

Florence, New Jersey
May 18, 2016

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.

At this time a **moment of silence** was held for **two firefighters** who passed away in the line of duty and fallen **Officer Walter Kotch** who was killed while on duty fifty one years ago.

The Opening Statement was read by the Township Clerk: Notice was sent to the Trenton Times for information; posted on the municipal bulletin board; placed on the web-site on January 7th, 2016; and advertised in the Burlington Co. Times on January 3rd, 2016 and January 10th 2016.

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 Attorney; Joy M. Weiler, Township Clerk

MINUTES

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

- Township Council Regular Sessions – March 16, 2016 & April 6, 2016
- Township Council Closed Sessions – April 6 & April 20, 2016, May 4 & May 11, 2016

FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

It was the MOTION of Woolston; seconded by Baldorossi to receive and file the Court Clerk's Report, the Tax Collector's Tax and Water & Sewer Reports and the Township Clerk's Report for April. Roll call vote - all ayes. Unanimous approval.

It was on the MOTION of Ostrander; seconded by Sandusky 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.

REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE None at this time.

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APPLICATIONS:

- A. Social Affair: Francis Robbins Post 194 Legion, June 11th 11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Benefits American Legion Riders

- B. Social Affair: Francis Robbins Post 194 Legion, June 25th Noon – 11:00 p.m.
Benefits American Legion Post 194

- C. Transient Merchant License: Lunch Truck, Carlos Catering, Marcia E. Sicha

- D. Non-Draw Raffle – Nykita Field, June 16, 17, 18, 19 – various hours
Civic Association to benefit the Florence School District

It was the MOTION of Baldorossi; seconded by Ostrander to approve Applications A through D.

On The Question

Council Member Sandusky asked if everything was in order with the Transient Merchant License? Clerk Weiler said they met all of the requirements and the police did run a background check and Police Chief Bunce provided his recommendation that was included in the packet.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Ostrander, Sandusky, Woolston, Lovenduski

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried. Unanimous approval.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jack Ulmer, 200 West Front Street, asked about the Kotch Memorial. Mayor Wilkie said it is scheduled for noon Friday at the Municipal Building.

Barbara Gauss, 8 Webber Court, said she is concerned with the amount of traffic there will be with the warehouses that are being built on Cedar Lane. She wanted to know what was going to be done. Mayor Wilkie said as part of the planning board approvals for First Industrial as well as Liberty, there were Traffic Impact Statements prepared. They were created using the worst case scenario. There will be a round-about installed at Cedar Lane and Railroad Avenue. It will be similar to the one that was installed in Chesterfield and the one in Cinnaminson. There is a gentleman on the planning board who used to handle transportation at the Department of Transportation. Mayor Wilkie asked him the difference between a round-about and what is there now. The gentleman told him a vehicle can't just blow through a round-about. At the intersection of Route 130 and Cedar Lane there will be adjustments to the light to allow for more traffic to leave out of town.

Mayor Wilkie said separately the township is working with the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission and the county concerning the intersections of Florence-Columbus Road and Route 130 as well as Cedar Lane and Route 130.

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They are also looking at other intersections throughout the area. The report is due in June and once it is accepted the engineering would be put in place to create a design.

He said although these facilities are coming in now, they have been approved for over thirty years. The Liberty site was approved for eleven or twelve buildings, or 1.5 million square feet. What is being built is less of an impact than what had been approved. That is the designated area for growth and these things had all been planned over the years.

Don Kamienski, 10 McCay Drive, said there are frequently people asking about the traffic issues. He suggested using the website to provide information. Mayor Wilkie said he agreed and he believed the information was already there. Mr. Kamienski said he looked and didn't see anything. Council President Lovenduski said there was a picture of a circle on the website with an explanation about the round-about that is going to be installed.

Council Member Sandusky said he was happy to see that the residents are coming to the meetings and asking questions rather than just listening to social media. A lot of times the information is incorrect so it is good that people come to the meetings to get the right information.

