

**Florence Township Council Regular Session 11/6/24**

Florence, New Jersey  
November 6, 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.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Regular Session October 16, 2024

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

**FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE**

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

- Tax Collector’s Monthly Water & Sewer Report for September 2024

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**

None at this time.

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**APPLICATIONS**

- A. Transient Merchant License Renewal for Alfredo C. Darocha (Rocha & Saito Catering)

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

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-198  
Appointment of Deputy Municipal Tax Assessor**

Motion of Fratinardo, seconded by Loftin to approve Resolution No. 2024-198.

Administrator Sahol explained that township assessor Tom Colavecchio is retiring at the end of the year and we need to get his replacement familiarized with the different aspects of the office and the community. Justin Lamicella will start within the next few weeks under the terms of his appointment to work with Tom Colavecchio a few days a week and get caught up on some of the main topics in our community and become familiar with our tax map which we are currently in the process of updating.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-199  
Approving Compensation for Board Members of the Township of Florence Fire District #1**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-200  
Current Estimate No. 1 for Hornberger Avenue Pump Station to Mallard Creek Pump Station  
Sanitary Force Main**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-201  
Change Order #1 and Payment Certificate #1 for Resurfacing of Hornberger Ave.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-202  
Current Estimate No. 10 for Hornberger Pump Station**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-203  
Approve MOU between Florence Township and Burlington Co. Prosecutor’s Office to allow  
participation in the Burlington County Child Abduction Response Team**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-204  
Approve First Amendment to a Redevelopment Agreement by and Among the Township of  
Florence, DOMO Urban Renewal LLC and DOMO Commercial Urban Renewal LLC**

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Motion of Fratinaro, seconded by Frappolli to approve Resolution Nos. 2024-199 through 2024-204.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

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

**ORDINANCES**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-17**

**Fixing the Compensation of Certain Officials and Employees of the Township of Florence  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, Public Hearing and Adoption)**

Motion of Frappolli, seconded by Haas to open the public hearing. Seeing no one wishing to be heard, a Motion of Haas, seconded by Loftin to close the public hearing.

Motion of Frappolli, seconded by Fratinaro to approve Ordinance No. 2024-17.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-18**

**Amending Ordinance 2024-13 and Chapter 130 of the Township Code Entitled  
“Towing and Storage of Motor Vehicles”  
(Intro & 1<sup>st</sup> Read )(2<sup>nd</sup> Read, Public Hearing and Adoption 12/4/2024)**

Motion of Frappolli, seconded by Haas to approve Ordinance No. 2024-18.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

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

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND OFFICERS**

Council Representative Haas thanked the Municipal Clerk’s Office for their hard work with the election and Council Representative Baldorossi congratulated Council Representative Frappolli on his victory.

**REPORTS: ADMINISTRATION**

**Mayor**

Mayor Marter stated that more signs for the Slow Down in our Town initiative will be ordered as more and more residents are interested in placing signs outside of their residences. She also stated that she distributed fliers to the warehouses to hand out to their drivers to give them a heads up that we have a new safety initiative and that it would be best to slow down in our town or they will get pulled over.

Mayor Marter reminded everyone that Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> is Veteran’s Day and a remembrance ceremony will be held at the eagle monument at Front and Broad Streets at 11am and again at the veteran’s memorial outside of the municipal building 11:30am.

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### **Administrator**

Administrator Sahol explained the Best Practices Inventory review from the DCA that requires municipalities to show their competency and how they comply with different state recommendations and regulations. It is basically a tool that the state uses annually to determine whether or not the towns are doing things properly and, if they find that they are not and they don't achieve a certain level score, they start reducing State Aid. Florence has never experienced a reduction in State Aid based upon the best practices inventory and this year will not be any different. He went on to explain some of the things included in this year's review.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Council Representative Frappolli asked for an update on the status of the parking situation on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue in Roebling. Administrator Sahol explained that signs were posted and letters sent to the people that occupy the buildings to include renters and owners on October 21<sup>st</sup>. He had only received two calls, one from a gentleman who only has one vehicle and that it was his opinion that permit parking was not a good option. The other person called and asked if there had been any update to the enforcement because there are vehicles that sometimes sit for a week or two without moving. He explained that we can't enforce someone that just doesn't move their vehicle. If the car were to become abandoned and doesn't move for an extended period of time, not just a week or two, or if it is unregistered, uninsured or uninspected, then that is a different story. If it is inoperable, in an obvious state of disrepair then they can start the process of determining if it is abandoned.

Council Representative Haas asked for an update on the traffic study at Grove and Kinsman and Administrator Sahol agreed to check with the Chief on that.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Council Representative Frappolli expressed his displeasure with the issues with the voting process acknowledging that the problems were throughout Burlington County. He stated that something should be done to at least try to alleviate issues like this in the future. He also feels that we need to do better when it comes to the elderly and disabled residents.

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

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion of Fratinardo seconded by Haas to adjourn. Voice vote – All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:28pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L. Erlston, RMC  
Township Clerk

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