

Florence, New Jersey  
January 21, 2015

The Florence Township Council held a regular meeting on the above date in the Municipal Complex, 711 Broad Street, Florence, New Jersey.

Council President Sandusky announced that a presentation to retiree **Betty Wargo** would be at the end of the meeting and a reception was to follow in the Front Conference Room.

The meeting was called to order by Council President Sandusky at 8:00 PM. President Sandusky Called on **Lou Wargo, a WWII Veteran, Commander of American Legion Post 39**, and **Betty Wargo's brother-in-law**, to lead 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 8, 2015; and advertised in the Burlington Co. Times on January 11, 2015.

Present: Frank Baldorossi, Ted Lovenduski, Paul Ostrander, David Woolston, Jerry Sandusky

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

### **MINUTES**

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

- Township Council Closed Session – December 17, 2014 & January 7, 2015
- Township Council Executive Session – December 10, 2014

### **FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE**

It was on the MOTION of Ostrander; 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. Unanimous approval.

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**REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE:**

None at this time.

**APPLICATIONS:**

- A. On –Premise Merchandise Raffle, Florence High School PTO  
March 20, 2015, Florence High School, 6pm – 10pm
  
- B. On-Premise 50/50 Raffle, Florence High School PTO  
March 20, 2015, Florence High School, 6pm – 10pm

It was the MOTION of Baldorossi; seconded by Woolston to approve applications A and B. Roll call vote: All ayes. Unanimous approval.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Valerie Sweeney, 67 Hornberger Avenue in the Village, said Florence Township looked lovely for Christmas. The lights, flags and all the decorations put up by the Public Works Department looked great. The streets were kept very clean; Butch Marshall did an excellent job. She wanted to let Mayor and Council know that they and the township workers do a wonderful job.

It was the MOTION of Baldorossi, seconded by Woolston to close the public comment. Roll call vote - ayes. Unanimous approval.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-43**

**Authorizing an Online Auction with  
Govdeals for  
Disposal of Municipal Property**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-44**

**Authorize the Township Engineer to  
Prepare Plans, Specifications and Obtain  
Bids for Boulevard, Phase II Project**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-45**

**Authorize the Township Engineer to Prepare Plans,  
Specifications and Obtain Bids for  
2015 Road Resurfacing Program**

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-46**

**Approve Change Order No. 2 &**

**Payment No. 2 – Final**

**For Boulevard Street Phase 1 Project**

**Richard T. Barrett Paving Company, Inc.**

**400 Prospect Street, Trenton, NJ 08618**

**NOTE: Conditioned Upon Posting a One Year Maintenance Bond**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-47**

**Approve Contract for**

**Change Order No. 4 and**

**Payment No. 3 – Final for**

**2013/2014 Road Resurfacing Project**

**Richard T. Barrett Paving Company, Inc.**

**NOTE: Conditioned Upon Posting a One Year Maintenance Bond**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-48**

**Approving Shared Services Agreement for**

**Roadway Deicing Salt Supplies**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-49**

**Approve Payment No. 2 for Contract for**

**Skylights in the Municipal Building**

**To: Garozzo & Scimeca Construction, Inc.**

**2922 Fries Mill Road**

**Williamstown, NJ 08094**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-50**

**Resolution Establishing the 2015 Temporary Capital Budget**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-51**

**Waiving the Appointment of a**

**Risk Management Consultant/Insurance Producer**

**and**

**Indemnifying and Holding Harmless the**

**Burlington County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund as a**

**Result of any Claims Arising from Said Action**

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It was the MOTION of Ostrander, seconded by Lovenduski to approve Resolution Nos. 2015-43 through 2015-51.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

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

**ORDINANCES**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2015-01**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE, IN  
THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY,  
PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO TOWNSHIP  
ROADS AND STREETS IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP,  
APPROPRIATING \$1,400,000 THEREFOR, AND  
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,330,000 IN  
GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS OR NOTES OF THE  
TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE THE SAME  
(1<sup>st</sup> Reading) (Public Hearing and Adoption 2/4/15)**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2015-02**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE, IN  
THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY  
PROVIDING FOR ACQUISITION OF THREE (3) TAHOES  
WITH POLICE PACKAGES IN AND FOR THE  
TOWNSHIP, APPROPRIATING \$180,000 THEREFOR, AND  
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$171,000 IN  
GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS OR NOTES OF THE  
TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE THE SAME  
(1<sup>st</sup> Reading) (Public Hearing & Adoption 2/4/15)**

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**ORDINANCE NO. 2015-03**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE, IN  
THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY,  
PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF 791 RAILROAD  
AVENUE IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP,  
APPROPRIATING \$100,000 THEREFOR, AND  
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$95,000 IN GENERAL  
IMPROVEMENT BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP  
TO FINANCE THE SAME  
(1<sup>st</sup> Reading) (Public Hearing & Adoption 2/4/15)**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2015-04**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION  
OF REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 121 LOTS 7 AND 8  
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE  
FOR PUBLIC ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS  
(1<sup>st</sup> Reading) (Public Hearing & Adoption 2/4/15)**

It was the MOTION of Baldorossi, seconded by Lovenduski to approve Ordinance No. 2015-01 through 2015-04.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

AYES: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: None Motion carried. Unanimous approval.

