

Florence, New Jersey
January 7, 2015

The Council of the Township of Florence met at the Florence Township Municipal Building, Florence, New Jersey on the above date for the purpose of organizing for the ensuing year and for the transaction of other business which might properly come before it. The Township Clerk opened the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Council Member Ted Lovenduski at 7:00 PM. He then led the Salute to the Flag.

Clerk Weiler read the following statement: "Notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice was posted on the municipal bulletin board on December 2, 2014. Notice was published in the Burlington County Times on January 12, 2014 and December 7, 2014. Notice was placed on the Township website and Channel 19 and given to the Register News for information on December 2, 2014."

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Upon roll call the following were found to be present:

Frank K. Baldorossi, Jr.
Ted J. Lovenduski
Paul C. Ostrander
Jerry Sandusky
David B. Woolston

Also present: Mayor Craig H. Wilkie; Richard A. Brook, Township Administrator; Thomas A. Sahol, Assistant Municipal Administrator; Kelly Grant, Esq., Township Solicitor; James E. Biegen, Township Engineer; Russell Trice, Township Water & Sewer Engineer; Joy M. Weiler, Township Clerk

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

The Township Clerk opened the nominations for **President of Council**.

It was on the MOTION of Woolston, seconded by Ostrander to nominate **Jerry Sandusky** as Council President.

There being no further nominations, it was on the MOTION of Woolston, seconded by Ostrander to close the nominations. Roll call vote - all ayes. Motion carried.

Upon roll call for **Sandusky**, the Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Sandusky, Woolston
NOES: None
ABSENT: None Unanimous approval.

Clerk Weiler asked **Council President Sandusky** to take the chair and preside over the meeting.

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VICE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Council President Sandusky opened the nominations for **Vice President of Council**.

It was on the MOTION of Lovenduski, seconded by Ostrander to nominate **David Woolston** as Vice President of Council.

There being no further nominations, it was on the MOTION of Lovenduski, seconded by Ostrander to close the nominations. Roll call vote - all ayes. Motion carried.

Upon roll call for **David Woolston**, the Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: None Unanimous approval.

COUNCIL MEMBER APPOINTMENTS

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Woolston to nominate **Ted Lovenduski** as the Council Representative to the **Planning Board** for a one year term.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: None Unanimous approval.

It was on the MOTION of Lovenduski, seconded by Ostrander to nominate **Jerry Sandusky** as the Council Representative to the **Environmental Commission** for a one year term.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: None Unanimous approval.

It was on the MOTION of Lovenduski, seconded by Ostrander to nominate **David Woolston** as the Council Representative to the **Recreation Committee** for a one year term.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: None Unanimous approval.

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Lovenduski to nominate **Paul Ostrander** as the Council Representative to the **Economic Development Committee** for a one year term.

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Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky
NOES: None
ABSENT: None Unanimous approval.

Township Auditor

It was on the MOTION of Lovenduski, seconded by Baldorossi to appoint **John J. Maley, Jr.** as the Township Auditor.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Woolston, Sandusky
NOES: None
ABSENT: None Unanimous approval.
(A formal Resolution will be approved during the meeting.)

Zoning Board

It was on the MOTION of Lovenduski, seconded by Woolston to appoint **B. Michael Zekas** to the Zoning Board for a four year term expiring December 31, 2018, **Anant Patel** to a four year term expiring December 31, 2018, **Joseph Cartier** as Alt. # 1 for a two year unexpired term expiring December 31, 2015 and **Anthony Drangula** as Alt. #2 for a two year term expiring December 31, 2016.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky
NOES: Baldorossi
ABSENT: None Motion carried: 4-1

Cross Acceptance Representatives, Burlington County Route 130 Corridor

Newell Kehr
Emma Cartier
B. Michael Zekas
Township Planner
Thomas A. Sahol
Richard Brook

It was on the MOTION of Lovenduski, seconded by Woolston to appoint those listed above as Cross Acceptance Representatives, Burlington County Route 130 Corridor with terms running for one year expiring December 31, 2015.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky
NOES: None
ABSENT: None Unanimous approval.

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Assessment Commission

Arthur Wise
Richard Mullen
Adriano Marinelli

It was on the MOTION of Lovenduski, seconded by Ostrander to appoint the above to the Assessment Commission with one year terms expiring December 31, 2015.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky
NOES: None
ABSENT: None Unanimous approval.