Administrator Brook said when the round-about design is done, an e-mail can be sent and a meeting could be held to explain it. Mr. Kamienski previously provided a great video about a round-about that was done in Swathmore, Pennsylvania and the improvements that came from it. It was very informative.

Seeing no one else wishing to be heard, it was the motion of Ostrander and seconded by Sandusky to close the public comments. Roll call vote - all ayes.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-114
Approve the Public Display of Fireworks for
Florence Township's Patriotic Celebration Day

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-115
Supporting the *Click It Or Ticket* Mobilization of May 23-June 5, 2016

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-116
River Route Regional Strategic
Revitalization Plan

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-117
Award Contract for 15% Sodium Hypochlorite
Solution – Bulk
To: Main Pool & Chemical Inc.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-118
Water & Sewer Payment Plan for Block 55, Lot 14
520 Broad Street**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-119
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**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-120
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**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-121
Authorizing a State Contract Purchase to
Have a Unitary Surface Fall Attenuation Material
Installed at the R.D. Wood Tot Lot
Riverbank Drive Development Tot Lot and at the
Marter Park Tot Lot**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-122
Deny Request for Release of Performance Bonds for
The Estates at Oak Mill, Section 3
Water & Sanitary Sewer**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-123
Authorize Purchase of Police Vehicle
State Contract Purchase**

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It was the Motion of Ostrander and seconded by Woolston to approve Resolution Nos. 2016-114 through 2016-123.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

AYES: Baldorossi, Ostrander, Sandusky, Woolston, Lovenduski

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried. Unanimous approval.

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-13

**AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 22 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE ENTITLED "POLICE DEPARTMENT"
TO CREATE THE POSITION OF POLICE CHAPLAIN WITHIN THE
TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE POLICE DEPARTMENT
(2nd Reading) (Public Hearing & Adoption)**

It was the Motion of Sandusky and seconded by Ostrander to close the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2016-13.

Mayor Wilkie said he spoke to the Chief of Police over a year ago about having a Police Chaplain. There is a reverend who is staying at the Methodist Parsonage. He spoke a couple years ago at the National Day of Prayer. He is a Methodist Minister who is in charge of the Sandy Relief Fund. He is renovating and building homes along the shore. He is stationed here. It was supposed to be temporary but he found that it is easy to get wherever he needs to go from Florence. He is the Chaplain for the Atlantic County Sherriff's Department, among others. He has all of the qualifications. The concern is that because he is not assigned a church in town, he would not be able to be a Chaplain in the Police Department. He does help the Methodist Church, but it is not his church. The way the ordinance is written, Mayor Wilkie said he is concerned the reverend would not be able to be named. Not that it has to be him, it would be up to the Police Department. He recommended an amendment.

Administrator Brook said the ordinance could be approved this evening and Solicitor Grant could prepare an amendatory ordinance that would allow the provision. The Police Department would make the decision on who they would like to name. Sometimes it may be multiple Chaplains, there are many different aspects of all that police officers deal with. It is very comforting for them at times to have a Chaplain. All were in agreement.

It was the MOTION of Ostrander and seconded by Sandusky to adopt Ordinance 2016-13.

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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**ORDINANCE NO. 2016-14
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE, IN THE
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY,
PROVIDING FOR CAPITAL COSTS FOR THE TOWNSHIP'S
AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROPGRAM, INCLUDING
THE ACQUISITION OF 440 WEST FOURTH STREET, IN AND
FOR THE TOWNSHIP,
APPROPRIATING \$500,000 THEREFOR, AND
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$475,000 IN GENERAL
IMPROVEMENT BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
FLORENCE TO FINANCE THE SAME
(2nd Reading) (Public Hearing & Adoption)**

Mayor Wilkie explained this Ordinance puts the funding in place for the purchase of a property. Ordinance 2015-15 gives the authorization to Florence Township to purchase the property. The property was known as "Little Duffy" or "The West Fourth Street School." It hasn't been used by the school district for more than ten years. It was purchased privately and the owner is not moving forward with anything. The township needs to meet its COAH requirements and this property was identified as something that can be used toward the obligation.

