

Florence, New Jersey
August 14, 2013, 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 Council President Sandusky at 8:08 PM, immediately following the Executive Session. 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
David Woolston
Jerry Sandusky

Note: Absent - Paul Ostrander was out of town.

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

Woolston made a MOTION; seconded by Baldorossi 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 Baldorossi, to receive and file the Township Clerk's Report for July. 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, Woolston, Sandusky
NOES: None
ABSENT: Ostrander Motion carried.

Note: Township Solicitor, Kelly Grant, Esq., present at this time. 8:12 PM. Ms. Grant was attending another meeting and running late.

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REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE None at this time.

APPLICATIONS

A. **RAFFLES:**

Florence Township Riverfront School PTO On Premise-Merchandise
10-19-13, 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM
Riverfront Middle School, 500 E. Front Street, Florence, 08518

Florence Township Riverfront School PTO On Premise-50/50
10-19-13, 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM
Riverfront Middle School, 500 E. Front Street, Florence, 08518

Florence Township Civic Association On Premise Merchandise Raffle
9-7-13, 6:00PM – 11PM
Oppe Larson VFW Post 8838, 10th & Main Street, Roebling

Florence Township Civic Association On Premise 50/50
9-7-13, 6:00PM – 11:00PM
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B. **BINGO:**

Florence Township Riverfront School PTO Bingo
10-19-13, 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM
Riverfront Middle School, 500 E. Front Street, Florence, 08518

Mayor Wilkie explained the Florence Township Civic Association raffles are to benefit the Florence Township Football Association. They have planned a dinner dance for the opening of the season.

MOTION was made by Baldorossi; seconded by Woolston to approve the applications.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: Ostrander Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Seeing no one wishing to be heard, it was the MOTION of Woolston, seconded by Lovenduski to close the public comments. All ayes – motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

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RESOLUTION NO. 2013-175

**Approve Request for Reduction of Performance Bonds for
The Estates at Oak Mill, Phase III
Water Distribution & Sanitary Sewer
Bond Nos.: Water 40094498 & Sewer 40094499**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-176
Resolution Amending the Capital Budget**

It was the MOTION of Lovenduski, seconded by Woolston to pass Resolution Nos. 2013-175 through 2013-176.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: Ostrander Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-15

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE, IN THE
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY
PROVIDING FOR THE PAINTING AND
REHABILITATION OF THE WATER TOWER LOCATED ON
CEDAR LANE, APPROPRIATING \$450,000
THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE
OF \$450,000 IN WATER AND SEWER UTILITY BONDS OR
NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE THE SAME**

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-16

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE, IN THE
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY
PROVIDING FOR THE APPRAISAL AND ACQUISITION OF
REAL PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE ROUTE 130 CORRIDOR
IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 160.01, LOTS 1.03, 14 AND 15
FOR REDEVELOPMENT PURPOSES AND RELATED EXPENSES
IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP, APPROPRIATING
\$937,000 THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE
OF \$937,000 IN GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS
OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE THE SAME**

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**ORDINANCE NO. 2013-17
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE, IN THE
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY,
PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY
LOCATED ON HORNBERGER AVENUE AND PARISH LANE
FOR OPEN SPACE PURPOSES AND RELATED EXPENSES
IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP, APPROPRIATING \$800,000
THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF
\$760,000 IN GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS OR NOTES
OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE THE SAME**

It was the MOTION of Lovenduski, seconded by Woolston to approve Ordinance Nos. 2013-15 through 2013-17. (1st Reading) (Public Hearing & Adoption 9/4/13)

Upon roll call the Board voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: Ostrander Motion carried.

REPORTS

Committees, Boards and Officers

Mayor

Mayor Wilkie said the police will be having an exercise on August 20 & 21 at the school. It is being held in conjunction with the school. There will be a staged emergency situation. If anyone hears about the heavy police presence there, it is just an exercise. There will be outside agencies there also.

He also mentioned the passing of **Charles Adams**. He was a mentor and a friend. His father was Alfonso Adams, who was the County Administrator in the early 1900's. He was also the school board president. Following in his father's footsteps, Mr. Adams was on the first Township Committee in 1950 and was an elected County Freeholder. His name is on the plaque at Maplewood Homes because he was one of the founding members of the Florence Housing Authority. In 1972 he was the first Township Administrator and served until 1979. He just recently retired from skiing at 94.

The special meeting for **August 28** will be held at **6:30pm**, four members are required to attend.

Administrator

Administrator Brook said the tax bills are finished and will be mailed out by Friday. The Township tries to give as much time as possible for payment and this year the due date is September 16, 2013.

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Mayor Wilkie said there has been a lot of rain and the Public Works Department is behind on the grass cutting. The guys are working hard. He joked that even the goats are filled with grass. He asked for patience, the number of workers is down and the equipment is old.

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:

At this time **Council President Sandusky** presented a bouquet of flowers to **Township Solicitor, Kelly Grant, Esq.**, as a congratulations and best wishes gift from Mayor and Council for her upcoming wedding. She thanked everyone.

Board of Health: Nothing at this time.

Miscellaneous: Nothing at this time.

Public Comments:

Jack Ulmer, 200 West Front Street, inquired about the property on Route 130 and the property on Hornberger that were on the agenda?

Mayor Wilkie said the property on Route 130 is designated for redevelopment. The specific sites are the Nirdip Motel, the old Bradley Fence site and part of the Burlington Coat Factory property. They are "Parcel B" of the Redevelopment Area. The Hornberger Avenue property is known as the Holy Assumption property. It does not include the school; it is the land between the two schools that stretches down to Parish Lane. It will be an open area for the community.

Richard Lotter, 3 Walnut Court, asked when work on the Duffy School project will begin?

Mayor Wilkie said the partner in that process has made application but has not heard the final answer on tax credits. Once the funding is in place, the project will move forward. The funding is not available locally.

Joseph Csik, 45 East Fifth Street, asked if the property on Hornberger Avenue was supposed to be developed as apartments? Mayor Wilkie said after careful review of the project, it was determined that it was not in the best interest of the community to build the apartments.

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It was supposed to be senior apartments, but there was a case in another municipality where the developer could not get enough seniors to fill the building and petitioned the court and received permission to open the apartments to families. Florence does not want to see that happen. This gives the township the ability to manage the community in the way it sees fit.

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

8:25 PM MOTION by Woolston; seconded by Baldorossi to adjourn. Roll call vote - all ayes. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

8:25 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER, RMC/MMC
Township Clerk

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