

Florence, New Jersey
December 18, 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 8:00 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 Township Administrator; Kelly Grant, Esq., Township Solicitor; Joy M. Weiler, Township Clerk

MINUTES

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

- Township Council Regular Session – November 13, 2013
- Township Council Closed Session – December 4, 2013

FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

It was on the MOTION of Lovenduski; seconded by Ostrander, to receive and file the Court Administrator's and Township Clerk's Report for November. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

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It was on the MOTION of Ostrander; seconded by Woolston 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. Unanimous approval.

REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE

None at this time.

APPLICATIONS

- A. Night at the Races – Florence Twp. Civic Assoc., February 1, 2014
Florence Twp. Community Center, 69 Main Street, 6:00pm – 12:00am

- B. On-Premise 50/50 – Florence Township Civic Association, February 1, 2014
Florence Twp. Community Center, 69 Main Street, 6:00pm – 12:00am

It was the MOTION of Lovenduski, seconded by Woolston to approve applications A and B.
Roll call vote - All ayes. Motion carried. Unanimous approval.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Fred Wainwright, 1011 Cedar Lane, asked about the New Jersey Transit signs on Bustleton Road. He believes they are too close to the edge of the blacktop. He feels it is traffic hazard. Assistant Administrator Sahol said he will look into the matter.

John Lauricella, 3 Applegate Lane, said he noticed where the Township is entering into agreements with LLC's. He said he has a background in banking and he is not sure the agreements are good for the township. Mayor Willie explained the agreements are part of the Redevelopment Agreements. There is protection for the township in place and the agreements were drawn up by the Township Attorney. Mayor Wilkie said the township is not acquiring property, it is part of the development plan. It is PILOT program that is allowing the project to be developed.

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

RESOLUTIONS

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RESOLUTION NO. 2013-228

**Resolution of the Township of Florence, in the County of Burlington,
New Jersey, Approving Certain Agreements
by and Among the Township, D.M. Urban Renewal, LLC
and Haines Center-Florence, LLC Related to the
Undertaking of a Redevelopment Project on
Block 158, Lot 8 Within the Township**

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-229

Transferring Certain 2013 Budget Appropriations

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-230

**Approve Street Name
*Marcella Duffy Way***

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-231

**Deny Request to Release Performance Bonds
LPM9044809
LPM9044808
NFI, Phase I**

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-232

A Resolution Cancelling Tax Overpayments Less Than \$10.00

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-233

**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
(Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program)**

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RESOLUTION NO. 2013-234

**Authorize Appointment of Special Legal Counsel
David C. Frank, Esq.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-235

**Opposing the Proposed Hazardous Waste Incinerator,
Bristol Township, Pennsylvania**

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-236

**Left Turn Prohibition US Route 130 at
MP #49.2, Florence Township, Burlington County**

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-237

Authorizing Refunds of Certain Tax Overpayments

It was the MOTION of Lovenduski, seconded by Ostrander to approve Resolution No. 2013-228 through 2013-237.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: None Motion carried. Unanimous approval.

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-23

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE
ESTABLISHING A FORMER ALLEY AS A STREET
AND GIVING NAME TO THE STREET,
SETTING A DIRECTION OF TRAVEL,
ESTABLISHING PARKING RESTRICTIONS AND CREATING
A STOP INTERSECTION
(2nd Reading) (Public Hearing & Adoption)**

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It was the MOTION of Lovenduski, seconded by Baldorossi to open the meeting to the public regarding Ordinance No. 2013-23.

Mayor Wilkie explained Duffy School is being developed into COAH senior citizen housing. The alley behind the building is being dedicated as part of the traffic flow. The alley is being named after Mrs. Duffy to honor all of her dedication to the Township of Florence and its children. The traffic will run from west to east.

It was the MOTION of Lovenduski, seconded by Baldorossi to close the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2013-23. All ayes.

Baldorossi made a MOTION seconded by Lovenduski to adopt Ordinance No. 2013-23.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: None Motion carried. Unanimous approval.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2013-24
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE,
IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY
TO ENTER INTO A FINANCIAL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP AND DM URBAN RENEWAL, LLC
FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY WITHIN THE
ROUTE 130 REDEVELOPMENT AREA
(2nd Reading) (Public Hearing & Adoption)**

Mayor Wilkie explained this Ordinance concerns Destination Maternity that is going into the Whitesell Property, also known as the Haines Center. This is the long term agreement with them and it represents what they will be paying in lieu of taxes. They are also receiving tax credits from the State of New Jersey. It is a 400,000 sq. ft. facility. There will be 250 to 280 employees. It is a worldwide company.

