

Florence, New Jersey
June 1, 2005

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 President Fratinardo at 8:00 PM. President Fratinardo led the Salute to the Flag.

The Township Clerk read the following 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. Notice was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board."

Upon roll call the following were found to be present:

John Fratinardo, President
Frank Baldorossi
Bruce Garganio
Elizabeth Ryan
Jerry Sandusky

Also present:

Michael Muchowski, Mayor; Richard Brook, Township Administrator; Thomas Sahol, Assistant Administrator; Dante Guzzi, Township Engineer; William John Kearns, Jr., Township Solicitor; Joy Weiler, Township Clerk

MINUTES

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

Regular Session May 4, 2005 and May 18, 2005
Executive Session May 11, 2005
Closed Session May 18, 2005

FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Sandusky made a MOTION; seconded by Ryan to approve the Treasurer's Bill List. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE

None at this time.

APPLICATIONS

- A. SOCIAL AFFAIR: VFW Roebing, July 9, 2005 - Patriotic Celebration Day, Noon – 1:00 AM
- B. BINGO: Holy Assumption Church, Monday evenings in July – December 2005, 7:15 PM – 10:30 PM

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Mayor Muchowski believes that American Legion Post 39 would like a Social Permit for the Patriotic Celebration day. Since their application does not appear on the Agenda he asked Joy Weiler, Township Clerk, to contact them and remind them that they need to apply for a Social Affair Permit.

It was on the MOTION of Baldorossi, seconded by Ryan to approve the above applications.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Garganio, Ryan, Sandusky, Fratinardo

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carries.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None at this time.

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

PRESENTATION

Mayor Muchowski invited Steve Mognancki, Commander of VFW Post 8838, to re-present the quilt he presented to the Township this past Memorial Day.

Mr. Mognancki presented a quilt his daughter hand made in honor of thirty-seven township residents who paid the supreme sacrifice in WWI, WWII, Vietnam and Korea. Their names are hand sewn onto the quilt. Mayor Muchowski explained that the quilt will be set up at the various legions and VFW's for the Veterans to sign. The high school will be building a display case for the quilt. Mr. Mognancki thanked Mayor and Council for their attendance on Memorial Day.

PUBLIC HEARING ON 2005 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Administrator Brook explained that the municipal budget calls for no changes or alteration in either the local purpose tax or the water and sewer rates for this year and has remained stable for several years.

All residents having an opportunity to be heard, MOTION by Sandusky; seconded by Ryan to close the public hearing. All ayes - motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2005 -111

**WATER AND SEWER PAYMENT PLAN FOR BLOCK 166.07, LOT 4
28 CREEKWOOD DRIVE**

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-112

**APPROVE POLICE PATROLMEN'S CONTRACT
YEARS: 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 & 2010**

RESOLUTION 2005-113

**AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF 2005-2006 RENEWALS OF
PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSES**

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-114

**AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF 2005-2006 RENEWALS OF
PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSES**

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-115

**AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF 2005- 2006
RENEWALS OF CLUB LICENSES**

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-116

**APPROVING RENEWAL OF 2005-2006 ALCOHOLIC
BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR AIEBON CORPORATION INC. t/a
ILLUSIONS PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE
WITH CONDITIONS**

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-117

**AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF 2005-2006 RENEWAL OF
PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE
F&A, INC. WITH CONDITIONS**

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-118

**APPROVE THE PUBLIC DISPLAY OF FIREWORKS
FOR FLORENCE TOWNSHIP'S PATRIOTIC CELEBRATION DAY**

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-119

**ADOPT MUNICIPAL BUDGET
TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE**

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-120

**A RESOLUTION CANCELING TAXES ON PROPERTIES
OWNED BY A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERANS**

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-121

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE MAKING APPLICATION
TO THE LOCAL FINANCE BOARD PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:2-7 (d)**

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-122

**AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF ONE F-450 TRUCK
STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE A61122**

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-123

**AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF ONE FORD F-350 TRUCK
STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE A61119**

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-124

**AUTHORIZE THE TOWNSHIP PLANNER TO PREPARE
AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING STUDY/REPORT ON THE USE OF
THE DUFFY SCHOOL
FOR SENIOR HOUSING**

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-125

AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF BOND COUNSEL

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-126

**AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF ONE FORD F-350 TRUCK
STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE A61119**

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It was on the MOTION of Ryan, seconded by Baldorossi that Resolutions 2005-111 through 2005-126 be approved.

