

Florence, New Jersey
March 5, 2008

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 6, 2008; 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
Bruce Garganio
Dennis O'Hara
Sean Ryan
Jerry Sandusky

Also present:

Mayor William Berry; 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 O'Hara to approve the following minutes. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

Executive Session	January 9, 2008
Closed Session	February 6, 2008, February 13, 2008 and February 20, 2008

FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky; seconded by Ryan to receive and file the Tax Collector's 2007 Report of Receipts, the Police Chief's and Township Clerk's report for February. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

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

REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing at this time.

APPLICATIONS

Nothing at this time.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Don Kaminski, 10 McCay Drive, noticed that six (6) "No Parking" signs were installed on the northbound side of Delaware Avenue in the area of Station Road. He asked if the County was still planning to move the centerline and striping the no parking area? Mr. Kaminski also asked if now that the signs are up if the police department would be enforcing the no parking? Administrator Brook stated that the Police Department has already begun enforcement. Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that the County does still plan to move the center line and stripe the no parking area but has to wait for a certain temperature to use the machine.

Fred Wainwright, 1091 Florence-Columbus Road, requested the township's support opposing the State of New Jersey's closing of the Department of Agriculture. The Department of Agriculture has 245 employees and they do a lot of good for the farmers and the people in the State of New Jersey. He asked if the township would send a letter in support of keeping the department? He believes the Department of Agriculture is an important department. Mr. Wainwright provided information to the governing body. Administrator Brook asked if the State was proposing to eliminate the department completely? Mr. Wainwright explained that the state is proposing to eliminate the Department of Agriculture completely and merge some of the important people into other departments. They would probably do away with the Secretary of Agriculture. Council in agreement to review the information Mr. Wainwright provided and discuss a letter of support at next week's Worksession.

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.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-49

**AUTHORIZING A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH
FLORENCE TOWNSHIP YACHT CLUB**

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-50

**AUTHORIZE REDUCTION IN PERFORMANCE BOND
LEGACY AT MEADOWCROFT**

NOTE: Conditioned upon payment of any escrow funds due.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-51

**AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF WATER AND SEWER AND THE
ASSISTANT MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO PREPARE
SPECIFICATIONS AND OBTAIN BIDS FOR
LIQUID CORROSION INHIBITOR**

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-52

AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF WATER AND SEWER AND THE ASSISTANT MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO PREPARE SPECIFICATIONS AND OBTAIN BIDS FOR 15% SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE SOLUTION - BULK

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-53

AUTHORIZE THE TOWNSHIP ENGINEER TO PREPARE PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND OBTAIN BIDS FOR HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS TO TWO RESTROOM FACILITIES IN THE LIBRARY AND FOR LOCATIONS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY FOR SIDEWALK RAMPS ACCESSIBILITY AS PART OF THE 2007 CDBG PROJECT

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-54

AUTHORIZING THE BURLINGTON COUNTY MOSQUITO EXTERMINATION COMMISSION TO CONDUCT AN AERIAL MOSQUITO CONTROL ACTIVITY

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Ryan that Resolutions 2008-49 through 2008-54 be approved.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Garganio, O'Hara, Ryan, Sandusky, Baldorossi

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE 2008-03

(2nd Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE AMENDING THE FLORENCE TOWNSHIP CODE TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 5 ON COMMITTEES AND TO ESTABLISH AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Baldorossi to approve Ordinance No. 2008-03 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 O'Hara to close the public hearing. All ayes – motion carried.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Garganio, O'Hara, Ryan, Sandusky, Baldorossi

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2008-04
(2nd Reading)**

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE AUTHORIZING THE
EXECUTION OF A LEASE BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE AND THE
FLORENCE TOWNSHIP YACHT CLUB REGARDING
THE LEASE OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL LANDS**

It was on the MOTION of Ryan, seconded by O'Hara to approve Ordinance No. 2008-04 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 Ryan, seconded by O'Hara to close the public hearing. All ayes – motion carried.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Garganio, O'Hara, Ryan, Sandusky, Baldorossi

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2008-5
(2nd Reading)**

**AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET
APPROPRIATION LIMITS
AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

It was on the MOTION of O'Hara, seconded by Ryan to approve Ordinance No. 2008-05 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 O'Hara, seconded by Ryan to close the public hearing. All ayes – motion carried.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Garganio, O'Hara, Ryan, Sandusky, Baldorossi
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

REPORTS

Committees, Boards and Officers

- Council Vice President O'Hara stated that he and Council Member Ryan toured the Police Department Facility earlier this evening with Chief Stephen Fazekas. It was a very informative meeting and tour. It gave him an appreciation of the fine job the Police Department does under very crowded conditions. Council Vice President O'Hara would like to thank Chief Fazekas.

