and Employees of
The Township of Florence**

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It was on the MOTION of Lovenduski seconded by Woolston to approve Ordinance 2012-37 and set the public hearing and adoption for December 19, 2012.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

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

**ORDINANCE 2012-38
(1st Reading) (Public Hearing & Adoption 12/19/12)
Authorizing the Conveyance of
Certain Real Property to Moorestown
Ecumenical Neighborhood Development,
Inc. (MEND), a Nonprofit Corporation for
Development of Affordable Housing**

It was on the MOTION of Woolston, seconded by Lovenduski, to approve Ordinance No. 2012-38 and set the public hearing and adoption for December 19, 2012.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

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

**ORDINANCE 2012-39
Ordinance Authorizing the Township of Florence, In the County
Of Burlington, New Jersey to enter in a Financial Agreement
Between the Township and BCF Florence Urban Renewal, L.L.C.
For Certain Property within the Route 130 Redevelopment Plan**

It was on the MOTION of Baldorossi, seconded by Woolston, to approve Ordinance No. 2012-39 and set the public hearing and adoption for December 19, 2012.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

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

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND OFFICERS:

Council President Sandusky wanted to echo some sentiments expressed earlier in the meeting and thank the hard working Public Works Department. Mayor Wilkie put a letter together to thank Public Works department for all of their hard work. Council President wanted to also recognize Gino James of the Department. He said Mr. James volunteered his time to help with the Veteran's Day Presentation held at the Municipal Building. He would like a memo to be put in Mr. James' personnel file.

REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION

Mayor:

Mayor Wilkie thanked the Council for passing Resolution 2012-248, regarding the Main Street Community Center lease with the FOP Lodge. He said one of the commitments he had asked of Council was to make the facility available to the community. Council has continually been working to make that happen. This begins to get procedures in place and the FOP will develop a policy that it will present to Council.

He asked that Council consider cancelling the next meeting scheduled for December 12, 2012. There is a community fundraising program scheduled for that night called Hoops for the Holidays. It is a basketball game with teachers going up against the police. There will be a tree lighting at 5:30pm and the game will begin at 6:00pm.

It was on the MOTION of Baldorossi, seconded Woolston to cancel the meeting of Wednesday, December 12, 2012. All ayes – Motion carried.

Mayor Wilkie wanted to acknowledge different organizations coming together recently to hold events in the community. On December 1, 2012 the event was *Christmas in Roebling*. The Roebling Museum, Roebling Garden Club and friends of the community worked together to make the event a success. The community looked beautiful and it was very striking when it got dark and the lights were on.

He said at 7pm on Friday, December 7, the township will have its tree lighting at the Municipal Building. On Sunday, December 9 there is an FOP event at the community center with a special visit from "someone" at 5pm followed by a screening of How the Grinch Stole Christmas. He said it is good to see the building being used to show movies again, as it was once a movie house serving the town.

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The Fire Department will drive Santa around the township on December 15. Tentatively, the Township calendars will be distributed to the entire community December 22 and December 23.

Township Administrator:

Administrator Brook wanted to thank the CWA negotiators who worked with the township to draft the new contract. He said they were extremely professional and Florence Township appreciated the cooperation that was extended. He said the end result is fair and reasonable for both sides.

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:

It was on the MOTION of Baldorossi, seconded by Woolston to receive and file the 2013 responses to the Request for Proposals.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: None Motion carried. Unanimous approval.

It was on the MOTION of Lovenduski, seconded by Ostrander to advertise the non-union salaries for approval on December 12, 2012.

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.

MISCELLANEOUS: Nothing at this time.

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

Motion was made by Woolston, seconded by Baldorossi, to open the meeting to the public.

Michael Sawka, 75 Riverbank Drive, requested that the resolutions listed on the agendas be posted on the website. He said right now if a resident wants to read a resolution on a meeting agenda they must come to the Municipal Building or to the meeting. Mayor Wilkie said he will take the comments into consideration and see what the options are.

Mr. Sawka said he has noticed a large SUV parked on the sidewalk in front of the Main Street Community Center near the front doors. Mayor Wilkie said the vehicle was there for loading and unloading for the upcoming events and is not impeding foot traffic in front of the building.

It was on the MOTION of Ostrander, seconded by Lovenduski to close the public portion of the meeting. All ayes – motion carried.

8:22PM MOTION by Lovenduski, seconded by Ostrander to adjourn. Roll call vote - all ayes. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

8:22 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

JOY M. WEILER, RMC/MMC
Township Clerk
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