

Florence, New Jersey
March 6, 2013

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 tonight was the anniversary celebration of the ***141st Anniversary of the incorporation of the Township of Florence.***

The meeting was called to order by President Sandusky at 8:00 PM. 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; posted on the municipal bulletin board; placed on the web-site on January 3, 2013; and advertised in the Burlington Co. Times on January 6, 2013.

Upon roll call the following were found to be present:

Frank Baldorossi
Ted Lovenduski
Paul Ostrander
Jerry Sandusky

Note: Dave Woolston absent due to a work commitment.

Also present:

Mayor Craig H. Wilkie; Richard A. Brook, Township Administrator; Thomas A. Sahol, Assistant Municipal Administrator; Kelly Grant, Esq., Township Attorney; Joy M. Weiler, Township Clerk

MINUTES

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

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FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

It was on the MOTION of Lovenduski; seconded by Woolston, to receive and file the Court Administrator's, Township Clerk's, and Chief of Police's Reports for February and the Tax Collector's 2012 Report of Receipts. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

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

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: Woolston Motion carried.

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REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE None at this time.

APPLICATIONS

- A. Annual Fire Department/Boyd's Pharmacy Easter Egg Hunt, Wilkie Park
March 30, 2013, 10:00am (rain date of April 6, 2013)
- B. Social Affair Permit – Roebling Museum, Dinner Dance at Fireman's Hall
April 13, 2013, from 6:00pm – 11:00pm
- C. Off Premise 50/50, Florence Township Civic Association for Boys' Baseball
May 27, 2013, Coates Field Concession Stand, 6:00pm
- D. Off Premise 50/50, Florence Township Civic Association for Girls' Softball
June 16, 2013, Muchowski Field Concession Stand, 4:30pm

It was on the MOTION of Baldorossi; seconded by Lovenduski to approve applications A through D.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: Woolston Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Joseph Csik, 45 East Fifth Street, said the flag on Oak Street near the monument is flying in the dark at night and it needs to be illuminated. Council President Sandusky said it would be taken care of right away. Mr. Csik said there is a problem with cars speeding down Fifth Street and he would like for someone to look into it.

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-53

**Approve Agreement with Salt & Light, Inc.
for Property known as
Block 116, Lot 5
340 Alden Avenue, Units 5 & 6**

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RESOLUTION 2013-58

**Celebrating the 90th Anniversary of Boyd's Pharmacy
Continuously Operating in the Township of Florence**

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-59

**Recognizing Alexis (Lexi) Carey Smith
As a National Field Hockey Champion**

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-60

**Water & Sewer Payment Plan for Block 35.02, Lot 8
2 Church Street**

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-61

**The Township of Florence Promotes the
Wellness Policy Program through
The Joint Insurance Fund**

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-62

Self-Examination of Budget

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-63

Introduce Municipal Budget

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-64

**Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Florence
Directing the Planning Board of the Township of Florence
To Undertake a Preliminary Investigation of
Certain Parcels located in the Proximity of Route 130
Within the Township to Determine whether such Parcels
Satisfy the Criteria as "An Area in Need of Redevelopment"
As set forth in the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law
Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6**

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RESOLUTION NO. 2013-65

**Deny Release of Performance Bond
for The Manors at Crossroads
Phase I
Bond No. 1024185**

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-66

**Deny Release of Performance Bond
for the Manors at Crossroads
Phase II
Bond No. 1024184**

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-67

**Appointing Christine M. Swiderski as
Assistant Municipal Tax Collector**

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-68

**Water & Sewer Payment Plan for Block 140.02, Lot 2.02
1501 Hornberger Avenue**

It was on the MOTION of Baldorossi, seconded by Lovenduski to approve Resolution No. 2013-53 and Resolution Nos. 2013-58 through 2013-68.

On the Question Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: Woolston Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-03

**An Ordinance of the Township of Florence Amending Section 91-178.A of the Land Development Code of the Township of Florence to Establish Requirements for Grading Plans and Review of Plans by the Township Engineer Prior to the Issuance of Construction Permits and Amendment to Section 2.3 (Inspection Fees) of the Code of the Township of Florence
(2nd Reading) (Public Hearing & Adoption)**

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It was the MOTION of Baldorossi, seconded by Ostrander to open the meeting to the public regarding Ordinance No. 2013-03.

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

It was the MOTION of Baldorossi, seconded by Lovenduski to adopt Ordinance No. 2013-03.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: Woolston Motion carried.

REPORTS

Committees, Boards and Officers

Mayor

Mayor Wilkie advised Council that he appointed *Colleen Carney (Class A, 4 year appt. 12/31/16)* and *Barbara Opre (Class C, Alt. No. 2, 2 year, 12/31/14)* to the *Historic Preservation Commission*.

Administrator: Nothing at this time.

Assistant Municipal Administrator: Nothing at this time.

Division of Law: Nothing at this time.

Division of Engineering: Nothing at this time.

Division of W & S Utilities: Nothing at this time.

Unfinished Business: Nothing at this time.

New Business: Nothing at this time.

Board of Health: Nothing at this time.

