

Florence, New Jersey
August 1, 2007

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

The following statement was read by the Township Clerk: "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 7, 2007; 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:

Frank Baldorossi, President
John Fratinardo
Bruce Garganio
Jerry Sandusky

Also present:

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

MINUTES

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

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FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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

REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing at this time.

APPLICATIONS

None at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Don Kamienski, 10 McCay Drive, noticed some construction vehicles down by the boat ramp and asked if there were plans to repave and if so how long it would take? Administrator Brook was at the boat ramp this morning and did not see any construction vehicles. He stated that there are no plans to repave and will look into. Mayor Muchowski stated that the County called him today to notify him that they would be repairing an area by Summer Street and Front Street tomorrow. The equipment is more then likely there to begin work in the morning. Administrator Brook will look into.

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-135

**AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT
IF APPROVED
FOR STATE AID TO MUNICIPALITIES OR STATE AID TO COUNTIES
AND MUNICIPALITIES UNDER THE NEW JERSEY
TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND AUTHORITY ACT**

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-136

**AUTHORIZE THE TOWNSHIP ENGINEER AND
TOWNSHIP ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR TO
DEVELOP COST ESTIMATE FOR
NJ DOT MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM – SIDEWALKS
AND FILE APPLICATION**

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-137

**AUTHORIZE THE TOWNSHIP ENGINEER TO
DEVELOP COST ESTIMATE FOR
NJ DOT MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM – BIKEWAYS
AND FILE APPLICATION**

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-138

EXTENSION OF TIME FOR PAYMENT OF TAX BILLS

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-139

**EMERGENCY PURCHASE OF SLAT TRAYS
FOR AERATOR
TO DE LOACH INDUSTRIES, INC.
818 CATTLEMAN ROAD, SARASOTA, FL, 34240**

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-140

**FINAL APPROVAL BY THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE
FOR A PROPERTY THAT REQUIRES MUNICIPAL COST SHARE
FOR FARMLAND PRESERVATION**

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It was on the MOTION of Fratinardo, seconded by Garganio that Resolutions 2007-135 through 2007-140 be approved.

On the Question

Dan Guzzi, Township Engineer, stated that there are three (3) Resolutions this evening for the DOT grant applications. He explained that since the corner of Wilbur Henry Drive and Broad Street is now a school bus pick up/drop off location, the stretch on Broad Street in front of the municipal building has been added to the sidewalk application.

Mr. Guzzi also wanted to verify that the governing body did not want to add to the road application, leave it as the length of Second Avenue and Fifth Avenue. Council does not want to add to the road application.

Mr. Guzzi verified that the bikeway application is for Cedar Lane from Route 130 to the new high school. Council in agreement.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

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

Unanimous approval.

ORDINANCES

None at this time.

REPORTS

Committees, Boards and Officers

- Nothing at this time.

Mayor Muchowski

- Nothing at this time.

Administrator

- Nothing at this time.

Assistant Administrator

- Nothing at this time.

Township Solicitor

- Nothing at this time.

Township Engineer

- Mr. Guzzi updated Mayor and Council on the **status of Greenbriar Horizon**. He met with the developer this week, who has agreed to do everything noted on the punch list. The date for completion is still set for August 24, 2007. Council Member Garganio asked if Mr. Guzzi was comfortable that the developer can get everything done by that date? Mr. Guzzi believes that if they work towards it they can get everything done.

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- Mr. Guzzi provided an update on the **Park Project**. He explained that he has had several meetings with the contractor over the past several weeks. They have been working at the Marter Park fields and expect to do the modifications by the concession stand in Veterans Park this week. The contractor provided a report today on how they will be addressing the fields as far as de-weeding and re-seeding. They anticipate that a majority of the work will be completed by the end of this month, with just some of the final seeding work to be done in September. Mr. Guzzi will have a more detailed report for next meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Delaware Avenue Parking – Residents Response

Assistant Administrator Sahol reviewed the responses from the Delaware Avenue residents that would be impacted by moving the yellow double line over to allow for parking on one side of Delaware Avenue and no parking on the other side. He stated that eighteen (18) letters went out; he received two (2) phone calls and one (1) resident is present this evening. The responses he received were in favor. Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that one resident expressed concern regarding a smaller shoulder with children walking on the sidewalk on the way to school but otherwise did not oppose the idea. He stated that the children could walk on the other side where there is sidewalk and a wider shoulder.

Assistant Administrator Sahol reviewed what the County has indicated could conceptually take place, but the County still has to do their surveys to be sure it meets traffic standards. On the north side (deli side) from the corner of the intersection of Delaware Avenue and Station Road to the area of approximately 430 Delaware Avenue the lanes would be shifted to allow for a larger shoulder on the south side. There would be no parking on the north side and boxed out parking on the south side. There would still be a fog line and a space on the north side; the lane of travel would not be brought right up to the curb. The County is looking to shift the lane about two feet and gradually even back. It will be detailed line striping to show exactly where vehicles can park. Council Member Garganio asked if the shift continued, if it could be a bike lane? Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that the area would have to have restricted parking. He has also seen a larger stripe to designate a bike lane.