COUNCIL MEMBERS CONFIRM MAYOR’S APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Wilkie recommended the following **professional appointments** to Township Council for their approval:

Township Solicitor	Capehart Scatchard
Township Engineer	Maser Consulting, P.A.
Township Planner	Environmental Resolutions, Inc.
COAH Planner	Clarke, Caton, Hintz
Township Water & Sewer Engineer	Richard A. Alaimo Association of Engineers
Prosecutor	Andrew Smith, Esq.
Public Defender	James D. Fattorini, Esq.
Bond Counsel	Capehart Scatchard
Conflict Public Defender	Christopher Baxter
Special Projects Conflict Engineer	Richard A. Alaimo Assoc. of Engineers Pennoni Associates, Inc. Environmental Resolutions, Inc.
Conflict Engineer	Dante Guzzi Engineering Associates, L.L.C.
Insurance Broker	AJM Insurance (Three month appointment)

<u>Commission</u>	<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Recreation Committee, Class 2, Mayor Rep.	Al Garcia	12/31/2015
Recreation Committee	Tim Lutz	12/31/2019
Recreation Committee	Anthony Pastore, Jr.	12/31/2019
Recreation Committee (unexpired term)	Scott Thompson	12/31/2017

MAYOR PRESENTS 2015 APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Wilkie presented the following Mayoral appointments:

Municipal Alliance Membership, Mayor Rep.	Martin J. Eckert, Jr.	12/31/2015
American with Disabilities Comm.	Joy M. Weiler	12/31/2015
American with Disabilities Comm.	Richard A. Brook	12/31/2015
American with Disabilities Comm.	Thomas Layou	12/31/2015
American with Disabilities Comm.	Randy Belknap	12/31/2015

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American with Disabilities Comm.	Tim Lutz	12/31/2015
CDBG Representative	Thomas A. Sahol	12/31/2015
Delaware Estuary Program	Paul Ordog	12/31/2015
Historic Preservation Commission, Class C	Charles Bauer	12/31/2018
Historic Preservation Commission, Class B	Carl Szathmary	12/31/2018
Historic Preservation Commission, Class C, Alt #1	Barbara Opre	12/31/2015
Planning Board, Class 4, Alt. #2	Thomas McCue	12/31/2016
Planning Board, Class 2	Wayne Morris	12/31/2015
Planning Board, Class 4	James Molimock	12/31/2018
Environmental Commission, Planning Board Rep.	James Molimock	12/31/2015
Environmental Commission, Alt. #1	Thomas Stanuikynas	12/31/2016
Environmental Comm. Ward 1 Commissioner	Paul Ordog	12/31/2017
Environmental Comm. Ward 2 Commissioner	David Mudge	12/31/2017
Environmental Comm. Ward 3 Commissioner	Richard Lotter	12/31/2017
Environmental Commission	Joseph Csik	12/31/2015
Economic Development Committee	B. Michael Zekas	12/31/2015
Economic Development Committee	Newell Kehr	12/31/2015
Economic Development Committee	Tara Sandusky	12/31/2015
Economic Development Committee	Kevin Minton	12/31/2015
Economic Development Committee	Thomas McCue	12/31/2015
Economic Development Committee	Emma Cartier	12/31/2015

It was the MOTION of Woolston; seconded by Lovenduski to approve the Mayor’s Professional Appointments for 2015 (Formal Resolutions will be approved during the meeting.); also, Recreation Appointments & confirming other appointments.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: None Unanimous approval.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-01

**ANNUAL NOTICE AND SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 231, P.L. 1975**

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-02

TEMPORARY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR 2014

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RESOLUTION NO. 2015-03

DESIGNATING DEPOSITORIES

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-04

ACCOUNTS DEPOSITED AT NEW JERSEY CASH MANAGEMENT FUND

RESOLUTION 2015-05

ACCOUNTS DEPOSITED AT NATIONAL PENN BANK

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-06

ESTABLISHING A CHARGE FOR RETURNED CHECKS

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-07

**AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
WITH TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR**

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-08

**AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
WITH TOWNSHIP ENGINEER**

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-09

AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF BOND COUNSEL

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-10

**AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP WATER & SEWER
ENGINEER**

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-11

AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF PROSECUTOR

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-12

AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC DEFENDER

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RESOLUTION NO. 2015-13

APPOINTING TAX SEARCH OFFICER

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-14

DESIGNATION OF MUNICIPAL ASSESSMENT SEARCH OFFICER

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-15

APPOINT DEPUTY TOWNSHIP CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-16

AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-17

APPOINTING ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-18

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DESIGNATION OF ORGANIZATIONS
TO PROVIDE RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE**

