

Florence, New Jersey
July 16, 2014

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 Lovenduski at 8:00 PM. President Lovenduski 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 9, 2014; and advertised in the Burlington Co. Times on January 12, 2014.

Upon roll call the following were found to be present:

Frank Baldorossi
Paul Ostrander
Jerry Sandusky
David Woolston
Ted Lovenduski

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

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

- Township Council Executive/Regular Session – June 18, 2014
- Township Council Closed Session – July 9, 2014

FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Ostrander, Sandusky, Woolston, Lovenduski

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Unanimous approval.

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REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE

None at this time.

APPLICATIONS

- A. On-Premise 50/50 – Civic Association, September 8, 2014, 6pm – 10pm
Bung’s Bar & Grill, to benefit Semper Fido

- B. On-Premise Merchandise Raffle – Civic Association, Sept. 8, 2014, 6pm – 10pm
Bung’s Bar & Grill, to benefit Semper Fido

It was the MOTION of Baldorossi, seconded by Woolston to approve the application.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Ostrander, Sandusky, Woolston, Lovenduski

NOES: None

ABSENT: None Motion carried. Unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dan Kamienski, 10 McCay Drive, said at the intersection of Station Road and Route 130, the weeds are very high. It blocks the view of traffic coming on Route 130. Assistant Administrator Sahol will speak to the property owners; it has been an issue before. Administrator Brook said if they do not rectify the problem the police will inspect to determine if it is a safety issue and if it is, the police will ask them to trim the weeds or they will be issued a citation to court. The town would then have to trim the vegetation.

Mayor Wilkie recommended and suggested that Mr. Kamienski use another option and perhaps go to the next block to make his turn until the situation is cleared.

Administrator Brook said the township is required to work within certain boundaries of the law. They do not have the right to go on private property. There are certain steps that need to be taken.

Councilman Sandusky said that is just one of many properties that are not being maintained.

Ralph Cicchini, 54 Trainor Circle, said he is President of the Homeowner’s Association. He wanted to express some of the residents’ concerns. For ten years there have been power outages on the back half of the development. The front half of the development rarely ever has power outages. There have been up to four in a week in the back end. There are seniors living there. His neighbor is a paraplegic and had to get a generator. He has contacted PSE&G and they said there are many different problems; he did not get a clear answer. He would like a true root cause and corrective action.

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He understands Council doesn't have any power to do anything but he would like them to give support with PSE&G. A representative from the utility is going to meet with the residents. There has been no explanation offered. Mr. Cicchini stated that the township has been wonderful to Greenbriar and he hopes they will continue with support for this problem.

Administrator Brook said the township can contact the Governmental Representative for PSE&G. He suggested including Ralph Izzo, the President of PSE&G, in any correspondence because he does review his mail. He agreed it is intolerable. The Mayor and Council will craft a letter.

Council Vice President Ostrander suggested also contacting the Board of Public Utilities. Mayor Wilkie said he has the same problem with power outages in his development.

Maryann Nicolini, 3 Barbee Ct., said she spoke to a supervisor for PSE&G. He told her he took an infrared report three times and there were three different breaks in the line. He told her he would fix it but it is still happening.

Fred Wainwright, 1011 Cedar Lane, said Sunday the tractor parade went through Florence Township and he was proud of that.

Mayor Wilkie said he did not realize it was coming through town; there would have been signs out for it. He was coming out of church and saw the police cars and fire trucks and realized what was going on.

It was the MOTION of Ostrander, seconded by Sandusky to close the public comments. Roll call vote - All ayes.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-154

Resolution to Remove Property from Tax Sale

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-155

**Authorize a State Contract Purchase for the
Supply and Installation of Floor Coverings in
Multiple Offices, Public Halls, and Conference Rooms at
the Florence Township Municipal Complex**

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RESOLUTION NO. 2014-156

**Approve Change Order No. 1 for the Contract for the
2013-2014 Road Resurfacing Project
Richard T. Barrett Paving Company, Inc.
400 Prospect Stret, Trenton, NJ, 08618**

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-157

**Authorize Contract for Testing of Concrete
(Petrographic Testing)
Legacy at Meadowcroft Development**

It was the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Baldorossi to approve Resolution Nos. 2014-154 through 2014-157.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Ostrander, Sandusky, Woolston, Lovenduski

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried. Unanimously approved.

