

Florence Township Council Regular Session 10/16/24

Florence, New Jersey
October 16, 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.

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: John Fratinardo, Nicholas Haas, Talaya Loftin

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: Frank Baldorossi, Joseph Frappolli

SPECIAL PRESENTATION HONORING JEANETTE CURRY

Mayor Marter presented Jeanette Curry with a Proclamation honoring her for her service for the past 20 years hosting an annual back to school cookout and ensuring that children in our community were equipped with the tools necessary for a successful school year, to include school supplies, haircuts and styles. Along with the support of Omar Williams and Taj Dorsey, she used personal resources to provide essential services to help create an atmosphere of encouragement and community support.

Ms. Curry thanked her family and explained that she enjoyed doing these things and seeing the children happy and helping the families in need. She thanked the Township for the recognition.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Regular Session of October 2, 2024
- Regular Session of October 9, 2024

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

FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Motion of Haas, seconded by Loftin to receive and file the following correspondence.

- Township Clerk's Monthly Report for September 2024
- Court Administrator's Monthly Report for September 2024
- Tax Collector's Monthly Tax Report for September 2024

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Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

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

Motion of Haas, seconded by Loftin to approve the **Treasurer’s Bill List**.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

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

REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Police Chief’s Monthly Report for September 2024
- B. Letter from Roebling Historical Society requesting permission to host Christmas in Roebling including a Tree Lighting at the Circle on December 14, 2024 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. Waiver of General Liability Insurance requested.

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

APPLICATIONS

None at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Council Vice President Fratinaro 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 comment portion of the meeting. Voice vote – All ayes.

RESOLUTIONS

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-197
Chapter 159, Stormwater Assistance Grant**

Motion of Haas, seconded by Loftin to approve Resolution No. 2024-197.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

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

ORDINANCES

None at this time.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND OFFICERS

None at this time.

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REPORTS: ADMINISTRATION

Mayor

Mayor Marter stated that she met with the county and they are moving forward with the bypass. She also mentioned that the new campaign signs to “slow down in our town” will be put out on Front Street and Delaware Avenue and that she has letters, signed by herself and Police Chief Boldizar, that she will be personally taking to the warehouses so that the trucks are forewarned.

The Mayor also explained that there are now two calendars on the website, one for events in town and the other for meetings only. She highlighted some events that are happening in the Township to include a musical engagement on Saturday, October 19th at the Community Center called School of Rock. Another event, the Steel Fest, will be held on Saturday, November 16th showcasing multiple bands and on Saturday, November 23rd there will be a fundraiser for Breast Cancer Awareness featuring the Soul Cruisers.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council Representative Haas asked for an update on the traffic study on Kinsman and Grove. Administrator Sahol explained that the traffic device has been installed but it will take up to 2-3 weeks to do the traffic counts and that he will find out when they are going to pull that data processing.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Representative Haas mentioned that there are potholes on Riverview Drive and asked to have those taken care of. Administrator Sahol explained that is one of the roads that are going to be put on the road program which will be discussed over the winter for next year.

Council Representative Loftin asked for the traffic speed trailer to be placed at West Fifth and Bodine explaining that people are cutting through to get to and from Amazon and they are blatantly ignoring any speed limit or concern for children.

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 Haas, seconded by Loftin to close public comment. Voice vote – All ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion of Loftin seconded by Haas to adjourn. Voice vote – All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L. Erlston, RMC
Township Clerk
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