**REPORTS**

**Committees, Boards and Officers:** Nothing at this time.

**Administration**

**Mayor**

Mayor Wilkie said the **Road Program** is moving forward. The first Road Program for a few years was in 2014. There will be another one for 2015 and there is already a list started for 2016. There are many streets that need to be addressed. He invited everyone to review the streets listed on the website and let him know if there are any other roads that need to be inspected for possible inclusion in an upcoming Road Program.

There is now a **Shared Services Agreement with Burlington Township**. This will be a plus if the township ever has a shortage of deicing materials.

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Unfortunately, as was mentioned at the last meeting there was an accident and one of the police Tahoes was totaled; that Tahoe needs to be replaced along with annually replacing two vehicles in the fleet every year.

He noted there were some retired employees in attendance and he invited them and everyone in the audience to see the improvements made to the administrative offices. There will be cake and coffee for Betty Wargo's retirement after the meeting.

**Administrator:** Nothing at this time.

**Assistant Municipal Administrator:** Nothing at this time.

**Division of Law:** Nothing at this time.

### **Public Comments: Open to the Public**

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

Seeing no one wishing to be heard, it was the MOTION of Ostrander, seconded by Lovenduski to close the public portion of the meeting.

### **Presentation – Elizabeth “Betty” Wargo Retirement**

At this time the available police officers were in attendance to honor Betty. Mayor Wilkie said he remembered many occasions from his childhood that Betty was a part of. Betty chose to work for Florence Township and the township is better for it. He appreciated everything she did for the township and her fellow employees. At this time Mayor Wilkie presented Betty with a clock.

Council President Sandusky presented Betty with flowers. He said he has also worked with Betty through American Legion Post 39. Betty was a very dedicated employee and he thanked her.

Acting Chief Bunce thanked everyone for coming out for Betty's retirement presentation. He jokingly said he was confused because he thought Betty retired but she has come into the station every day. The door is always open to her. She is a member of the police family and always will be. She has seen a vast transition of the police department over her years of service and she has helped with the transitions. Her titles don't do her justice; she was more than just a transcriber/secretary to the department. If anyone needed anything, they would go to Betty. It took six months to have someone train to do her job because a lot of the things that Betty knows, no one else does. He said the department appreciated everything Betty has done for them. He thanked her for all of her years of service and wished her good luck and enjoy retirement.

Detective James Ford, President of FOP Lodge #210 said the word fraternal means brotherhood. There is a brotherhood or sisterhood in the police department. It is shared because they have each other's backs at work when we are away from our families. It is a family unto itself.

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All families need a mother or grandmother figure. “Miss Betty”, or “Aunt B” has always served in that capacity for the department. They miss her in that capacity, from correcting grammar to making sure the officers wore rain coats in bad weather. She made sure everyone was okay if there were problems at home or if someone was sick or not feeling well. She was always happy to see the officer’s children when they came to visit. On behalf of the brotherhood of the FOP, “we will miss you Betty and congratulations on your retirement.”

Administrator Brook said there were real genuine qualities that were mentioned tonight. Betty has purpose, dedication, trust and admiration. That is also true of the entire Police Department. No Police Department runs with just one individual. It is a group of people who work hard on behalf of the community. Betty is as committed to the community as much as any employee has ever been. She has an incredible sense of humor. The kidding that Betty takes from the officers is a lot but she gives it right back. The Police Department is a tough place. Betty sees and hears what they do out on the street every single day. There are great things that take place and there are some not so great things that take place and there is also a side of the job that only Betty hears. She knows the importance of confidentiality. She has always maintained that. When she comes to work she has something that not everyone has, she is not alone. She works with the officers, they work with her and they care for and admire each other. That is a tremendous thing. Nobody does it better than her and he knows she has the respect of all the officers and the staff and she respects them dearly. He thanked her for all she has done and wished her the best.

Betty thanked her family including her son Joe, daughter Susan, her granddaughter Jordan, grandson Aiden and her brother-in-law Lou. She also thanked her friends and coworkers and former Mayor Bill Berry. To all the police officers in attendance, Betty said “thank you for all of your help throughout the years.” She stated that she enjoyed it and thanked the township for hiring her in 1993 and noted that Chief Yurcisin was the Police Chief at that time. She thanked everyone there and those that were not able to attend for everything they did for her and she will miss everyone. She promised to come back and visit. She thanked everyone again.

8:20 PM MOTION by Woolston; 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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