

Florence, New Jersey
December 1, 2004

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 4, 2004 and 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

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

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FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

It was on the MOTION of Ryan; seconded by Sandusky to receive and file the Court Administrator's report for October. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

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

REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE

None at this time.

APPLICATIONS

Bingo: Holy Assumption Church, Monday evenings January through June 2005, 7:15 PM – 10:30 PM

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

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Garganio, Ryan, Sandusky, Fratinardo

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Nothing at this time.

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-208

**FINAL APPROVAL FOR A PROPERTY
THAT REQUIRES NO MUNICIPAL COST SHARE**

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-209

**AUTHORIZE ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR TO FILE
APPLICATION FOR REHABILITATION OF RECREATION TRAILS
IN HISTORIC ROEBLING PARK**

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-210

**AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION**

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-211

**AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2004-206,
AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT WITH FLORENCE TOWNSHIP
SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICE TO NEW SCHOOL**

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It was on the MOTION of Garganio, seconded by Sandusky that Resolutions 2004-208 through 2004-211 be approved.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Garganio, Ryan, Sandusky, Fratinardo

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

ORDINANCES

**ORDINANCE 2004-16
(2nd Reading)**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE AMENDING
CHAPTER 120 – SOIL REMOVAL AND DEPOSIT OF THE FLORENCE
TOWNSHIP CODE TO REQUIRE THE RELOCATION OF ANY SOIL OR
EARTH REMOVED FROM A SITE WITHIN TO TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE
TO A LOCATION WHERE IT CAN BE PUT TO PUBLIC USE BY THE
TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE**

Public Comment

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

Solicitor Kearns stated for the record that Whitesell has requested that the public hearing for this Ordinance be kept open until the December 15th meeting. Their lawyers were unable to attend this evening and would like an opportunity to comment.

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Ryan to continue the public hearing to December 15th meeting. All ayes – motion carried.

**ORDINANCE 2004-17
(1st Reading)**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE
AMENDING CHAPTER 91 – LAND DEVELOPMENT OF
THE FLORENCE TOWNSHIP CODE TO DEFINE AND TO
PROHIBIT TRUCK STOPS WITHIN ANY ZONING
DISTRICT OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE**

**ORDINANCE 2004-18
(1st Reading)**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE
AMENDING CHAPTER 91 (ZONING) OF THE CODE OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE TO ADOPT AN
UPDATED AND AMENDED OFFICIAL MAP AND AN
UPDATED AND AMENDED ZONING MAP**

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Ryan to approve Ordinance No. 2004-17 and 2004-18 on first reading and set adoption for December 15, 2004.

On the Question

Council Member Garganio asked for an explanation of Ordinance No. 17. Solicitor Kearns explained that it provides the definition of what would constitute a truck stop, which would be five or more trucks. Discussion followed regarding an application before the Planning Board, which has been continued, for twenty-seven truck parking spaces. Once this Ordinance takes effect they will have to go before the Zoning Board to have more than five truck parking spaces.

Council Member Garganio asked if the Ordinance places a time limit on truck parking. He does not want trucks parked there overnight. This Ordinance places a 15-minute time limit on truck parking.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

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

Unanimous approval.

REPORTS

Committees, Boards and Officers

- Nothing at this time.

Mayor Muchowski

- Mayor Muchowski announced that the Roebbling Tree Lighting will be held on Thursday, December 2nd and the Florence Tree Lighting will be held on Friday, December 3rd.

Administrator

- Nothing at this time.

Assistant Administrator

- Assistant Administrator Sahol reported that he hopes to begin preliminary work on the Front Street Beautification Project shortly. Council would like a date set for

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construction to begin. Assistant Administrator Sahol would like to speak with the electrical contractor before setting a definite date.

Township Engineer

- Nothing at this time.

Township Solicitor

- Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Sandusky commended the employees for the **beautiful** job on the **Christmas decorations**.

Council Vice President Ryan asked if a date has been set for the **Township Planner** to come in to go over **COAH**? Administrator Brook stated that the Planner is going to supply him with a list of potential Council **meeting dates** that he can attend.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Mayor Muchowski asked if there were any concerns with the **oil spill** that took place down the **Delaware River**? Administrator Brook does not believe so but will check with the Township Water and Sewer Engineer.

MISCELLANEOUS

Council Member Garganio stated that the odor from **Garelick Farms** smells different and asked if that was a sign that their system was starting to operate more efficiently? Mayor Muchowski agreed that the odor has changed. He reviewed the recent meetings he has had with the Director of Water and Sewer, the Township Administrator and Garelick Farms representatives. David Lebak, Director of Water and Sewer, has been in touch with the enforcement agency, DEP.

It was noted that residents from Birch Hollow have lately been complaining of the odors.

Council Member Baldorossi stated that the **Salvation Army** bin on **Route 130** needs to be emptied, it is overflowing and there are mattresses leaning up against it. Assistant Administrator Sahol will check and follow up.

8:40 PM MOTION by Ryan, seconded by Sandusky to adjourn to Closed Session. Roll call vote - all ayes.

9:05 PM - RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

RECOGNITION CEREMONY

Mayor and Council will hold a recognition ceremony at their December 15th meeting for three Florence Township Police officers and a FBI Agent in honor of their efforts related to solving the bank robberies that took place in Florence Township this year. The banks will be invited.

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2005 REORGANIZATION MEETING

The 2005 Reorganization Meeting will be held on January 5, 2005 at the Roebing Fire House on Main Street at 7:00 PM.

Also, the Mayor stated that he would like to have **employee recognition** meetings in the future.

9:10 PM MOTION by Ryan, seconded by Baldorossi to adjourn. Roll call vote - all ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

9:10 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER
Township Clerk

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