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-19

APPOINTING RECYCLING COORDINATOR

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-20

APPOINTING ROAD INSPECTOR

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-21

APPOINTING TEMPORARY SUBSTITUTES FOR MUNICIPAL PROSECUTORS

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RESOLUTION NO. 2015-22

**AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, SANDRA A. BLACKER, TO
MAKE MUNICIPAL DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS
AS PER THE CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN**

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-23

**APPOINTING TOWNSHIP CLERK AS
PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER**

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-24

**APPOINT THE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR, RICHARD A. BROOK,
AS THE JOINT INSURANCE FUND COMMISSIONER**

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-25

ADOPTING CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-26

**ADOPTION OF A DRUG FREE WORKPLACE POLICY
IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE DRUG FREE WORKPLACE ACT**

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-27

**APPROVE MUNICIPAL STORMWATER
PROGRAM COORDINATOR**

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-28

**A RESOLUTION FIXING INTEREST RATES AND PENALTIES
ON DELINQUENT TAXES AND MUNICIPAL CHARGES AND FIXING
ADDITIONAL SUMS TO BE PAID TO THE HOLDER OF A TAX
TITLE UPON REDEMPTION**

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-29

**AUTHORIZING THE TAX ASSESSOR OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE TO FILE APPEALS, OMITTED AND
ADDED ASSESSMENT APPEALS, AND ROLL BACK COMPLAINTS WITH
THE BURLINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION**

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RESOLUTION NO. 2015-30

AUTHORIZE APPOINTMENT OF CONFLICT PUBLIC DEFENDER

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-31

**AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF A COAH PLANNER
FOR COUNCIL ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-32

**AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
WITH CONFLICT/SPECIAL PROJECTS ENGINEER**

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-33

**TOWNSHIP COUNCIL FORMALLY APPOINTING THE ASSESSMENT
COMMISSION MEMBERS FOR ONE-YEAR TERMS**

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-34

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF A MUNICIPAL
PLANNER**

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-35

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS WITH CERTAIN APPROVED
STATE CONTRACT VENDORS FOR CONTRACTING UNITS
PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a**

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-36

**AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT AS CONFLICT ENGINEER
AND AWARDED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
WITH DANTE GUZZI ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES, L.L.C.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-37

APPOINTING DEPUTY ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

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RESOLUTION NO. 2015-38

**APPOINT HEALTH INSURANCE BROKER
ANDREW JACKSON METTS (AJM INSURANCE)
(Three Month Appointment)**

It was on the MOTION of Ostrander, seconded by Baldorossi to approve Resolutions 2015-01 through 2015-38.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: None Unanimous approval.

FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

It was on the MOTION of Ostrander, seconded by Sandusky, to receive and file the Court Administrator, Township Clerk, and Tax Collector's Tax and Water & Sewer reports for December. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

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

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: None Unanimous approval.

MINUTES

None at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE

None at this time.

APPLICATIONS

- A. Riverbank Charter School, On-Premise Merchandise Raffle, 50/50 and Bingo
February 7, 2015, 6:00pm – 10:00pm
- B. FOP Lodge #210 Social Affair Permit, Main Street Community Center
To Benefit the American Cancer Society Relay for Life,
January 31, 2015, 6:00pm – 11:00pm

It was the MOTION of Baldorossi; seconded by Lovenduski to approve the applications.
Roll call vote - all ayes. Unanimous approval.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Mayor Wilkie said, at the suggestion of Council President Sandusky, last year the administration presented the first of its annual year in review slide shows. The previous power point presentation is currently on the website.

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Mayor Wilkie described the slides as he went through.

Last year an **owl** fell in a resident's yard and was **rescued**. Now he is back in the wild.

Highlights Hair Salon, a local long time business, relocated to the old 402 Firehouse on Delaware Avenue. It was nice to have a local business stay in town and expand.

Debbie's Snack Shack is a local business that celebrated its **20th season** in 2014. If you want to be the first one in line on season opening day you have to be there at least twenty four hours in advance, in any kind of weather. This past year it was raining and below freezing as depicted in the picture of the first patrons.

A few years ago Florence Township committed itself to improving the **safety of the tot lots**. There is now a solid play surface that eliminates the sand and wood chips and it requires less maintenance. The surface was replaced with grants the township received for parks. There are four parks left to do and grants were approved for 2015. Two of the four will be done in 2015.

Destination Maternity, the newest addition to the township, is over 400,000 sq. ft. There are over 300 employees and a Certificate of Occupancy has been issued.

Burlington Coat Factory also recently received its Certificate of Occupancy for its corporate offices.