Mayor Berry

- Mayor Berry, Solicitor Kearns, Council Member Garganio and Administrator Brook met with the contractor regarding **Well #6**. The contractor has been advised that he must get back to Administrator Brook by noon this coming Friday with an exact timeframe of when the well would be turned over and the township would assume responsibility of it. There was a lot of banter back and forth between the contractor and subcontractor, but neither could answer any of the questions. Mayor Berry's one question was why the motor was not ordered in a timely matter for a project that was due September 9, 2007; the motor was not ordered until January 2008. He never did get an exact answer.

Administrator Brook reported that the inspection of the pump was satisfactory.

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Council Member Ryan asked if the contractor was able to provide a purchase order for the equipment? Council Member Garganio stated that the purchase order was asked for several times and the contractor is supposed to supply a copy to Solicitor Kearns by this Friday.

Solicitor Kearns explained that the contractor is 173 days late in the delivery but some of those were weather delays or legitimate things that were beyond their control. Solicitor Kearns asked them to provide justification of any days they believe they are entitled a credit for to Alaimo Associates, Township Water and Sewer Engineer. The penalty is \$1,500 per day, which is in the contract. There will be days they are entitled a credit for.

- Mayor Berry had a discussion with Council President Baldorossi regarding **parking on Second Avenue and Eighth Avenue**. There are residents with 2 – 3 cars that take up prime parking spaces, and then residents with one (1) vehicle complain that they cannot park close to their house and sometimes not even on their street. This will be discussed at next week's Worksession.
- Mayor Berry thanked everyone for their heartfelt and sincere sympathy showed to him and his family when his grandmother passed away.

Administrator

- Administrator Brook has a Closed Session item.

Assistant Administrator

- Nothing at this time.

Township Solicitor

- Nothing at this time.

Township Engineer

- Nothing at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council Member Garganio questioned the letter in the packet from the **Affordable Homes Group** regarding **Alden Avenue**? Administrator Brook stated that is part of the municipality's COAH plan and is a plus for them to get funds. Council Member Garganio asked if the township has to do a letter endorsing the project? Administrator Brook stated that a letter could be done.

Council Member Garganio discussed the **lighting** at the back end of **Ready Pac**. The lighting does not point down it shoots across the fields and will shine right into the new homes and McCay Drive homes. Mr. Guzzi will look into. He stated that some of that lighting may be slated to be replaced as part of their latest approval. Council Vice President O'Hara agrees that there was discussion at the Planning Board Meeting regarding box lighting that would shine down because of the residents.

Administrator Brook stated that the owner of Ready Pac will be coming in for a meeting next Tuesday. Administrator Brook and Mayor Berry will mention it to him. Administrator Brook and Mr. Guzzi will get a good look at it this evening after the meeting.

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Council Member Sandusky asked if a **drop off day** can be set up **for residents to dispose of used tires and paper recycling**, as has been done in the past. Administrator Brook will look into. Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that the middle school would like to have a clean up day in May. It would be good to organize the two events on the same day.

Council Vice President O'Hara questioned the status of the development of the **Fine Food and Spirits** on Route 130? Mr. Guzzi is working with the applicant to get him to submit his final compliance plans for his approval that was obtained. Council Vice President O'Hara requested Mr. Guzzi to keep tabs on the project and keep Council updated.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Appoints (2) Members to Economic Development and Mayor Appoints (10) Members to Economic Development

The following appointments were made to the Economic Development Committee:

Council Appointments: Pete Darata
 Judith Semptimphelter

Mayor Appointments: Virginia Dimon
 Regina Dunphy
 William Federico
 Joan Geary
 Kirk LeBlanc
 Tim Lutz
 Thomas McCue
 Vince Moore
 Lynn Nucera
 Marvin Wainwright

Members will be sent notification that the first meeting will be held Tuesday, March 11, 2008.

Housing Authority 5-Year Appointment – Term Expires 7/31/2013

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Garganio to approve the Council Appointment of Robert Dulo to the Housing Authority.

Upon roll call for **Robert Dulo** the Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Garganio, O'Hara, Sandusky
NOES: Baldorossi
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: Ryan

Motion carries.

Joy Weiler, Township Clerk, stated that the **Gubernatorial Appointment to the Housing Authority** has been vacant for sometime. She explained that the Governor of New Jersey makes the appointment with Council's recommendation. She asked if Council would think about who they would like to recommend.

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BOARD OF HEALTH

Nothing at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS

Nothing at this time.

8:32 PM MOTION by Sandusky, seconded by Ryan to adjourn to Closed Session. Roll call vote - all ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

8:32 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER
Township Clerk

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