

Florence, New Jersey  
February 18, 2015

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 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; James E. Biegen, Township Engineer; 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. Unanimous approval.

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#### **FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE**

It was on the MOTION of Lovenduski; seconded by Baldorossi, to receive and file the Court Administrator's Report for January; the Tax Collector's Tax and Water & Sewer Reports for January and the Tax Collector's Annual Report of Collections. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

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.

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**APPLICATIONS:**

- A. ABC Catering Permit, C. Reed's, February 27, 2015, 6:00pm-10:00pm  
Fireman's Hall, 69 Main Street, Roebling, Cancer Benefit

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-58**

**Deny Request for Release of Maintenance Bond for  
The Estates at Oak Mill  
Pumping Station  
Bond No. 92956789**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-59**

**Deny Request for Release of Performance Bonds for  
Haines Industrial Center  
250 Daniels Way, Phase I  
Water Performance Bond #2172030  
Sanitary Sewer Performance Bond #2172031**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-60**

**Resolution Authorizing Execution and Delivery of  
Certificate of Completion to DM Urban Renewal, LLC  
For Phase I Redevelopment Project on  
Block 158, Lot 8 of the Township**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-61**

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

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-62  
Authorize Filing a Municipal Alliance Grant**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-63  
Approve Shared Services Agreement with  
The Borough of Fieldsboro for a  
Certified Recycling Professional (CRP)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-64  
Approve Shared Services Agreement with  
The Township of Chesterfield for a  
Certified Recycling Professional (CRP)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-65  
Authorize Refund  
Tax Department**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-66  
Authorize Filing of 2014 Recycling Tonnage  
Grant Application**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-67  
Approve Shared Services Agreement with  
The Township of Bordentown for a  
Certified Recycling Professional (CRP)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-68  
Township of Florence  
County of Burlington  
Resolution Amending the 2015  
Temporary Capital Budget**

It was the MOTION of Lovenduski; seconded by Ostrander to approve Resolution Nos. 2015-58 through 2015-68.

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Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

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

**ORDINANCES**

**ORDINANCE 2015-05  
ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS  
AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK  
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Reading) (Public Hearing & Adoption)**

Administrator Brook explained that the State of New Jersey breaks down expenditures into those that are considered “in cap” and “out of cap.” Out of cap would be debt service or grants. In cap means primarily all of the township’s expenses. Florence Township does an ordinance every year that allows it to increase the in cap appropriations. It doesn’t mean the town actually does it. This ordinance is done as a form of protection in case the township ever had a need to increase its expenditures.

It was the MOTION of Woolston; seconded by Lovenduski to open the meeting to the public regarding Ordinance No. 2015-05. Seeing no one wishing to speak, it was the MOTION of Baldorossi, seconded by Woolston to close the public hearing.

It was the MOTION of Lovenduski, seconded by Ostrander to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-05.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2015-06  
BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION  
OF \$200,000 FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TOWNSHIP BUILDINGS  
IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE,  
IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY AND  
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$190,000 BONDS OR NOTES  
OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION  
(1<sup>st</sup> Reading) (Public Hearing & Adoption 3/4/15)**

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It was the MOTION of Lovenduski; seconded by Woolston to approve Ordinance No. 2015-06 and set the public hearing and adoption for March 4, 2015.

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 he wanted to publicly acknowledge the request of Council President Sandusky to reach out to the National Cemetery in Beverly for historical information related to Florence Township residents who fought in the Civil War. It is the **150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** of the **ending** of the **Civil War**. In Florence Township Calendar there is a photo of the Civil War veterans. He spoke to a resident who told him that the picture was taken in front of now Johnny's Gym. The gym used to be Redman's Hall. Mayor Wilkie said he does not know the history of Redman's Hall but he was in Mt. Holly in the fall and saw there was a Redman's Hall there also. He speculated it was a community type organization.

There has been some research about local Civil War information. He offered that a good location for a monument would be where the old municipal building once stood. This was an area that was active in 1865. He was told there was a picture of the veterans coming back from the war that was taken at the center of Broad and Front Streets. He would be interested to see it. He wanted to let Council know the monument was something he was looking into and it would not be a major expenditure.

He requested Council meet early on March 4 to meet with the Police Department for a budget review. He was hoping for 6:00 or 6:30 in the evening. The members of Council agreed to try and attend. The Township Clerk will advertise.

Mayor Wilkie said he was concerned when he took office because the debt service was very high and the PILOT agreement with Whitesell was nearing its end. One of his goals was stabilization. The budget that will be introduced is at the same rate it was in 2012, 2013 and 2014. The Water & Sewer debt service is still at a high number and will be there for a few more years. The rate will remain the same.