Mayor Wilkie said he often hears about the **recreation programs** and people inquire regarding the programs. He reviewed the numbers for participation in the various programs. Over the past year he implemented a procedure where at the end of each season he meets with the heads of the different programs to discuss the good and bad things from the season. He mentions at each meeting that programs need to be developed for the sixth, seventh and eighth graders. The schools have been made to make adjustments, so right now there are not a lot of clubs and other activities for that age group.

For over 30 years **Boyd's Pharmacy** and the **Florence Fire Department** have co-sponsored the annual **Easter Egg Hunt** at the **H. Kenneth Wilkie Memorial River's Edge Park**. It is a great event.

Mayor and Council's hearts were touched last year by a little girl who suffered from a pediatric stroke. The community came together to raise awareness of this condition. Mayor Wilkie has seen her at football and said she is doing great, she wants to be out there with the cheerleaders. Her brother is on the football team. The family raised over \$17,000 towards **pediatric stroke awareness and prevention**.

Police Officers Nicole Bonilla and Jason Silk rode in the **Unity Tour to Washington, D.C.** in memory of those officers who have come to the end of their watch. Florence lost Chief Alvin Scully to cancer this past year.

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The Mayor and Council surprised Clerk Weiler and honored her for her 26 years of service to the township during **Municipal Clerks Week**.

Last year the **United States Special Olympics** was held in New Jersey. Our officers participated and volunteered their time to carry the torch. It was a great honor.

At long last the township workers won the coveted **Mayor's Cup** defeating the police, fire and teachers teams.

Local hero **Darnell Taylor** saved a family from tragedy when he rescued them from the Delaware River. Many didn't know, but he lost his father the next day.

Roebing School celebrated its **100th Anniversary**. **Doris Krieger**, who taught at the school, celebrated her **100th birthday** last year. She was a kindergarten and first grade teacher there. She taught Council Member Baldorossi. She is a great lady.

Duffy School was dedicated to Marcella Duffy in the late sixties as a way to honor all that she did for education in the community. Now the building will live on to take care of the seniors of the community. Hopefully it will be occupied in 2015. The work is moving along well. It also goes toward the township low income housing requirements.

At the **Water & Sewer Plant**, the township took the old and made it new. There were digesters there that were designed for the old system and have been sitting for a while. They were refurbished to become holding tanks. If there is a large flow, such as during a heavy rain, the tanks will help.

A year ago Mayor Wilkie was not allowed to announce publicly what large company was coming to the township but **Express Scripts** has since received its Certificate of Occupancy. There will be 750 employees. It looks very nice.

The police again held their annual **Bike Rodeo**. It encourages residents to come out and bring the children for training sessions and get fitted for bike helmets and receive them if needed. It is a great partnership because there are businesses that come and donate their time and efforts to make it safe for the children.

Over the fall there were new energy saving **skylights installed** in the municipal building. The old skylights were from 1982. There were issues over the years with leaking. There were also lighting retrofits in the building. Like a person's home, this building also needs to be maintained. There is new carpet in the Council Chambers and the administrative offices. The offices had tile that was literally falling apart. It is softer now as far as noise is concerned and it keeps the offices warmer.

Mr. Varga had his **38th year** of participation in the annual **Patriotic Day Parade**. A retired electrician and WWII Veteran, Mr. Varga and his train Little Toot led the parade this year.

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The township went to **single stream recycling** this year. Most people, except those in the Village of Roebling, put all of their recycling in the large blue toters.

Through the **Recreation Coordinator, Marty Eckert**, the township was able to make a connection with the **Philadelphia Soul** and the recreation football association. AJM Insurance also gave assistance. There was a free camp for the children with the Soul. The same was done for cheerleading.

The former **Roebling slag area** is now a great **river front park**. It has a walking path about 1.7 miles long. There are views from the village out that haven't been seen in years. There are some issues with seagulls but it is a great site. He recommends when the weather gets better for people to go and see it.

The **Roebling Museum** held its **5th Annual Car Show**. It was very well attended.

Florence Township has great hopes that resident **Curtis Thompson** will be an **Olympic athlete**. He was recognized for all of his athletic and academic endeavors.

Safety is an important concern for the community. Traffic flow is an issue. The police worked with the school and the community to remind people that the children are back in school. The police performed an undercover **pedestrian crosswalk operation**.

For **Florence Township Day** the **Historical Society** holds their annual **Open House** the same day as **Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church Car Show**. The event keeps growing and there was a good crowd.

