

## **FLORENCE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**April 13, 2005**

**8:00 PM**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Council President Fratinardo called the meeting to order.

### **SUNSHINE STATEMENT**

The Township Clerk read the Opening Statement: Notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice was published in the Burlington County Times on January 2, 2005 and January 16, 2005; given to the Register News for information; posted on the municipal bulletin board.

### **ROLL CALL**

Present: Frank Baldorossi, Bruce Garganio, Jerry Sandusky, John Fratinardo

Also Present: Mayor Michael Muchowski; Richard A. Brook, Township Administrator; Thomas Sahol, Assistant Municipal Administrator; Dante Guzzi, Township Engineer; Russell Trice, Township Water and Sewer Engineer; William John Kearns, Jr., Township Solicitor; Joy Weiler, Township Clerk

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment at this time.

All residents having an opportunity to be heard, MOTION by Sandusky; seconded by Garganio to close the public portion of the meeting. All ayes - motion carried.

### **E-JIF: AL TASKER, REPRESENTATIVE**

Al Tasker, New Jersey Environmental Joint Insurance Fund representative, present this evening to give an overview of the New Jersey Environmental Joint Insurance Fund, which was started 10 years ago. The Burlington County Joint Insurance Fund, which the township belongs to, will be deciding later this year whether they would like to join. The cost is based on population: \$1.00 per person.

### **Coverage Issues**

#### Third Party Liability Coverage

- All activities of the township's emergency services
- Any liability due to the potable water supply
- Recycle Centers, which require inspection and approval
- Salt Storage Tank Facilities
- Foreclosed Properties
- Underground and Aboveground Storage Tanks

#### First Party Coverage

##### Public Officials Liability

Des Minimus Abandoned Toxic Waste Site Coverage – up to \$50,000 per member of JIF

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Legal Services  
Petroleum Storage Tank Coverage

Mr. Tasker explained that individual municipalities cannot join E-JIF; the local JIF would have to join as a group. The Burlco JIF will have a majority vote later this year. Each municipality will have the opportunity for Mr. Tasker to make a presentation.

Council Member Sandusky asked if the township were to acquire property that is in need of cleanup, would that be covered? Mr. Tasker explained that only if E-JIF were notified prior, surveyed the property and missed something. It is covered if E-JIF inspects and approves the property.

Mr. Tasker reviewed the areas that require pre-inspection: recycle center, DPW Yard and any storage tanks sites. If a tank is not listed on the property, it is not covered.

Mayor and Council thanked Mr. Tasker.

**TOWNSHIP WATER AND SEWER ENGINEER**

**Hill Creek Farms, Phase I and II: Release Performance Bond**

Russell Trice, Township Water and Sewer Engineer, recommends release of the water and sewer Performance Bond conditioned upon posting Maintenance Bond. A Resolution will be prepared at next week's meeting.

**Garelick Farms**

Administrator Brook reported the township should allow 30 days to see how the bio-filter is working before Council considers whether or not to grant Garelick Farms an increase in their discharge limits. The bio-filter has been on line for approximately two weeks. DEP has no major objections but will not approve any change without consent from the township. Surcharges have been discussed, and Mr. Trice is working on a chart for David Lebak, Water and Sewer Superintendent, to review and be put into Ordinance form. Violations would be significant but Administrator Brook does not feel that they will have a problem meeting the permit changes with the way they have been operating. Mr. Lebak feels that over the past several months Garelick's plant has been operating at a far superior level than it has over the past couple of years. Council Member Garganio and Mayor Muchowski would like to wait for a couple warm weeks before considering an increase. Will discuss further at May's Worksession, which will allow another 30 days to see how the bio-filter is working.

**Wastewater Treatment Plant: PCB Sampling, DRBC & NJDEP**

Mr. Trice explained that there is additional sampling that the township is required to do, which Administrator Brook notified the governing body by memo. All treatment plants that discharge to the Delaware River are required to do this sampling by the DRBC. This is to determine where the PCB's are coming from in the Delaware River. Mr. Trice stated that Mt. Holly MUA has joined together with a group of authorities and has received good prices. Administrator Brook stated that Mt. Holly is very progressive in joining together in a co-op fashion.

**Hydrogeologic Study: Proposal**

Mr. Trice reviewed the three phases of the Hydrogeologic Study proposal.