It was the MOTION of Lovenduski, seconded by Baldorossi to open the meeting to the public regarding Ordinance No. 2013-24. No comments.

MOTION was made by Lovenduski, seconded by Ostrander to close the public portion of the meeting regarding Ordinance No. 2013-24.

It was the MOTION of Baldorossi, seconded by Lovenduski to adopt Ordinance No. 2013-24.

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

Committees, Boards and Officers

Councilman Baldorossi wished everyone a Happy and Safe Holiday Season. Council President Sandusky said Council echoed the sentiment.

Mayor

Mayor Wilkie said the *Community Calendar* would be distributed the following week by the Boy Scouts. He thanked everyone for their involvement and support. He thanked the Register News reporter for the pictures that she contributed for the calendar.

The *Council Reorganization* meeting will be held *January 8, 2014* at the *Main Street Community Center*. He thanked the reporters that cover the Township of Florence for their outstanding coverage of the community.

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: Nothing at this time.

Public Comments: Open to the Public

Seeing no one wishing to be heard, it was the MOTION of Ostrander, seconded by Lovenduski to close the public comment. Roll call vote - all ayes.

Special Presentations – Retirements: Ann Schubert & Dave Dennison

Mayor Wilkie called *Ann Schubert*, retiring *Tax Collector*, to the front. He said he knew her before she came to Florence Township. He has only had the privilege of working with Ann for the last couple of years. He noted her efficiency; he said he touted last year that the amount of uncollected taxes was very low. He presented Ann with a clock as thanks for her service on behalf of himself and Council. Council President Sandusky presented Ann with a bouquet of flowers on behalf of Mayor and Council and wished her luck on her retirement.

Christine Swiderski, the incoming tax collector, thanked Ann for her years of guidance and her help over the years.

Ann said the Township of Florence will have a good collector in Christine. She is confident the office will run well with Christine and the other employees: Julie Klenk and Mary Anne Brown.

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Administrator Brook spoke about the quality of Ann's work. He noted that many other current and former employees were in attendance this evening. Ann brought a moral compass to the tax office and fostered a relationship of trust, compassion and professionalism. This is not always found in this day and age. He thanked her for working for the community and said the Township of Florence was fortunate to have had her at their service.

Ann said she first knew Clerk Weiler and she is the one who made Ann want to come to Florence Township. Then she met Administrator Brook and soon learned there are no administrators that are better. She thanked everyone for the opportunity to work in such a great place with such great people.

Mayor Wilkie called retiring *Recreation Director David Dennison* to the front. He said Dave started at the township in 1994. He wore many hats over the years and was very dependable. He remembered working with Dave for a parade and was impressed with how organized he kept it. He noted Dave's children were in attendance. Mayor Wilkie presented a clock to Dave on behalf of himself and Council.

Council President Sandusky presented flowers to David's children, Peggy, Amy and Dave. His daughters were presented with flowers on behalf of Mayor and Council.

Assistant Administrator Sahol said he is happy to say that he worked with Dave and Dave did a wonderful job. He put Florence Township on the map when it came to professionalism and the way background checks were conducted to protect the children of the community. He was recognized by the Megan Kanka Foundation for his diligence. He had the same dedication in any position he held. He is a great person, a good friend and a tremendous asset to the community. He thanked Dave for everything.

Dave Dennison thanked everyone. He said he did have several different jobs including: Welfare, Workfare, Construction, Summer Program and Recreation. He said he has worked closely with Assistant Administrator Sahol. He is proud of what he did and enjoyed his years at his various positions. He again thanked everyone.

Mayor Wilkie thanked both retirees again and wished them luck.

Council President Sandusky extended his thanks to both in their retirement on behalf of the Council.

He announced that there were refreshments for everyone in the Front Conference Room.

8:30 PM MOTION by Lovenduski; seconded by Ostrander to adjourn. Roll call vote - all ayes. Motion carried.

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ADJOURNMENT:

8:30 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER, RMC/MMC
Township Clerk

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