

Florence Township Council Regular Session 9/11/24

Florence, New Jersey
September 11, 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 and there was a moment of silence held in remembrance of those lost on September 11, 2001.

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, Administrator, Robert Wright, Esq., Township Solicitor; Nancy L. Erlston, Township Clerk; Jenise Silinsky, Deputy Township Clerk

Absent: None

OATH OF OFFICE

- **Police Officer Daniel Rodriguez**

Mayor Marter administered the Oath of Office to Police Officer Daniel Rodriguez while his father held the Bible for him. Officer Rodriguez thanked Mayor and Council, Command Staff, and his fellow officers along with his family and friends for all of the support.

Chief Boldizar thanked Mayor and Council for the opportunity to hire Officer Rodriguez stating that he was a trained officer from Pemberton Township, a graduate of Burlington Township High School and will be a good addition to the force.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Closed Session of September 4, 2024

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

FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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

- Township Clerk's Monthly Report for August 2024
- Tax Collector's Monthly Tax Report for August 2024
- Court Administrator's Monthly Report for August 2024
- Tax Collector's Report of 2024 Tax Sale

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Motion of Frappolli, seconded by Haas 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. Letter from Judith King, Florence Historical Society requesting permission to have an Open House at the Third Street Firehouse on Saturday, September 21, 2024 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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

APPLICATIONS

- A. Block Party Application for Tall Timber Lane and Evergreen Lane (between house numbers 14 and 22) on Saturday, September 21, 2024 from 12:00 p.m. to 6: p.m.
- B. On-Premise Basket Raffle, On-Premise 50/50 and Purse Bingo for Riverbank Charter School of excellence on February 8, 2025 from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at 1300 Hornberger Avenue, Roebling

Motion of Fratinardo, seconded by Haas to approve the applications. 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 Haas, seconded by Fratinardo to close the public portion of the meeting. Voice vote – All ayes.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-177

Authorizing Refund of Certain Overpayment Water and Sewer Department

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-178

Approve Current Estimate No. 8 for Hornberger Ave. Pump Station

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-179

Appoint Zoning Officer

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-180

Adopt Official Open Public Records Request (OPRA) Form

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-181

Authorize Municipal Support for 420 VIBE, LLC to Receive a Class 1 Cannabis Cultivator License and a Class 2 Cannabis Manufacturer License for the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission to Operate Within the Township of Florence

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-182

Authorizing Municipal Support for Toasted New Jersey, LLC to Receive a Class 5 Cannabis Retailer License from the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission to Operate within the Township of Florence

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Motion of Fratinardo, seconded by Frappolli to approve Resolution Nos. 2024-177 through 2024-182.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

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

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-16 Amending Chapter 2 of the Municipal Code Entitled “Fees” (Introduction & 1st Reading) (2nd Reading, Public Hearing & Adoption 10/2/24)

Motion of Frappolli, seconded by Fratinardo to approve Ordinance No. 2024-16.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND OFFICERS

None at this time.

REPORTS: ADMINISTRATION

Mayor

Mayor Marter stated that she has been working with Chief Boldizar and our special proactive office in order to address some of the issues with the speeding and truck traffic on Front Street and Delaware Avenue. They put together a campaign to “Slow Down in Our Town” and there will be a heavier police presence and they will be pulling more people over. Mayor Marter will also be going to the warehouses with literature stating that we have to slow down in our town and that will be enforced.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Representative Frappolli stated that soccer coaches have been complaining that they cannot use the soccer fields on Broad Street for practices, that they only have access to the Marter fields and it is affecting practice time. He had asked Marty Eckert about the Woodlawn fields that aren’t currently being utilized and whether or not these can be used for practices or game fields for the soccer teams. He also said that it seems as though lower Marter fields are not currently being used and maybe the coaches are not aware of those fields. Administrator Sahol explained that these fields can be brought online if needed and that Marty and the Recreation Committee will be able to assist the coaches.

Council Representative Loftin asked if the walking path can be utilized for the school children walking home from the Riverfront school as a safer option than walking along Front Street. Council Representative Baldorossi also asked about doing something about parking at the Roebbling School during pick up and drop off. Administrator Sahol agreed to discuss these issues with the Chief.

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BOARD OF HEALTH

None at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS

None at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion of Frappolli seconded by Haas to adjourn. Voice vote – All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L. Erlston, RMC
Township Clerk
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