Council President Lovenduski opened to the public for the public hearing.

Seeing no one wishing to be heard, it was the Motion of Ostrander and seconded by Sandusky to close the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2016-14. Roll call vote - all ayes.

It was the MOTION of Sandusky and seconded by Ostrander to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-14.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Ostrander, Sandusky, Lovenduski

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Woolston

Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2016-15
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF
REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 31, LOT 1
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE FOR AFFORDABLE
HOUSING PURPOSES
(2nd Reading) (Public Hearing & Adoption)**

Council President Lovenduski opened to the public for the public hearing.

Seeing no one wishing to be heard, it was the Motion of Sandusky and seconded by Ostrander to close the public hearing of Ordinance No. 2016-15. Roll call vote - all ayes.

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It was the MOTION of Ostrander and seconded by Sandusky to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-15.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Ostrander, Sandusky, Lovenduski

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Woolston

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-16

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE, IN THE
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY,
PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TOWNSHIP'S
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IN AND FOR THE
TOWNSHIP, APPROPRIATING \$550,000 THEREFOR, AND
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$550,000 IN WATER AND
SEWER UTILITY BONDS OR NOTES OF THE
TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE THE SAME
(2nd Reading) (Public Hearing & Adoption)**

Administrator Brook said Florence Township operates a Water Treatment Plant and a separate Wastewater Treatment. As part of the Wastewater Treatment Plant, the State of New Jersey requires that there are certain odor control measures in place. There is a Sludge Building, which is where the wastewater is processed. The State is requiring the Township to upgrade the air quality equipment. The township reviewed three different technologies that are in use. The one the township will most likely use is called a Carbon System, which controls the emissions. The township is fortunate because the air issues are very, very small. Down the road Florence Township is looking to do a significant expansion of the plant for capacity reasons. This particular issue is something the township is required to address with the Department of Environmental Protection. The township is under stringent permit requirements, as all wastewater treatment operators are whether they are private or public. This will bring the township into compliance with the DEP permit.

Seeing no one wishing to be heard, it was the Motion of Sandusky and seconded by Ostrander to close the public hearing for Ordinance No. 2016-16. All ayes.

It was the MOTION of Baldorossi and seconded by Woolston to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-16.

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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ORDINANCE NO. 2016-17

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE, IN THE
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY,
PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A TRUCK FOR THE
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, A POLICE SUV AND AN
SUV FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE FOR THE
TOWNSHIP, APPROPRIATING \$200,000 THEREFOR, AND
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$190,000 IN GENERAL
IMPROVEMENT BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP
TO FINANCE THE SAME**

(2nd Reading) (Public Hearing & Adoption)

Administrator Brook explained this Ordinance is for the continual upgrade and maintenance of the fleet. Council President Lovenduski said the vehicles are rotated. As they get older, the vehicles are taken off the road and are replaced with new vehicles. The vehicles are put through their paces. Administrator Brook said the township does this in a gradual way so the debt service never becomes overwhelming.

Council President Lovenduski opened to the public for the public hearing.

Seeing no one wishing to be heard, it was the Motion of Sandusky and seconded by Ostrander to close the public hearing of Ordinance No. 2016-17. Roll call vote – all ayes.

It was the MOTION of Baldorossi, second by Ostrander to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-17.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Ostrander, Sandusky, Woolston, Lovenduski

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried. Unanimous approval.

REPORTS

Committees, Boards and Officers:

Administration

Mayor

Mayor Wilkie thanked everyone for the **moment of silence**. Burlington County Fire Services has a memorial service this evening. **Alfred Brown and Chester Sutfin** were both killed in action many years ago. This Friday the Florence Township Police Department will be honoring **Walter Kotch** who was killed fifty one years ago in an automobile accident while on duty. That is scheduled for noon in front of the Municipal Building.

He said people asked him why the flags were lowered over the weekend. Sunday was **Peace Officer's Memorial Day**. The president acknowledged that and ordered that all flags be lowered. He explained that when it is over the weekend, the flags are lowered on Friday and raised again on Monday. There are eighteen flags in the township and it makes sense to avoid the costs associated with doing it on the weekend.