On the Question

Nothing at the time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Garganio, Ryan, Sandusky, Fratinaro

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carries.

ORDINANCES

**ORDINANCE NO. 2005-14
(2nd Reading)**

**AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF POLICE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE
PATROLMEN
2005-2010**

It was on the MOTION of Garganio, seconded by Sandusky to approve Ordinance No. 2005-14 on second reading for adoption.

Public Comment

Council President Fratinaro opened the meeting to the public for comments at this time.

None at this time.

It was on the MOTION of Garganio, seconded by Sandusky to close the public hearing.
All ayes – motion carried.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Garganio, Ryan, Sandusky, Fratinaro

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

**ORDINANCE 2005-15
(2nd Reading)**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE AMENDING THE
CHAPTER 140 WATER AND SEWERS, SECTION 140-42 WATER METERS OF
THE FLORENCE CODE**

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Ryan to approve Ordinance No. 2005-15 on second reading for adoption.

Public Comment

Council President Fratinaro opened the meeting to the public for comments at this time.

It was on the MOTION of Ryan, seconded by Sandusky to close the public hearing.
All ayes – motion carried.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Garganio, Ryan, Sandusky, Fratinaro

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

REPORTS

Committees, Boards and Officers

- Nothing at this time.

Mayor Muchowski

- Mayor Muchowski addressed concerns brought up at the last meeting regarding the Patriotic Celebration. He also had a request from the American Legion Post 39 on Fourth Avenue to alter the parade route. After much consideration, working with the Centennial Committee, it was decided to stay with the original parade route. They would like the Roebing Steel Mill to be the backdrop of the parade, and it would be impossible to disembark the parade at Post 39. To include Post 39 in the celebration, Mayor Muchowski suggested meeting for the flag raising ceremony at Post 39 and marching to the circle from there. Mayor Muchowski suggested that in two years the parade go past the American Legion on Fourth Avenue and the reviewing stand be located there.

Council Member Sandusky feels that the parade route is too short. He also discussed both the VFW and the American Legion being involved with the Patriotic Celebration and both benefiting financially for that day. Mayor Muchowski has spoken with representatives of the American Legion and will be attending an Executive Meeting. He believes the American Legion will be applying for a Social Affair Permit for the day.

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Council Member Sandusky suggested in the future, if legally possible, the Township pay for the Social Affair Permits for the organizations. Solicitor Kearns will look into.

Council Vice President Ryan thanked Mayor Muchowski for his work on the parade.

Administrator

- Administrator Brook reported that the purchase of the Roebling Firehouse is coming closer to conclusion.
- Administrator Brook reported that the JIF Renewal Resolution will be on the Agenda later this month.

Assistant Administrator

- Nothing at this time.

Township Engineer

- Mayor Muchowski asked if work was continuing on the old public works building? Dan Guzzi, Township Engineer, stated that the contractor is working and should be finished in a few weeks.

Township Solicitor

- Nothing at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council Member Baldorossi questioned the status of the **alley restoration**. Mr. Guzzi and Administrator Brook stated that work will begin after the Patriotic Celebration. Mayor Muchowski asked that the plans be given to Mayor and Council to review.

Council Member Baldorossi questioned the status of the **Roebling Park gazebo**. Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that the anchor patterns and bolts are in. As long as all of the materials are in, work will begin immediately following the Patriotic Celebration. Mayor Muchowski asked Assistant Administrator Sahol to contact the company and ask for a status in writing.

Council Member Garganio asked about the **water and sewer** for the **new school site**. Administrator Brook stated that it is moving along well. They are only waiting for NFI to sign the easement documents. Assistant Administrator Sahol will ask Russell Trice, Township Water and Sewer Engineer, when they will be ready to go to bid. He stated that they are ahead of schedule.

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Nothing at this time.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Mayor Muchowski asked that the Township receive **updated reports** on the construction progress of the **new school**. Mr. Guzzi will provide reports monthly for the Worksession meetings.

8:35 PM MOTION by Sandusky to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Ryan. Roll call vote - all ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

8:35 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER
Township Clerk

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