

Florence, New Jersey
April 17, 2013

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 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
David Woolston
Jerry Sandusky

Also present:

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

MINUTES

Lovenduski made a MOTION; seconded by Woolston 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 Ostrander, to receive and file the Court Administrator and Township Clerk's Reports for March. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

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

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: None Motion carried.

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REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from Thomas Pacia of 10 Webber Court, Florence, sent to Police Chief Al Scully was read into the record. The letter praised **Police Officer Jason Schafer** for his actions that saved Mr. Pacia's life during a routine traffic stop. Mr. Pacia was having a medical emergency and Officer Schafer insisted Mr. Pacia receive immediate medical attention. "Without his timely intervention, persistence and persuasion, I would not be writing this letter to you."

Mayor Wilkie read his letter in response to Mr. Pacia. He also read a letter of commendation sent to Officer Schafer. Both letters expressed the pride the Township of Florence feels for Officer Schafer and the Florence Township Police Department.

APPLICATIONS None at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-86

**Authorizing an Online Auction
With Govdeals
For Disposal of Municipal Property**

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-87

**A Resolution Authorizing the Township of Florence
To Establish a Commodity Resale System and to Enter into
Commodity Resale Agreements with Other Contracting Units**

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-88

**Approve Shared Services Agreement with
The Borough of Fieldsboro
For a Certified Recycling Professional (CRP)**

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RESOLUTION NO. 2013-89

**Approve Shared Services Agreement with
The Township of Bordentown
For a Certified Recycling Professional (CRP)**

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-90

**Approve Shared Services Agreement with
The Township of Chesterfield
For a Certified Recycling Professional (CRP)**

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-91

**Authorize Purchase of One Chevrolet Tahoe
Police Vehicle, State Contract Purchase
Replacement Vehicle**

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-92

**Authorize the Township Water and Sewer
Engineer to Prepare Plans, Specifications and Obtain
Bids for Repairs and Painting of the Cedar Lane
Elevated Water Tank No. 1**

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-93

**Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Application
Filed by the Township of Florence
For a NJDEP
Treatment Works Application Permit
For
Florence Township Sewage Treatment Plant**

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-94

**Authorize Refund
Use of FAAD Building Fee
Due to the Event Canceled**

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RESOLUTION NO. 2013-95

**Extend Contract with Garden State Removal
For Sanitation Removal Services**

It was on the MOTION of Baldorossi; seconded by Lovenduski to approve Resolution Nos. 2013-86 through 2013-95.

On the Question Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: None Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE 2013-04

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING
LONG TERM TAX EXEMPTION AGREEMENT
(2nd Reading) (Public Hearing & Adoption)**

It was the MOTION of Lovenduski, seconded by Ostrander to open the meeting to the public regarding Ordinance No. 2013-04.

Administrator Brook said this Ordinance deals with the PILOT Agreement for MEND, Inc. MEND is applying for a tax credit this year. MEND may decide it is not in the best interest of the project to pursue partial financing from the Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency. If that is the case, they would need to do a PILOT. This Ordinance gives them the ability to do that if it is more advantageous to get the project off the ground. From a dollar standpoint, for the municipality this is better. It is simply another method to get the project moving forward.

Seeing no one from the public wishing to be heard, it was the MOTION of Ostrander, seconded by Lovenduski to close the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2013-04.

It was the MOTION of Lovenduski, seconded by Ostrander to adopt Ordinance No. 2013-04.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

AYES: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

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ORDINANCE NO. 2013-05

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE, IN
THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY,
PROVIDING FOR ACQUISITION OF A STREET
SWEEPER IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP,
APPROPRIATING \$250,000 THEREFOR, AND
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$237,500 IN
GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS OR NOTES OF THE
TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE THE SAME
(2nd Reading) (Public Hearing & Adoption)**

Administrator Brook confirmed that the street sweeper the township currently uses is 16 years old.

It was the MOTION of Ostrander, seconded by Lovenduski to open the meeting to the public regarding Ordinance No. 2013-05. No public comments.

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

It was the MOTION of Baldorossi, seconded by Woolston to adopt Ordinance No. 2013-05.

Upon Roll call Council voted as follows:

AYES: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

REPORTS

Committees, Boards and Officers

Mayor

Mayor Wilkie thanked everyone for their participation and support of the events over the past weekend. He thanked Council President Sandusky for his involvement with the **rededication** of the **Richard Coates Field**; it was well attended.

The **Museum Ball** was also very well attended. He received an e-mail from the Museum thanking Mayor and Council for their help.

This weekend is the **Riverfront School Play**. Also, there is a fundraiser Saturday night at McGrath Hall for a child battling Leukemia. There are a number of organizations sponsoring the event.

On May 1st Mayor and Council will be taking a tour of the NFI property. The following Wednesday they will be touring the Water & Sewer facilities.

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On April 22nd **Mayor and Council are being honored by the Burlington County Chamber of Commerce** for the work they've done attracting and supporting new business, specifically the work with the Burlington Coat Factory, NFI and Subaru. He said it is nice to get some positive recognition for the community.

Administrator:

Administrator Brook said there would be a closed session to discuss potential litigation and contract negotiations. He did not anticipate any action being taken after the Closed Session.

He then referred to the **ABC License Reports** from Township Clerk Weiler and Police Chief Scully. After reviewing these documents he believes it would be appropriate to ask the owners of Dr. Lou's Place and the Roebing Pub to attend the next workshop meeting to discuss the incidents occurring at these establishments.

There was a letter sent to the Mayor from James Carty of Bustleton Road, concerning a request for a sewer extension to his property. Mayor Wilkie said he would like to let Mr. Carty know that at this time sewer to that area is not part of the Water and Sewer Master Plan. All are in agreement. Administration will send him a letter.

Mayor Wilkie received a letter from John Hofflinger praising the Water and Sewer Department for their efforts to keep a resident from being taken advantage of by a private business. The person went to the Better Business Bureau also. It is an example of what Florence does for its residents.

Council President Sandusky noted that this was not the first incident with this private company. He asked if there was a way to discourage the company from doing business in the township?

Administrator Brook does not know if they can be kept from working in the community, but the township can report them. Mayor Wilkie suggested having a meeting with a representative of the business to express the concerns. Administrator Brook also suggested contacting the County and State bureaus that handle these situations.

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:

Council President Sandusky asked for a **moment of reflection** for the victims of the **terrorist attack** at the **Boston Marathon**.

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New Business: Nothing at this time.

Board of Health: Nothing at this time.

Miscellaneous: Nothing at this time.

Public Comments: Nothing at this time.

8:20 PM MOTION by Ostrander; seconded by Lovenduski to adjourn.
Roll call vote - all ayes. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

8:20 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER, RMC/MMC
Township Clerk

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