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Saturday is the **American Legion Post 194 Car Show**. It is at Broad and Sixth Streets. On the following Sunday, May 29, **Memorial Day** weekend, the Post will start their grave visitations at 10:00am at Fifth and Oak Streets. This has been a tradition for twenty-five years. It was dedicated on the fiftieth anniversary of Pearl Harbor.

On Monday, May 30th at 10:00am Post 39 will start their memorial service at the Legion Post, then they will pay their respects at different cemeteries and monuments in Roebbling. It will end at the township memorial at Fifth and Oak Streets.

The next Council Meeting will be June 1st and then there is a week off. There will then be a meeting on June 15th. Both meetings will begin at 8:00pm.

Mayor Wilkie said he was honored to announce that the **Patriotic Day Parade Grand Marshal** will be the **Township Clerk, Joy Weiler**. Clerk Weiler will be retiring in December after twenty-eight years of service to the community. For many years she has been the announcer for the annual parade. She begrudgingly agreed to be the Grand Marshal because that's not the way Joy is. He wanted to be able to honor her for all of her years of service to the community. Clerk Weiler thanked Mayor Wilkie.

Mayor Wilkie said **Free Yard Sale Day** is scheduled for Saturday. The rain date is the following Saturday.

He said the **carnival** will be held **June 16-19** at Nyikita Field. Saturday and Sunday are from early afternoon into the evening, Thursday and Friday are at night. There are signs all over town now.

For the police, there is an academy that it is a great honor to be accepted to. It is an even greater honor to pass it. It is the **West Point Police Academy**. **Lieutenant Jonathan Greenberg** now joins **Captain Brian Boldizar** as a graduate of the academy. The township is very honored they were able to earn this achievement. Chief Police John Bunce has recommended the two sergeants begin the application and selection process and hopefully at least one of them will be accepted.

Township Administrator

Administrator Brook said there was discussion this evening about Cedar Lane and Railroad Avenue location for a round-about. With that will come what is called a **Recapture Ordinance**. Liberty Property Trust and Covington are paying for the improvements that need to be done at the intersection. The municipality will do a Recapture Ordinance so anyone that comes along afterward from a development standpoint would pay their fair share into the costs. The expenses are being born by the developers as part of a condition of their approvals. The township will have an ordinance in June or July. It is standard. The same thing was done for Birch Hollow with a Water & Sewer Recapture Ordinance.

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The administration will be bringing an extension of the County's Wastewater Agreement with Florence Township to Mayor and Council. Burlington County brings wastewater to the township's treatment plant.

The Marconi Lodge is taking longer than normal. There are some issues that need to be resolved with the State. When someone is the seller of the property there are certain approvals that must be obtained. The owners need to get these properly in place before the township can go to settlement with them. Because they are a volunteer group and the membership has dwindled some, the township is trying work with them, the title company and the State. He will keep the Mayor and Council updated.

New Business

ABC License Renewals: Approvals in June

Clerk Weiler said the ABC Licenses will be ready for Council's consideration for approval at the first meeting in June. Also, the transfer that was filed at the end of December from Wesley's Pub to Pipa Holdings has finally come together and hopefully will also be on the agenda for the first meeting in June.

Public Comments: Open to the Public

Don Kamienski, 10 McCay Drive, congratulated Clerk Weiler for being named Grand Marshal of the parade.

He said he travels River Road to Burlington and back at least three times a week. At the old Griffin Pipe site he has seen trucks bringing in dirt and trucks taking out dirt. He wanted to know what was going on there. Mayor Wilkie said that is the capping of the property. There was some contamination at the site. It was purchased last year by a company. They are raising the property and capping any contamination. Any soil coming out is soil that needs to be removed and recycled somewhere.

It was the Motion of Ostrander and seconded by Woolston to close public comments. Roll call - all ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

8:26 PM MOTION of Ostrander; seconded by Woolston to adjourn. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy M. Weiler, RMC/MMC
Township Clerk
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