Phase I: Put together a work plan to submit to DEP, do another pumping test, install sentinel well somewhere by the river. Object of Phase I is to determine if there is any effect of the Tulleytown Landfill on the township's ground water supply or if the township is allowed to pump more water out of the existing wells and Well No. 6 when it is built. Will the township cause any negative effects on any other big production industrial wells around the township? Based on the results of Phase I, a report will be submitted to DEP; this report could justify an increase in allocation over what DEP granted the township or the results could show that there will be a negative effect on someone else's well.

Phase II: Take the computer model from Phase I to pick a site for future wells and determine if there would be any negative impact with those locations.

Phase III: If possible, find out where the elevated levels of sodium chloride and iron, which has been in some of the wells, are coming from.

Administrator Brook stated that the company is very thorough and professional. The cost has been included in the 2005 budget. A Resolution will be approved at next week's meeting.

**TOWNSHIP ENGINEER**

**Tidewater Farms/Mallard Creek Detention Basins: Maintenance Bond**

Dan Guzzi, Township Engineer, reviewed and recommended release of the Maintenance Bond. A Resolution will be approved at next week's meeting.

**RTC Properties: Maintenance Bond**

Mr. Guzzi reviewed and recommended release of the Maintenance Bond conditioned upon payment of any and all escrow funds due. A Resolution will be approved at next week's meeting.

Mayor Muchowski asked Administrator Brook to look at the approval to see what the limit is on the number of trucks parked on site. Administrator Brook will report back.

**New Public Works Facility: Current Estimate No. 17**

Mr. Guzzi reviewed and recommended Current Estimate No. 17 to RMS Construction Company. A Resolution will be approved at next week's meeting.

**Hillcreek: Performance Bond**

Mr. Guzzi reported that there are some outstanding issues with the street trees. Assistant Administrator Sahol and the Shade Tree Commission went over what is left to do with the developer. The developer is requesting release of the Performance Bond conditioned upon posting of the Maintenance Bond and a cash guarantee for the street tree work. Mr. Guzzi will work up the numbers for a cash guarantee and report back to council.

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**Front Street Businesses: Beautification Project**

Assistant Administrator Sahol reported that the business owners are very happy with the work. PSE&G will be installing the light poles.

**HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

Administrator Brook believes that the Historical Preservation Commission is working on guidelines to present to the governing body. Council Member Garganio asked that a letter be sent to the commission stating that the governing body is awaiting their report and to contact them when their report is ready to present.

**SET FREE YARD SALE DAY: MAY 14, 2005 (MAY 21, 2005 AS RAIN DATE)**

Council in agreement to set Free Yard Sale Day as May 14, 2005 with May 21<sup>st</sup> as the rain date.

**DRAFT ORDINANCE: OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT – POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Administrator Brook explained that the Ordinance is being amended to cover the municipal costs (salary and use of vehicle) without stating a specific dollar figure.

**ACTION**

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2005-78**

**AUTHORIZE FLORENCE TOWNSHIP TO ENTER INTO A JOINT  
PURCHASING AGREEMENT WITH MOUNT HOLLY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES  
AUTHORITY FOR PCB SAMPLING, ANALYSIS AND DATA REPORTING  
PROGRAM, DRBC STAGE II TMDLS IN THE DELAWARE ESTUARY**

**MOTION: SET FREE YARD SALE DATE**

May 14, 2005 with a rain date of May 21, 2005.

**APPLICATIONS**

RAFFLES: Florence Township Civic Assoc., Inc.

- Night at the Races, May 20, 2005, Roebing VFW Post 8838, 6PM-2AM
- Off Premise 50/50, May 30, 2005, Florence Twp Little League Field, 5:00 PM
- Night at the Races, June 10, 2005, American Legion Post 194, 6PM-2AM

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Fratinardo to approve Resolution No. 2005-78, Yard Sale Date and Florence Township Civic Association's Raffle applications.

**On the Question**

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Sandusky, Fratinardo  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Ryan

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ABSTAIN: Garganio  
Motion carried.

9:00 PM MOTION by Sandusky, seconded by Baldorossi to adjourn to Closed Session. Action may be taken following Closed Session. Roll call vote - all ayes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

9:00 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER  
Township Clerk

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