REPORTS

Committees, Boards and Officers

The Township Clerk advised that Martin Eckert, Jr., Recreation Director, provided a written report that was distributed to the Mayor and Council earlier this evening. It was a follow-up from the **Patriotic Day** festivities. Council President Lovenduski said this was Mr. Eckert's first Patriotic Day. For the most part everything went smoothly and it was a nice affair. He has heard nothing but positive things. The Public Works Department did a terrific job and the town looks beautiful. They cleaned up right after the event. They put out a lot of effort to make sure the event goes off without any hitches. Mr. Eckert did a terrific job for the first time out. He thanked him for putting it all together and thanked the administration. Everyone pulls together and works for many hours on that Saturday. A lot of the employees don't get see what is going on because they are behind the scenes making sure we enjoy it. He would like to thank them very much.

Mayor

Mayor Wilkie thanked those of the community that came out for the Patriotic Day festivities. Everything went well. He appreciated all of the support and cooperation of the residents and the employees and everyone that worked together to make the day happen. It is something that the community appreciates and enjoys.

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On August 6, 2014 the Mayor would like to recognize **Curtis Thompson**, who is a recent Florence High School graduate. Adding to his accolades and accomplishments, Curtis is now on the national team representing the United States in an international championship on July 22 in Oregon. He is the **United States javelin thrower** and he is **#1 in the United States**. This could possibly lead him to the Olympics. A presentation will be made to honor him at the next meeting.

The **Annual Roebbling Museum Car Show** is scheduled for July 26, from 10am – 3pm. It is a nice event and hopefully the weather will be nice.

Administrator

Administrator Brook said the **Joint Insurance Fund** provided an overview. One comment was that over the years Florence Township had received approximately \$690,000 in dividends. Those dividends are used to keep the rate stable. That is an acknowledgment to the employees for their safety practices.

Affordable Housing is still in dispute throughout the State of NJ. The township remains certified until 2024. The Township COAH Planner will be providing comments to the state that Florence Township believes are reasonable.

There is a very small property on Wallace Avenue that is landlocked. The township has received all the approvals it needs to prepare an ordinance giving it to the adjacent property owners. The township will no longer have to maintain the property.

Assistant Municipal Administrator

Assistant Administrator Sahol referenced a letter from a resident that talked about her appreciation for the way in which the town worked on correcting some sidewalk concerns. This contractor has done a tremendous job for the township. We were very fortunate to be able to locate this person. He provides a very good service at a very good price. He is the same contractor that is working in the Greenbriar development to help alleviate some of the concerns in that portion of the community. He appreciates how timely he responds and the quality of work that he provides.

Regarding the paving program, to date Knights and Kings Courts were done, Fourth Avenue was done today, Baird Drive was completed last week. Fifth Street was paved today and the Veteran's Park parking lot was topped. The balance of the work in the village will be starting next week. Notice to Proceed was issued for the Boulevard Street paving project. In all likelihood work could begin before the end of this month.

Mr. Cicchini said he did not receive any negative phone calls from Greenbriar residents regarding the contractor.

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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

Council President Lovenduski opened the meeting to the public at this time.

Mr. Kamienski said he watched the parade and it was great. He noticed the out of town fire trucks were honking and making noise, but Florence did not.

The Mayor noted that they did sound the horns & sirens on Broad Street. He said there are times they don't do it as a courtesy to those watching and trying to hear the announcer.

Mr. Wainwright pointed out that the pink tractor in the tractor parade was indeed his family's.

Administrator Brook said there would be a short Closed Session to deal with a litigation matter and after there could be action taken to possibly set a date for a Special Meeting.

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

8:30 PM MOTION by Woolston; seconded by Sandusky to adjourn/recess to Closed Session. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

NOTE: Kelly Grant, Esq., Township Solicitor, had left the meeting prior to Closed Session.

8:35 PM MOTION made in Closed Session to re-open the meeting. Motion made by Woolston; seconded by Sandusky. Roll call vote – all ayes. The meeting was re-opened to the public.

Council President Lovenduski stated that a **Special Meeting** will be set up at a future date to discuss litigation.

8:43 PM MOTION by Sandusky; seconded by Ostrander to adjourn. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:43 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER, RMC/MMC
Township Clerk

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