**Administrator**

Administrator Brook thanked **Marty Eckert** for the report he provided to Mayor and Council. It was a very good overview on the **Recreation Department**. Marty has really hit the ground running and he works closely with Assistant Administrator Sahol.

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He has already formed quite a bond. It is very important to have that relationship with the individuals and the volunteers in Recreation. He is a “go getter” and has many great ideas. His report was excellent and it provides a good view of where things stand. He, the Mayor and Assistant Administrator Sahol are already talking about ways to further improve Recreation and make it better for the community and the children.

### Assistant Municipal Administrator:

Assistant Administrator Sahol said there was a memo from Marty regarding providing certificates for two sports registrations for the basket bingo.

It was the **MOTION** of Lovenduski; seconded by Baldorossi to approve the Recreation Department request to provide certificates for the **basket bingo** event. Roll call vote – all ayes.

Assistant Administrator Sahol explained the event is coordinated by the PTO to support school programs. The Recreation Department gives two different families the ability to register their child for recreation for sports for one year free of charge.

Division of Law: Nothing at this time.

### Division of Engineering

Engineer Biegen said both the **Road Program** and **Boulevard Phase II** are out to bid. The bids will be accepted March 10<sup>th</sup>. He expects they will be awarded at the March 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### Unfinished Business

Assistant Administrator Sahol said he received a letter and a voicemail from a resident concerning her sidewalk. He went to the residence this evening and spoke to the homeowners. They understood the town’s rationale as to why the sidewalk work was being done. It is adjacent to the curb, it supports the function of the school and it improves safety. It is a benefit to the residents for walking. They don’t like the idea because there will be more people frequenting the side of the street where their home is. The residents did understand it is being done for safety. There will probably be other residents that will express their opinions but the work is well warranted.

Mayor Wilkie said the **sidewalk** is on **Cedar Street** and he wanted to make sure Council was comfortable with putting the sidewalk there. All were in agreement.

### New Business

Mayor Wilkie reminded everyone that **Saturday** is the **Fire District Election**. He apologized that it was not listed on the Township Calendar that was distributed. It is on the township website and on the Fire District website and display board. The hours are 2pm to 9pm. There is a slight increase and a second question regarding replacing an engine that was bought in 1994 and replacing a utility vehicle. The debt service for the tower goes out of the 2015 budget, so it should not cause an increase in the following year’s budget by approving those funds.

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On February 22 the **Diamond Club**, the high school baseball booster group, will be holding a fundraising breakfast from 8am to 12pm at the VFW.

The **fundraiser** for a high school security officer has been sold out. It is scheduled for February 27<sup>th</sup> at **Fireman's Hall**.

He believed everyone had responded to the **Fire Department Dinner**.

The meeting on March 4<sup>th</sup> starting at 6pm will have a closed session to discuss personnel. The meeting will then be opened to the public. Budget information will be presented in open session. This year the budget is being exceptionally reviewed by the State of NJ. The township is making sure everything is in order and is submitted according to the required deadlines. The governor is scheduled to give his budget address on Tuesday and hopefully there will be no surprises. The township is assuming it will receive the same amount of state aid. It has been the same amount for the last three years.

The high school musical is scheduled for March 5, 6, and 7. The performance is **Disney's High School Musical**. The show starts at 6:30pm at the high school.

Council President Sandusky said the calendar that comes out every year is something that the residents look forward to. He would like to have the calendar events listed on the television station. Mayor Wilkie said all of the events are listed on the township's website calendar but they are not listed on the television.

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

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

Joe Csik, 45 East Fifth Street, thanked the township for painting the lines on Fifth Street. He noticed they are not stopping the speeding problem. He would like to see a police officer there and some signs posting the speed limit, there are none in his area.

Don Kamienski, 10 McCay Drive, said he wanted to direct a question to Council Member Baldorossi. Sunday is Mr. Kamienski's birthday and he wanted to go to the Diamond Club breakfast. He asked who was running it? Council Member Baldorossi said it is the Diamond Club, it is parents of the high school kids. The parents and kids handle the whole thing. It is a fundraiser for the baseball team.

It was the **MOTION** of Ostrander; seconded by Lovenduski to close the public portion of the meeting. Roll call vote – all ayes. Unanimous approval.

8:25 PM **MOTION** by Ostrander; seconded by Lovenduski to adjourn. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

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**ADJOURNMENT:** 8:25 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER, RMC/MMC  
Township Clerk

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