Council President Baldorossi opened up to the public for comment.

Don Kamienski, 10 McCay Drive, commended Assistant Administrator Sahol for taking the survey of the Delaware Avenue residents. He is concerned about the residents and their feelings but is also concerned with the 600 – 700 motorists that have to go through that area every morning. Mr. Kamienski asked if the two foot movement of the double line is definite or is it possible to move it three feet or four feet? Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that the County has to determine the footage that is necessary. Mr. Kamienski stated that most vehicles cross over the double line by almost four feet due to the trucks parked on the side of the road. Mayor Muchowski stated that the vehicles do not have to cross over the double line by four feet.

Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that this evening Council will decide whether or not to make a formal request to the County to look at the area and report back with a plan for Council to review. The County Engineer's office will provide the legal language to be put into an Ordinance.

Sue Burg, 495 Delaware Avenue (directly across the street from the Corner Deli), stated that she has a really bad problem with the truck parking and the trucks blocking her driveway. When she calls the

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Police Department by the time they get there the truck is gone. There is also a problem with trash being left behind. She explained that when trucks are parked on the side of Delaware Avenue and she is pulling out of her driveway, she cannot see. It is very unsafe and is very frustrating. She stated that the trucks seem to be staying longer now that there is a picnic bench at the deli. Mayor Muchowski suggested that a sign be posted stating that if a vehicle blocks a driveway or parks illegally, they will be ticketed.

Charles Burg, 495 Delaware Avenue, explained that there is a State Law that states that trucks cannot sit at idol for more then three (3) minutes and stated that law is not enforced. Administrator Brook will speak with the Chief of Police in the morning. Mayor Muchowski asked Mr. & Mrs. Burg if they would mind if a sign were posted in the area of their property. They stated that they would not mind at all.

Council Member Garganio asked, when the County does their striping plan, if they would include a setback from the driveways? Assistant Administrator Sahol is not sure and is not aware if there must be a setback.

Council Member Sandusky stated that everyone is aware of this problem and it did not just start six (6) months ago. As a new business owner coming in to the town, Council Member Sandusky assured Mr. Kolari that it is not personal, they just want to make the area safer. Previously there have been other owners at that location and it has been dangerous for a long time.

Abe Kolari, owner of the Corner Deli, thanked the governing body for inviting him this evening. He is happy that the governing body is working to make improvements in the area. He wants to work with everyone. He understands that there have been problems there in the past and would like to find the best solution. He stated that he put the picnic table there for him and his wife to sit at but if it is causing a problem, he will remove it.

Mr. Kolari asked if signs would be posted with the days and times that vehicles can and cannot park on Delaware Avenue? Assistant Administrator Sahol explained that there would not be certain times it would be all of the time. Mr. Kolari asked because he sees vehicles parked for days at a time without moving. Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that a vehicle can be parked for extended periods of time in a legal parking zone, if it is registered and insured, unless it appears that it is abandoned or inoperable.

Mr. Kolari does not have a problem posting signs inside or outside of his business stating that vehicles blocking driveways will be issued a ticket or towed away at owner's expense. Administrator Brook will have the signs prepared and brought to the deli.

Administrator Brook also verified that Mr. Kolari would remove the picnic bench. Mr. Kolari responded that he would have it removed. Administrator Brook stated that he appreciates Mr. Kolari's willingness to help.

It was on the MOTION of Fratinardo, seconded by Sandusky to formally request the County to do a study in the Delaware Avenue and Station Road area and report back with a plan. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

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NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Garganio discussed the notice from the **County** that they are putting in a **sheet rock drop off facility**. He asked if the County will be providing more information than just that letter? He believes the dust and noise may disturb the neighboring area. Administrator Brook will contact the County for more detailed information and report back.

Council Member Sandusky noticed a couple of weeks ago that Roma Savings Bank had a **shredder truck** in the parking lot that they made available for their customers only. Council Member Sandusky mentioned to an employee inside that it may be a good idea if the bank and Florence Township went together and made it **available to the residents** to have their papers shredded. Administrator Brook stated that he is setting it up for after the summer with the company the township uses and they are willing to do it for free. Administrator Brook will report back with the date.

Council Member Sandusky visited the **gazebo** at **Volunteer's Park** and stated that it is in really bad shape. Mayor Muchowski stated that he has been discussing replacing the gazebo using Waste Management funds. Administrator Brook stated that Assistant Administrator Sahol has received quotes, the funds are available and the order should be placed this week. Council Member Sandusky suggested posting a sign that the gazebo will be replaced with a new one. Assistant Administrator Sahol will take care of.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Nothing at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS

Set Meeting Date for November

Joy Weiler, Township Clerk, provided a brief memo in the packet explaining that due to the way the calendar falls this November, the NJ League of Municipalities Conference will be held earlier than usual. She asked if Council would like to meet November 21st (the evening before Thanksgiving) or November 28th or only have one (1) meeting in November? Council in agreement to have one (1) meeting in November; if necessary, advertise for a meeting November 28th. All ayes – motion carries.

8:45 PM MOTION by Sandusky, seconded by Garganio to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote - all ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

8:45 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER
Township Clerk

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