Miscellaneous:

Relay for Life Proclamation

At this time Mayor Wilkie presented a proclamation supporting Relay for Life. He read the proclamation into the record. He called on the previous co-chairs of the event, Carey Trayner and Barbara Fazekas-Mayer to receive the proclamation to present to the event participants.

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Former Chief Stephen Fazekas - Proclamation

The Mayor now called on Police Chief Alvin Scully, Fire Chief Keith Scully and Former Police Chief Stephen Fazekas. He read a proclamation honoring Stephen “Fuzzy” Fazekas for his heroic measures while on a flight home from a family vacation. He saved a toddler having a seizure and subsequently aided another passenger who fell ill after the plane made an emergency landing.

Chief Fazekas thanked Mayor and Council for the recognition. He said his family is used to him helping people and they are very supportive. He said one nice thing that came from this is that he got to meet the little girl and her family. He has learned that she is okay. He was glad his training meant he could provide help.

Mayor Wilkie said the next day is the 141th anniversary of the Township. Last year the 140th anniversary fell on March 7th. He said would he would like to honor people and places from the township this time every year.

Retirement Presentation– William “Butch” Reed

At this point he called Butch Reed, who is retiring from the Public Works Department. Mr. Reed was presented with a clock. Mayor Wilkie offered his best wishes to Butch on his retirement.

Mr. Reed thanked Mayor and Council for having him work here, he thanked the Administration and Public Works for being good to him. He said they are all good people and he enjoyed his time with the township. He thanked his wife, daughters, sister, brother and family for being there for him.

Gino James worked with Butch for many years and has been with him since 1983 and they have had many good talks. Mr. James stated that he is proud of Butch and it has been his pleasure to work with Butch all these years.

Richard Pendle, the Superintendent of Public Works, remembered April 11, 1994. It was his first day at Public Works and Butch was “training” him. He did not know if Butch remembered it but said he does. He said after all the years of the hot sun, weed-wacking alleys and being out in all sorts of conditions, he never once heard Butch complain. He never heard him say anything bad about another person. He hopes to be as good as Butch someday.

Council President Sandusky presented flowers to Mrs. Diane Reed.

Mayor Wilkie said Butch went above and beyond and performed his duties with pride. He thanked Mr. Reed for all of his service to the community and wished him the best.

Boyd’s Pharmacy 90th Anniversary Resolution

Mayor Wilkie said it takes a lot of good people and businesses to make a town be able to celebrate 141 years. He wanted to honor Boyd’s Pharmacy which is celebrating its 90th year.

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He called L. Clark and Carol Ann Boyd forward so that Council President Sandusky, the longest serving Council Member, could present the Resolution. Council President Sandusky remembered when the Broad Street stores were called black and white stores. There was a laundromat, a five & dime, a small supermarket, Boyd's Pharmacy and a couple others.

Mr. Boyd thanked Mayor and Council and said it means a great deal to him. His grandfather started the business in 1923. There have been many changes in the pharmacy business. He said his grandfather was a pioneer in the business. He developed the first "patient profile." Boyd's also had the first computerized patient profiles in South Jersey. The business has come a long way. He said Boyd's Pharmacy is still here today because of the support of the people of Florence Township. He is only as good as his workers. He asked those employees in attendance to stand to be recognized. He thanked everyone again and said again how much this recognition means to him and his family.

Mayor Wilkie said the Boyd family has really given back to the community in many ways. He thanked them for their support of the township and for all that they do. He proclaimed Saturday, *March 9, 2013 as Boyd's Pharmacy of Florence Township Day.*

Alexis (Lexi) Smith, National Record Holder - Resolution

Mayor Wilkie spoke about the accomplishments of Ms. Smith and said he believes she is the first National Record Holder in Florence Township. Former Mayor William Berry came forward to present the framed Resolution. He had Ms. Smith and her family approach and he read the Resolution. Gina Smith, her mom, was also her hockey coach. *March 10, 2013* was officially named *Lexi Smith Day*. Former Mayor Berry said she has made the town proud.

Ms. Smith thanked Mayor and Council for the honor. She said she is blessed to represent a town like Florence where everybody knows everyone else. She said she works at Boyd's Pharmacy and customers recognized her and congratulated her. These little things are what mean the most. She felt lucky to be coached by her mother. She thanked everyone again.

Mayor Wilkie told her the community is lucky to have her and asked for her to be the ***Grand Marshal for the Patriotic Day Celebration.***

Mayor Wilkie would like the **first Wednesday** of every **March** to be a day for special people and places in Florence Township be honored. He said it is a very unique community and he pointed out some of the unique characteristics of Florence Township. He thanked everyone for their attendance. He announced that there will be cake and coffee in the front conference room in honor of Mr. Reed's retirement.

Public Comments:

Council President Sandusky opened the meeting to the public for any comments at this time.

There were no comments. Motion made and seconded to close to the public. All ayes.

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8:32 PM MOTION by Ostrander; seconded by Baldorossi to adjourn.
Roll call vote - all ayes. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

8:32 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER, RMC/MMC
Township Clerk

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