

Florence, New Jersey
October 3, 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
Elizabeth Ryan
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

None at this time

FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

It was on the MOTION of Ryan; seconded by Fratinardo to receive and file the Chief of Police report for September. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

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

REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing at this time.

APPLICATIONS

A. OFF PREMISE RAFFLE: Holy Assumption Church, December 15, 2007, 6:00PM

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Ryan to approve the above application.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

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Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

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

Unanimous approval.

B. SOCIAL AFFAIR PERMIT: St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church, Night at the Races, October 20, 2007, 7:00PM

It was on the MOTION of Ryan, seconded by Fratinaro to approve the above application.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Fratinaro, Ryan, Baldorossi
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: Garganio, Sandusky

Motion carries.

C. OFF PREMISE RAFFLE: Florence Township Civic Association, Inc., November 17, 2007, 7:00PM, Florence Township Municipal Building

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Fratinaro to approve the above application.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Fratinaro, Ryan, Sandusky, Baldorossi
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: Garganio

Motion carries.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Don Kamienski, 10 McCay Drive, attended the Council meeting on September 12, 2007 and at that time the County was recommending moving the lines to create an 8' parking lane on one side of Delaware Avenue from Station Road to Parrish Lane and a 5' no parking lane on the other side. At that time, Council Member Garganio suggested moving the lines to create a 9' parking lane and a 4' no parking lane and Assistant Administrator Sahol was going to check with the County. Mr. Kamienski asked if Assistant Administrator Sahol has heard back from the County? Assistant Administrator Sahol explained that the County Engineer was out of work for awhile due to surgery and stated that he met with him on site yesterday. He will take the suggestion into consideration but

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does have some reservations. Mr. Kamienski asked if the County Engineer indicated when he would get back to the township? Assistant Administrator Sahol is not sure but knows the engineering department has begun reviewing. Mr. Kamienski asked that Assistant Administrator Sahol follow up in a timely manner. Assistant Administrator Sahol will share the County's recommendation with Mr. Kamienski. Mayor Muchowski suggested that the topic be kept on the Agenda until it is resolved.

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-160

**APPROVE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL LICENSE
PERSON TO PERSON TRANSFER OF PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION
LICENSE FROM BLACKDOG BEVERAGE LLC TO
FLORENCE WINE AND LIQUOR SHOP, INC.
LICENSE NO. 0315-44-015-003**

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-161

**A RESOLUTION CANCELING ASSESSMENT AND TAXES
ON BLOCK 165.01, LOT 4.01, Q FARM**

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-162

**AUTHORIZE APPROVAL OF RENEWAL OF PLENARY
RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSE FOR 2007-2008
PUNAM CORPORATION
AS PER SPECIAL RULING**

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-163

**AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE AND
FLORENCE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION REGARDING
MOTOR VEHICLE FUEL**

RESOLUTION 2007-164

**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 2007-165

ACCOUNTS DEPOSITED AT ROEBLING BANK

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Fratinardo that Resolutions 2007-160 through 2007-165 be approved.

On the Question

Council Member Sandusky asked if all of the township's money was in the Roebing Bank now? Administrator Brook stated that a majority of the money is in the Roebing Bank. He stated that Roebing Bank's rates are extremely competitive and they are service oriented.

Council Member Ryan questioned Resolution No. 2007-163, Gas Service; she noted that in Schedule "A" under No. 3 that the township is going to ask the School Board to participate in the upgrade. She asked when that would be negotiated? Administrator Brook stated that it will be negotiated later this year going into the 2008 budget. Administrator Brook has advised the School Board and the Fire Department.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

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

Unanimous approval.

ORDINANCES

**ORDINANCE 2007-13
(2nd Reading)**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE
AMENDING CHAPTER 134 OF THE FLORENCE TOWNSHIP CODE
TO PROVIDE FOR HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES ON CHURCH STREET**

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Garganio to approve Ordinance No. 2007-13 on second reading for adoption.

Public Comment

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

No public comment.

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

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

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Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Fratinaro, Garganio, Ryan, Sandusky, Baldorossi

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2007-14
(2nd Reading)**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE AMENDING THE
FLORENCE TOWNSHIP CODE BY REPEALING CHAPTER 124 – STREET
CLOSINGS AND BY AMENDING SECTION 134-34 – SCHEDULE II: NO
PARKING CERTAIN HOURS BY REPEALING THE PROVISION FOR
SECOND STREET ON THE NORTH SIDE DURING SCHOOL HOURS**

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Ryan to approve Ordinance No. 2007-14 on second reading for adoption.

Public Comment

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

No public comment.

It was on the MOTION of Fratinaro, 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: Fratinaro, Garganio, Ryan, Sandusky, Baldorossi

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

REPORTS

Committees, Boards and Officers

- Nothing at this time.

Mayor Muchowski

- Mayor Muchowski stated that he is working with the Boys Basketball, Girls Softball and Boys Little League Baseball to set up a meeting with the Florence Township School Board regarding the **facilities use for the winter months**.

Administrator

- Administrator Brook provided a memo in the packet regarding the **Tall Pines Development Water & Sewer Assessment**. He stated that if Council is agreeable, he can set the hearing up

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for November 7, 2007 or December 5, 2007. Council in agreement to schedule hearing for November 7, 2007.

- Administrator Brook stated that the EPA has offered to look at the **sluice area** with the possibility of making some repairs. Administrator Brook and Dan Guzzi, Township Engineer will meet with Council President Baldorossi on site to review.

Assistant Administrator

- Council Member Ryan requested that the **zip code consolidation** be promoted. Assistant Administrator Sahol does have plans to post on the website, Channel 19 and to do a concentrated mailing to the residents.

Assistant Administrator Sahol explained that the new development on Florence-Columbus Road will have a Florence zip code but will be delivered by Bordentown's rural route carrier. Florence's Post Office does not have the capacity or personnel at the present time to handle an additional route.

Mayor Muchowski has not heard any negative comments from the residents regarding consolidating zip codes. He stated that it is worth the effort to get residents to respond to the survey. It is important for the residents to respond, since a certain percent must respond in order for the US Postal Service to consider.

Township Solicitor

- Nothing at this time.

Township Engineer

- Dan Guzzi, Township Engineer, discussed the progress at **Marter Park**. Grass is beginning to grow and he has been pushing the contractor to water. He has also been working with the contractor on the punch list items.

Council Member Ryan believes the park will be beautiful when it is complete but cannot envision two (2) flat soccer fields; she only sees gently rolling hills. Mr. Guzzi explained that soccer fields are rolling. He stated that the fields were properly designed. Mr. Guzzi offered to meet with Mayor and Council on site to review. A meeting will be set up.

- Council President Baldorossi questioned the status of **Greenbriar** and the trees? Mr. Guzzi stated that the trees have not been installed yet; he has been trying to get a date for the trees from the contractor without success. Mr. Guzzi received a punch list from the homeowners association, which he is going through line by line to see what are bondable items. Only bondable items can be added to Mr. Guzzi's punch list. Council President Baldorossi expressed concern that they will miss the planting season for the trees.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Garganio questioned the memo from Administrator Brook regarding Whitesell's COAH inquiry? Administrator Brook will discuss in Closed Session due to a legal issue that arose.

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BOARD OF HEALTH

Nothing at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS

Joy Weiler, Township Clerk, advised the governing body for their information that the effective date of the ABC License Transfer that was approved by Resolution earlier in the meeting is October 9, 2007.

8:35 PM MOTION by Fratinardo, seconded by Ryan to adjourn to Closed Session. Roll call vote - all ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

8:35 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER
Township Clerk

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