

Florence Township Council Regular Session 7/3/24

Florence, New Jersey
July 3, 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 Vice President Fratinardo at 7:00 p.m. Council Vice President Fratinardo 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 (via Zoom), John Fratinardo, Nicholas Haas, Talaya Loftin

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: Frank Baldorossi

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Executive/Worksession Meeting of June 12, 2024
- Regular Session of June 19, 2024

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

FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

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

REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE

None at this time.

APPLICATIONS

- Block Party Application for July 6, 2024 from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Pine Street between East Fifth Street and East Sixth Street

Motion of Haas, seconded by Loftin to approve the application. Voice vote – All ayes.

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- Social Affair Permit for Bocce Ball Tournament, August 3, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at American Legion Post 194, 601 Broad Street, Florence, NJ 08518

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-148

Approve ABC License Renewal Fine Foods & Spirits Inc.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-149

Approve Current Estimate No. 6 for Hornberger Avenue Pump Station

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-150

Approve Change Order #4 & Pay #7 for Public Works Fuel Station

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-151

Approve Payment #5 for Waterworks Playground & Wilkie Park Improvements

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-152

Award Contract for 15% Sodium Hypochlorite Solution-Bulk to Miracle Company

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-153

Award Contract for Radio Frequency Read Water Meters to Rio Supply

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-154

Chapter 159 Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund

Motion of Frappolli, seconded by Haas to approve Resolution Nos. 2024-148 and 2024-154.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

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

ORDINANCES

None at this time.

REPORTS OF COMMITEES, BOARDS AND OFFICERS

None at this time.

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REPORTS: ADMINISTRATION

Mayor

Mayor Marter reminded Council that the Patriotic celebration is this weekend. This year's Grand Marshal is Judy King from the Florence Historical Society and the viewing stand will be at the Francis W. Robbins American Legion Post 194 on Broad Street.

Mayor Marter also mentioned that she felt that the Town Hall meeting last week was very productive with approximately 50 people in attendance. It allowed people to talk about how they felt about the tax and water and sewer increases and to help them better understand the reasons for the situation we were in.

Administrator

Administrator Sahol went on record thanking Marty Eckert for his "unbelievable effort" when it comes to coordinating the Patriotic Day event. Marty has been doing this for about 10 years and no one has any clue behind the scenes what he has to deal with while still performing all of his other duties and our success is truly based on all of his hard work.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

None at this time.

BOARD OF HEALTH

None at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS

None at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

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

ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION

Resolution 2024-155 Resolution Authorizing the Mayor, Township Council and Support Staff to meet on Closed Session and Authorizing the Exclusion of the Public from that Portion of the Meeting Dealing with Specific Issues Requiring Non-Public Discussions:

Attorney Client Privilege - Negotiations

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It was a Motion of Frappolli, seconded by Haas to adjourn to Closed Session at 7:09 p.m. where no action will be taken.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

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

ADJOURNMENT

Council returned to the Regular meeting at 7:46 p.m. on a Motion of Haas, seconded by Loftin. Voice vote – All ayes. No action was taken. Motion of Haas seconded by Loftin to adjourn. Voice vote – All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L. Erlston, RMC
Township Clerk
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