Everyone is grateful that **Hornberger Avenue** is now **open at Route 130**. There are more improvements for the area planned.

For a number of years there were simply no funds available for a **road project**. This year a number of roads were able to be paved. There are already commitments for more streets in 2015.

Six or seven years ago the township started a one cent **open space tax**. The township has, over the past few years, acquired about **47 acres**. First was the Ranier homestead on Cedar Lane across from the high school. It is a 37 acre site. The township also purchased the former Holy Assumption carnival grounds. That is about 4.2 acres. Most recently the township purchased the Friday property, with the house and the acres it sits on. The site is wooded and there is a creek. It ties into two more open spaces that were deed restricted. The site will hopefully be used by the scouts.

St. Nicholas Church celebrated the **100th Anniversary of its building**. The church itself was the first church in Roebling. **The Florence Methodist Church** celebrated its **175th Anniversary**.

Pulte Homes performed a great deed to **honor our veterans** by giving a home to a wounded veteran. The township was glad to be able to participate.

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For the first time, the **County Sheriff's Department** was able to hold a youth academy in Florence Township. It was well attended. Mayor Wilkie was glad to be able to attend the closing program.

Florence Township received some recognition this past year. One was the **Tri-County Economic Development Award**. The **Good Neighbor Award** was given to **NFI Park** for the **Subaru and Express Scripts** projects. **NFI also received the NAIOP Award**. It is an industry standard award that is very coveted.

About a month ago the **Roebing Museum** committed to creating a **replica of the Golden Gate Bridge** on their property. It will be a wonderful learning tool for the museum's visitors.

The township's most recent promotion was **Officer Nicholas Czeipel to Sergeant**.

During the construction of the skylights, the township was not able to have its normal process for visiting **Santa**. The line was diverted to go through the administration hallway. The employees in those offices got together and decided to make it look brighter by having a **door decorating contest**. He thinks it was well received.

He thanked everyone. 2014 was an exciting year. There was also some **sadness** with the **passing of Chief Alvin Scully and Robert Dubell**, a long-time, committed Public Works employee. Both will be missed. These were sad things but we also look to the brightness of the future. Hopefully 2015 will be a great year.

After the slideshow was completed, Mayor Wilke said he had a letter prepared regarding the **liquid hazardous waste facility in Pennsylvania**. He explained that the time to file comments was extended only to January 9. Florence Township has filed an OPRA Request, but was told there was so much information to be collected for the request it would not be available until January 21. The letter he drafted opposes the facility because there was no real information provided.

Council President Sandusky thanked the Mayor for the slide show. Mayor Wilkie said he would never have been able to do it; it was mostly the work of Assistant Administrator Sahol. Mayor Wilkie thanked Assistant Administrator Sahol for his efforts.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

At this time Council President Sandusky opened the meeting to the public for comment.

Don Kamienski, 10 McCay Drive, thanked the Mayor, Council and administration for putting the walking path on the slag area as part of the Roebing Park. He and his wife walked the path and it was very nice. They also walk at Marter Park and Wilkie Park. The difference between the parks is that the new park in Roebing does not have benches along the walking path for people to sit and look at the river. Mayor Wilkie explained the EPA agreed to take the fence down but it still under the control of the EPA. Right now the township cannot do any improvements to the property.

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Mr. Kamienski said if and when the township has access and decides to install benches along the path, he would like to donate a bench with the stipulation he chooses the location.

Michael Sawka, 75 Riverbank Drive, wanted to renew his request that the township advertise the upcoming Fire District Election on its website and use its e-mail list to remind residents to vote. He noted the turnout last year was only about 150 voters.

Mayor Wilkie said the township did not advertise the school elections. The School District and Fire District are separate governments from the Township Council. It is on the township calendar posted on the website. He apologized that it was not on the calendar that was distributed; it was an oversight on his part. It is on the Fire Department Facebook page and the Fire Department website.

Mr. Sawka said he did not understand. He said the School District Election is on the ballot for the November election and the Fire District Election is a separate election that is held in the middle of winter and people forget about it.

Council President Sandusky recommended Mr. Sawka attend a meeting of the Fire Board of Commissioners and suggest they advertise more.

It was the MOTION of Ostrander; seconded by Woolston to close the public comment. Roll call vote - all ayes.

7:44 PM MOTION by Lovenduski; seconded by Woolston to enter into closed session, approving Resolution No. 2015-39 to discuss contract negotiations and to adjourn immediately after Closed Session. Roll call vote - all ayes. Unanimous approval.

ADJOURNMENT 7:45 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER, RMC/MMC
Township Clerk

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