

Florence Township Council Regular Session 6/19/24

Florence, New Jersey
June 19, 2024

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 7:00 p.m. Council President Baldorossi led the Salute to the Flag.

The Opening Statement was read by the Township Clerk: Notice was posted on the municipal bulletin board on January 7, 2024; published in the Burlington County Times on January 7, 2024, placed on the Township website and given to the Trenton Times for information on January 7, 2024.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Upon roll call the following were found to be present:

Present: Joseph Frappolli, John Fratinardo, Nicholas Haas, Talaya Loftin, Frank Baldorossi

Also Present: Mayor Kristan I. Marter; Thomas A. Sahol, Township Administrator; Robert Wright, Esq., Township Solicitor; Nancy L. Erlston, Township Clerk; Jenise Silinsky, Deputy Township Clerk

Absent: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Regular Meeting of May 15, 2024
- Regular Meeting June 5, 2024

Motion of Loftin, seconded by Fratinardo to approve the Minutes. Voice vote – All ayes.

FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Motion of Haas, seconded by Loftin to receive and file the following correspondence. Voice vote – All ayes.

- Court Administrator's Monthly Report for May 2024
- Tax Collector's Tax Monthly Report and Water & Sewer Monthly Report for May 2024
- Tax Collector's Affidavit of Tax Bill Mailing

Motion of Haas, seconded by Frappolli to approve the **Treasurer's Bill List**.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

- YEAS: Frappolli, Fratinardo, Haas, Loftin, Baldorossi
 - NOES: None
 - ABSENT: None
- Unanimous vote – Motion carried

REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE

A. Police Chief's Monthly Report for May 2024

Motion of Haas, seconded by Fratinardo to approve the correspondence. Voice vote – All ayes.

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APPLICATIONS

- Block Party Application for August 10, 2024 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. 2nd Avenue between Hornberger Avenue and Riverside Avenue

Motion of Fratinardo, seconded by Frappolli to approve the application. Voice vote – All ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Council President Baldorossi opened the meeting to the public at this time. Seeing no one wishing to be heard, it was the Motion of Fratinardo, seconded by Loftin to close the public portion of the meeting. Voice vote – All ayes.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-136
Renew ABC License Florence Wine & Liquor

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-137
Renew ABC License Francis W. Robbins American Legion Post 194

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-138
Renew ABC License Punam Corporation

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-139
Release Performance Bond 2023 CDBG Sidewalk Improvements

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-140
Appointing Township Administrator as Municipal Housing Liaison

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-141
Award Contract Hornberger Pump Station to Mallard Creek Pump Station Sanitary Force Main

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-142
Renew ABC License, The Parker House Bar LLC

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-143
Authorize Refund of Community Center Rental Fee

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-144
Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Contract with NJDOT for Sidewalk Improvements to NJ Transit Route 409 Bus Stops and to the Roebling Light Rail

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-145
Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Contract with NJDOT for the Improvements to Broad Street, Phase 2 Project

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-146
Approve Change Order #1 and Payment Certificate #1 Final for the 2023 CDBG Sidewalk Improvements

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-147
Authorize Refund of Certain Overpayment of Water and Sewer Fees**

Council Representative Haas asked for clarification on Resolution No. 2024-145 and Administrator Sahol explained that this is to complete Broad Street from Fifth to Front Streets. This includes milling and overlaying, fixing any structures including the ADA ramps, curbing, sidewalks, the island that will act as a safety calming measure, etc. This resolution gives authorization for the application and engineers' estimate.

Motion of Frappolli, seconded by Haas to approve Resolution Nos. 2024-136 and 2024-147.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

- YEAS: Frappolli, Fratinaro, Haas, Loftin, Baldorossi
 - NOES: None
 - ABSENT: None
- Unanimous vote – Motion carried

ORDINANCES

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-09
Amending Ch. 123 Entitled “Stormwater Quality Protection” to Adopt
NJDEP Mandated Rules and Regulations Related to Privately Owned Salt Storage
(2nd Reading, Public Hearing and Adoption)**

Motion of Frappolli, seconded by Fratinaro to open the Public Hearing. Seeing no one wishing to be heard, a motion of Frappolli, seconded by Fratinaro to close the Public Hearing.

Motion of Frappolli, seconded by Fratinaro to approve Ordinance No. 2024-09.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

- YEAS: Frappolli, Fratinaro, Haas, Loftin, Baldorossi
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: None

REPORTS OF COMMITEES, BOARDS AND OFFICERS

Council Representative Loftin stated that the Environmental Commission will be hosting their first Green Team kick off meeting to work out the details of the pollinator garden grant and to establish a regular meeting and members. It will take place on Thursday, June 20th at 6 p.m. in the front conference room in the Municipal Building and is open to the public.

Council Representative Frappolli reported that he spoke to the Library Association about honoring past members and they will be meeting to set up criteria and make a distinction of whether or not they want individual awards or some bigger award including names. He will report back to Council about the recommendations of the trustees. They also asked if the Township could put plants in the planter at the front of the library and the Administrator agreed to make that happen.

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REPORTS: ADMINISTRATION

Mayor

Mayor Marter mentioned that she attended the bike rodeo and was impressed with the attendance and the weather. They had refreshments, they were checking bicycles and doing repair work, they gave out helmets to the kids and checking car seats.

She reminded Council that next Wednesday, June 26th at 7 p.m. is the Town Hall meeting at the Community Center and it has been Sunshined so everyone on Council may attend.

Administrator

Council Representative Frappolli thanked Administration and the Police for the speed sign on Sixth Street. He thinks that it has deterred people from speeding. He also asked the Administrator about the trees on Fifth Street along the walking path and asked who will be taking care of those trees. The Administrator explained that once those trees are established, they will no longer need any upkeep. He also explained that, because this is not the prime planting season the next stage of plantings won't be until at least late September sometime.

Council Representative Baldorossi extended his thanks to the Public Works Department for cleaning the drains over the railroad tracks on Hornberger and Route 130 after the storms. Council Representative Loftin stated that they have the downtown area looking very nice and the removal of the fence has that area looking beautiful.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council Representative Frappolli stated that he and Representative Loftin and the Administrator sat in on a meeting with both sides of the cricket group where each side had a chance to speak. An agreement was made where both groups can use the field this year at different times and next year they are to have only one league under the Recreation Department.

Council Representative Haas stated that he met with the Administrator and reviewed some of the PFAS bids and the next step is to bring the top two or three in and, Administrator Sahol stated that by the end of next week, Jeff and Kent will have completed their reviews. The CFO has to go over the performance of the submittals, insurances and different things and he is hoping to have recommendations to Council by the July meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Representative Frappolli mentioned that Township resident Nancy Hoch, who was the Assistant Principal of Northern Burlington, was named the new Principal of the Riverfront School and she is in the process of hiring a new Assistant Principal. He also mentioned that Joe Frappolli Jr. is the new head football coach. Council congratulated them both.

BOARD OF HEALTH

None at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS

None at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Council President Baldorossi opened the meeting to the public at this time. Seeing no one wishing to be heard, it was a Motion of Fratinardo, seconded by Haas to close public comment.

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion of Frappolli, seconded by Haas to adjourn. Voice vote – All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L. Erlston, RMC
Township Clerk
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